

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 6th December *Second Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter Smith RIP
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Sunday 7th December *Second Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick O'Sullivan R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Harley Smith, Aria Bell & Charlotte Bell

Tuesday 9th December *Week 2 of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Frank Duffy Anniversary Founder of the Legion of Mary
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Service	Daniel Flannery

Wednesday 10th December *Week 2 of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Eccles Anniversary
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Thursday 11th December *Week 2 of Advent*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Kevin Yeneralski
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Friday 12th December *Week 2 of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Gloria Orrell RIP
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Saturday 13th December *Memorial of St Lucy*

St Joseph's	9.45am	- 11.45am	Advent Confessions & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention

Saturday 13 December *Third Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Daniel Flannery RIP
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Sunday 14th December *Third Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Hynes RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

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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2nd Sunday of Advent
7th December 2025

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Food for thought!

John the Baptist's life was fuelled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus. In today's Gospel his cry from the heart calls for change.

Advent calls us to seek peace, with ourselves and with others – to forgive and try to mend broken relationships where we can. The Word of God today helps to nudge us into urgent action, recognising that if we really want to change, we have many opportunities to do so! When we were baptised, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We received ...*wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgment, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe in the presence of God.* These are gifts that will never wear out, and Advent is a time to really try and put them into practice. If only we and world leaders used these gifts as the Lord intended, maybe we could solve problems like...war, hunger, homelessness, climate change, the refugee crisis etc...only then would our world have real peace.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Daniel Flannery
Brenda Kulenicz
Patrick Marren
Colin Baxendale
Dennis O'Halloran
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
Chris Higgins
Marian Hindley
Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan
Kathleen Starbuck
Deacon Dennis Vint
Pauline Woods
Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

N.H.S. Staff

at St Joseph's Church
and

Those hurt by broken relationships
at Sacred Heart Church

Pope Leo's December Prayer Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be an opportunity to celebrate this beautiful sacrament on

Saturday 13th December.

It will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 11.45am.

Exposition will take place while the sacrament is being celebrated followed by midday Mass.

This Advent, please come and celebrate this powerful sacrament before our celebration of Christmas.

Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of

Harley Smith,

Aria Bell & Charlotte Bell

who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We joyfully congratulate the young people from our Families of Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop John Sherrington last Thursday evening. It was a truly beautiful celebration, and we are deeply grateful to all who helped make it possible; especially Archbishop John. Let us continue to hold all these young people in our prayers.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair has raised:
£1,221.40

I would like to thank the Christmas Fair Committee for all their hard work, for everyone who had stalls on the day, for all those who donated gifts, to the Leigh Community Choir who provided beautiful singing and all those who came and supported our Christmas Fair.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Children's Mass:

6.00pm St Joseph's Church

Christmas Day:

9.30am St Joseph's Church
11.00am Sacred Heart Church

S.V.P.

Following our collection over the weekend, **£523.72** was raised. Thank you for your kind generosity.

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.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince: **07766681339**

Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses.

You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas Season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altars during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided at the back of church
 - ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
 - ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked:
 - ◆ **'Christmas Memorial'.**
- Please note the deadline date:
14th December

St Joseph's Players Present

Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 21st -

Saturday 31st January 2026

Weekdays -7.15pm

Saturday evening 6.15pm

Matinees 24th, 25th and 31st 1pm

Tickets can be purchased via

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Or at St Joseph's Hall on the following days and times:

Monday 8th December, 7.15 to 8pm

Thursday 11th December, as above

Saturday 13th December, 10am to 12

Monday 15th December, 7.15 to 8pm

Thursday 18th December, as above