

# Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**12th October 2025**

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## **Food for thought!**

For anyone who has tested positive for Covid knows what it feels like having to isolate – to be excluded from the normal everyday things that we do. Exclusion can bring a sense of loneliness and isolation and thankfully for most of us it's only for a few days. In today's Gospel we see once again Jesus' attitude to those who were excluded from society. The emotional pain of a leper must have been even worse than the physical pain, because they would have been removed from family and friends and would have felt really isolated. The lepers in today's Gospel encountered the healing love of God through Jesus. It's a love that's freely given but we are reminded today, not to take that love for granted. It's highly unlikely that we will encounter anyone suffering from leprosy, but the challenge for us is this - "who stands at the margins of society today waiting to be healed or accepted - and is there any little thing that we can do to help heal a person's wounds? May we praise Him for all we have and see the Lord in every person who feels excluded...hungry...hurting...and to see the Lord present in those who have lost their faith. Just like the leper in today's Gospel we too have received the new life of God, and we are invited to be filled with praise and thanksgiving.  
Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died,  
**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  
Deacon Dennis Vint  
Pauline Woods  
Deacon Bernard Worden  
May the risen Lord embrace them  
with healing love.

### 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.  
Please leave them at the back of  
church.

### 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.

### Pious Lists

Envelopes are now available at the back of  
church. Please place the names of those  
you want us to pray for inside the brown  
envelope, with a donation, and drop them  
either into the collection basket or into  
the parish office or push them through  
the letterbox at either presbytery.  
All the names will be placed on the altar  
during the month of November, the  
month of the Holy souls.

**October: The month of the Holy Rosary**  
**A Message from**  
**Archbishop John**  
**Sherrington**

As the community of the archdiocese, I  
invite each and all of you to pray the  
Holy Rosary each day during the month  
of October, for your families and your  
parish communities and for the gift of  
peace in the world. I hope that each of  
us will be especially united with the Holy  
Father in his prayer for peace.

This week the Rosary will be prayed  
before midday Mass on Monday and the  
midday Eucharistic Service on  
Tuesday.

### **Who are the Lepers of today?**

They do not cry, "Unclean" aloud,  
Yet walk with silence like a shroud.

They sit in corners of our street  
with cardboard signs and tired feet.

Cardboard beds and shopping carts  
scars on skin and shattered hearts.

Refugees from different lands,

they lift their eyes and fold their hands.

But what if Christ walked past today,  
would He cross the other way?

He wouldn't flinch, He wouldn't flee,  
He'd see what we refuse to see.

He'd kneel beside with gentle hand,  
and try to make us understand.

Lord, we are all so richly blessed,  
Help us to learn from those with less.

If we walk with those cast-aside  
We'll find you Lord...are there beside.

### **Twelve Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage Easter 2026 6th — 9th April**

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

**07780 064502**

Next week's Second Collection  
(19th October) will be for:

**APF World Missions**

### **Prisoners' Sunday**

We will remember Pope Francis and his  
call to support prisoners and their  
families at Mass this weekend. Prisons  
are in crisis, and life for prisoners and  
their families in our communities is  
challenging. Pact, the national Catholic  
prison charity, supports prisoners, their  
families and their children, offering them  
hope and the chance to turn their lives  
around.

### **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 today at  
Haigh Hall. Meeting at 1.30pm in the  
courtyard at Haigh Hall,  
good parking, shops, café, crazy golf,  
good paths.

### **Sanctuary Lamps**

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will  
shine for:

**World Mission Sunday**  
at St Joseph's Church  
and

**The Jewish Community**  
**in Manchester**  
at Sacred Heart Church

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Barry Scotson Anniversary
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### Monday 13th October *Week in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boone & Campbell Families
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### Tuesday 14th October *Week in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	Celebration of the Word and Communion
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### Wednesday 15th October *Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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### Thursday 16th October *Week in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	McArt, McHugh, McCaffery, Slevin Families Anniversary
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### Friday 17th October *Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
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### Saturday 18th October *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Sandra & Philip Newton
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### Sunday 19th October *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ronald Joseph Kenwright Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention (KJ)
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St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Arabella Aoife Hilton & Arabella Oghosa Ehichioya-Agbonkhesse
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