

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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 13th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Daniel Flannery R.I.P.
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Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Hynes R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

Monday 15th December Week 3 of Advent

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Service	Brenda Kulenicz
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Tuesday 16th December Week 3 of Advent

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	NO MASS
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Wednesday 17th December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	NO MASS
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Thursday 18th December Weekday of Advent

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Graham Lloyd R.I.P.
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Friday 19th December Weekday of Advent

Sacred Heart	9.30am	Funeral Service	Patrick Marren
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Saturday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris & Eric Pendlebury R.I.P.
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Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Warbis R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention (TC)
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	William Elliott

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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3rd Sunday of Advent
14th December 2025

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Fri, 09.30am—1.30pm **St J**

Food for thought!

The Word of God today is about Patience. All farmers and gardeners who have lovingly planted seeds and crops have to learn how to be patient, knowing that the seeds and crops they have planted won't come up straight away. They have to be patient as they await the fruits of their labour.

In today's reading St James looks to the prophets as an example of patience as he speaks of their patience in waiting for the coming of the Lord. Mary was patient too; patiently trusting in God, even when she didn't understand. At the foot of the cross Mary waited patiently. Patience has never been an easy virtue to have because we usually want things to happen quickly! On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, the pink candle is lit, reminding us that even in the midst of waiting, the Lord invites us to rejoice. The Lord is near and His presence brings hope to weary hearts and light to the darkest places in our lives. We have some very comforting words from today's first reading; we hear how the eyes of the blind will be opened – the deaf, lame and dumb will be freed! If we really believe in the Lord's promise - we will live with a sense of joy – and then just like Mary we will be able to sing...*my soul rejoices in the Lord my God!* We will still face problems – but if we allow the Spirit within us to inspire and refresh us, we will find a deeper joy and inner peace.

This is a promise to hang on to as we wait in joyful hope this Advent!

Praise Him!!!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Brenda Kulenicz
Patrick Marren
Colin Baxendale
Dennis O'Halloran
Margaret Bennett

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:

For those who are struggling financially
at St Joseph's Church and
Our Care Homes
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.

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

Christmas Raffle and Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Raffle raised **£802** and the Christmas cards raised **£246**. Many thanks for all your generosity

Advent Joy

We wait in hope we can't yet see.
For Love that's still a mystery,
and though the world
feels rushed and loud
Advent invites a quieter crowd.

So, while we wait, we breathe and pray
trusting Love is on its way.
For Love will come, as He has planned
Not always fast, but always grand.

And when His love
breaks bright and true
Joy bursts out fresh and new.
For Advent Joy is more than cheer
It's Heaven coming closer each year.

Christmas Card Appeal

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission is once again inviting Parishes, Schools and individuals to take part in the

Christmas Card Appeal for Christians in the Holy Land. This simple act of sending a card offers hope, solidarity and a reminder that these communities are not forgotten.

Archbishop John Sherrington has warmly encouraged participation this year, noting that receiving a card can bring "hope and joy to a family, especially where the Christian community is small and fragile."

Find out how to get involved:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/4ou8m1g>

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

Saturday 13th December, 10am to 12
Monday 15th December, 7.15 to 8pm
Thursday 18th December, as above

Join the Metropolitan Cathedral this Christmas

Festival Carol Service & La Nativite du Seigneur: Messiaen
Sunday 21st December 5pm
Free admission

CAFOD Christmas Fun Run

All are welcome at CAFOD's annual Christmas Fun Run at Wavertree Sports Park, L15 4LE, on Saturday 27th December. Registration open from 10am, and the run sets off at 11am.

3k and 5k route options available, pram friendly route and dogs on leads are welcome too.

Festive attire is encouraged!

For a sponsor form or interest in volunteering at the event, please email John on jwoods@cafod.org.uk or sign up now by visiting cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun

Altar Servers

The 26th December is the Feast of St Stephen. I invite all our Altar Servers to serve at this Mass which will take place at St Joseph's Church at 10.00am.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Please note that the deadline for the Christmas Flower Memorial is Sunday 14th December.

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**