

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 20th December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris & Eric Pendlebury
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### Sunday 21st December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

### Monday 22nd December *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Colin Baxendale
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### Tuesday 23rd December *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Dennis O'Halloran
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### Wednesday 24th December *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

St Joseph's	6.00pm	Children's Christmas Mass	Jeffrey David Allinson RIP
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### Thursday 25th December *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for the gift of life

### Friday 26th December *Feast of St Stephen*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Winnifred Gerald RIP
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### Saturday 27th December *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Ernest & Kitty Clarke RIP
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### Sunday 28th December *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Lydia Kelly Birthday Blessings
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

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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**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**21st December 2025**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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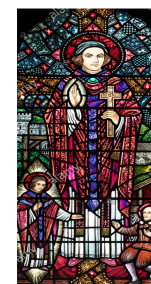
**St Joseph's Church**  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR

### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
Anne Crinigan

### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—12.00pm **St J**  
Wed, Closed **SH**  
Thur, Closed **St J**  
Fri, Closed **St J**



### Parish Office

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### Food for thought!

When God intervenes in human history it's almost always in ways that make no sense at all to those involved! In today's Gospel we hear that Joseph was told in a dream the most mind-bending information about Mary. That dream changed Joseph's life. The news could not have been more shocking, yet his response was to do as he was told. He responded with generosity...he responded with faith...he listened to the message from God...he rose above his fear...he rose above his confusion. He did as the angel of the Lord told him to. Through Joseph's yes - God opened a new path for him, a path of union, love and happiness. May our hearts be open to the generous and loving impulses and nudges that seem to come out of nowhere for us. We may never know their overall effect in bringing others home this Christmas! As we celebrate Christmas, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, faith and a renewed commitment to live in the light of Christ's love. Remember - Emmanuel - God is with us. The question is, are we with God? Praise Him!



### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**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.



### 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

#### 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 10.00am, St Joseph's Church.

#### Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of

**William Elliott**

who celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

#### Tea and Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 28th December. All are welcome.

#### Thank You

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity! The cards, gifts and prayers are very much appreciated. It is a privilege to be with you as we journey together. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard over the last year to make our Parish the wonderful gift of God that it is to so many. Please be assured of my love and prayers for each one of you.

God bless.

Fr. Kieran

### 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.

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." For more information:

<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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)

or at the hall on

**Sunday 4th and 11th January**

12.00—13.00

**Friday 9th and 16th January**

8.45 - 10.00.

#### Flower Memorial

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to the Christmas Flower Memorial. The money raised will be used to buy flowers in both churches throughout the year.

### 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.

For more information, please email John on [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk) or sign up now by visiting [cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun](http://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun)

#### Christmas Day Collection

The Christmas Day collection will be put into the Parish Funds to go towards paying the priest's annual salary of £11,800 (The Archbishop encouraged all the priest's to use this system a few years ago so that each priest – whether in a poorer or wealthier parish has the same income).

#### Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in the Archdiocese.

#### Christmas Trees

We extend our heartfelt thanks once again to **Moss' Garden Centre** for generously providing the Christmas trees for both Churches and presbytery.

They look as beautiful as ever and bring such joy to our celebrations.



### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Those affected by the Bondi Beach**

**Shootings**

at St Joseph's Church and

**Expectant Mothers**

at Sacred Heart Church