

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 4th October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	N J Varghese Anniversary
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### Sunday 5th October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Reginald Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	For all Families in our Parish Communities
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Layla Maynes & Leon Potrapeluk

### Tuesday 7th October *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Launa Lavery RIP
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### Wednesday 8th October *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		<b>NO MASS</b>
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### Thursday 9th October *Feast of St John Henry Newman*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Mary Marie Moffatt
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### Friday 10th October *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Donald Joseph Battersby
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### Saturday 11th October *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Mary Chesworth RIP
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### Sunday 12th October *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth & Kevin O'Rourke Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Barry Scotson Anniversary

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith  
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**Sacred Heart Church**  
Walmsley Road  
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**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**5th October 2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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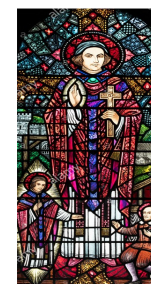
**St Joseph's Church**  
Mather Lane  
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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
Anne Crinigan

### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.00am—2.00pm **SH**  
Thur, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**  
Fri, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**



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### Food for thought!

Faith is often compared to a mustard seed – so small it can slip through your fingers, yet so full of life that once planted, it grows into something far greater than its beginnings. In today's Gospel we hear how the disciples asked the Lord to increase their faith, but Jesus tells them that true faith even as small as a mustard seed is more than sufficient - if we are willing to act on it! God can take something that seems so small and insignificant and transform it into something great. In the end, the mustard seed teaches us that growth is not measured by how impressive faith appears at first, but by the quiet persistence of its unfolding. When hope feels fragile, it's enough to simply hold on to that seed and trust the quiet work beneath the surface. In time what appears to be hidden will rise and what we have planted in faith will become a source of strength and life. What begins in smallness can stretch outwards into something steady and strong. Each step of trust - each prayer whispered – each act of kindness - our faith takes its root.

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,  
especially

**Mary Marie Moffatt**  
**Donald Joseph Battersby**  
**John Moffitt**

and those whose  
anniversary occurs at this time, may the  
peace of our risen Lord Jesus  
enfold us all.

### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in  
body, mind or spirit and those who  
care for them:

James Allen  
Patricia Case  
Sheila Crawley  
Sean Fleming  
Marian Hindley  
Kitty Jones  
Iris McKiernan  
Dennis O'Halloran  
Kathleen Starbuck  
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them  
with healing love.

### Receiving Communion

Just a reminder about receiving Holy  
Communion. If you receive communion in  
the hand, can you please make sure your  
hand is fully open to receive it. If you  
receive communion on the tongue, can  
you please make sure you put your tongue  
out of your mouth so that the  
Eucharistic Minister or I can place  
communion on it. Thank you.

### Pope Leo's

#### October Prayer Intention

**For collaboration between different  
religious traditions.**

Let us pray that believers in different  
religious traditions might work together  
to defend and promote peace, justice  
and human fraternity.

### Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of

**Layla Maynes**

**Leon Potrapeluk**

who celebrate the Sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.

### November Pius List

Please take an envelope from the  
back of church and write the names  
of your deceased loved ones.

Please include a donation.

The names will be placed on the altar  
during November and remembered  
at every Mass.

Next Week's Second Collection  
will be for:

**World Missions**

### Twelve Apostles

**Walsingham Pilgrimage**  
**Easter 2026 6th— 9th April**

Anyone wishing to go the annual  
pilgrimage to Walsingham, please  
contact Theresa Thompson:  
07780 064502

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD Invites us all on Friday 3rd October  
2025 to save what we can, to help our most  
marginalized  
world family members.

We focus on a young Ethiopian Mum who  
walked up to 9 hours daily for water!  
CAFOD's Partners have given new hope to her  
and many others in this Jubilee 2025,  
through Parishes like us.

Whatever we give to others, Jesus accepts as  
done to and for him.

### The Second Collection will for CAFOD

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on  
**Saturday 29th November 1.00pm** in  
**St Joseph's Parish Hall.**

We are collecting good quality unwanted  
gifts, toys, and bottles of any type filled  
with, bubble bath, shampoo, pop, wine  
etc.

### Pilgrims of Hope Poem

A seed so small hidden in the ground  
can rise so tall, its roots are sound.  
The mustard seed, though least of all  
Grows into branches wide and tall.

So, faith begins just small and true  
a single seed can carry us through.  
Sometimes it's weak and feels so slight  
Yet in your hands, it finds its might.

One small seed, one whispered prayer  
It grows in love; it grows in care.  
Lord, plant it deep where roots can grow  
And teach my heart the way to know.

### October: The month of the Holy Rosary

At the heart of every mystery of the  
Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk  
through His entire life. We begin  
with His conception and early years,  
travel through His public ministry,  
watch with horror the brutal end of  
His life, and end in awe at the  
heavenly events that followed His  
death. This week the Rosary will be  
prayed before Mass on Tuesday. It  
will be led by the Legion of Mary.

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a  
family member who is sick and  
housebound, please speak to him  
or contact the Parish Office and a  
visit will be arranged.

### Family of Parishes Walk Sunday 12th October

Family of Parishes Walk at Haigh  
Hall. Meet at the Car Park at 1.30pm

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will  
shine for:

**Eddie Unsworth R.I.P.**  
at St Joseph's Church  
and

**The Victims of the Terror attack at  
the Synagogue in Manchester**  
at Sacred Heart Church