

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



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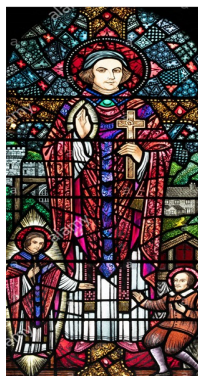
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**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

28th December 2025



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Food for Thought



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family - a family that's a role model for all families. It also reminds us that it's a role model for our Church family as well. Just as Mary and Joseph guided Jesus, the Church tries to guide its members by supporting and caring for each other so that together we can build a strong, caring and faithful community. St Paul tells us today to have compassionate hearts, to forgive each other, to try to bring peace, patience and harmony into our own homes and into our Church. With grateful hearts we give thanks to God for His boundless love and guidance. May this coming New Year bring renewed hope, peace and joy, and may we walk each day guided by His love.

Praise Him!

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.

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>

Thank You

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity! The cards, gifts and prayer 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.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 27th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Earnest & Kitty Clarke R.I.P.
Sunday 28th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Lydia Kelly Birthday Blessings
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

Tuesday 30th December <i>Sixth day with the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Tony Tiny & Family
Wednesday 31st December <i>Seventh day with the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
Thursday 1st January 2026 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am		No Mass
Friday 2nd January <i>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass

Saturday 3rd January <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Philip Newton Anniversary
Sunday 4th January <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick snr. & Deirdre Costello & Family & Toher

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 the hall on

Sunday 4th and 11th January

12.00—13.00

Friday 9th and 16th January

8.45 - 10.00.

Tea and Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after today's 11.00am Mass

The Holy Family

The Holy Family pure and true,
still lights the path for me and you.
A beacon shining through the years,
a home of Faith, of Hope of tears.
Home of peace, of joy of light,
teaching us to do what's right.
Holy family, bless our ways
Lead us in your loving ways.

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.

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

Nuala Conroy

Sheila Crawley

Sean Fleming

Chris Higgins

Marian Hindley

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Kathleen Starbuck

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them
with healing love.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have
died

Margaret Bennett

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

Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back
of both churches for Crib
Offerings. All money will be sent
to Nugent Care.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

For our families

at St Joseph's Church
and

World Peace

at Sacred Heart Church