Newsletter for the Parish of
Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
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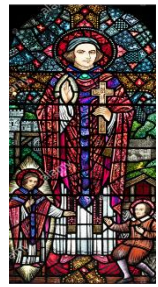

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Wednesday Closed SH
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Food for thought!

As Christians we are all called to be 'lamp carriers' – bearers of the light of Christ - but for all kinds of reasons we can sometimes let our lamps grow dim and an empty lamp however beautiful it may be, cannot shine and give light. The Lord wants each one of us to shine - to be filled with faith…for our souls to be alight with hope…our hearts alight with love. It's very easy to be ready and prepared when we are looking forward for something to happen, especially when we know the day and time to expect it - but as we know it's much harder when we are unprepared. We are asked to be ready for an encounter – a beautiful encounter with Jesus. To do this we need to be able to see with our spiritual eyes the signs of His presence, taking care to keep our faith alive with prayer. When the Lord calls us from this life, whenever that may be – we need to be prepared to meet Him. This doesn't just mean at the moment of death - it means always being ready for when that moment of grace comes along - to be ready to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit - to constantly fill our lamps with the light of God's love. If we stay close to Him, we will have an inner joy of light that illuminates the darkness, and remember, a spark of divine light is within each one of us.
Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Margaret Hawkings
Joan Lynch
Betty Farrington
Anthony Burke

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
Nuala Conroy
Brother John Dawson SCJ
Sean Fleming
Marian Hindley
Brenda Jones
Kitty Jones
Iris McKiernan
John Mullingan
Josie Newell
Cecily Simon
Christine Welch

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Receiving Holy Communion

A gentle reminder when receiving Holy Communion. If you receive Holy Communion in the hand, please ensure that your hands are held out fully and flat, one upon the other, so that the Body of Christ may be placed reverently in your hand. If you receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please place your tongue clearly out of your mouth so that the priest or Eucharistic Minister can administer Holy Communion safely and reverently.

The Pope's Intention for November: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Remembrance Mass

On **Saturday 21st November** we will celebrate our annual Remembrance Mass for those who have died over the last 12 months and for all our loved ones.

This Mass will take place at St Joseph's Church at 12.00pm

Remembrance Sunday

Today we remember all those who have lost their lives or have been injured because of war. The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Maurice Gallagher
at St Joseph's Church
and
For our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
at Sacred Heart Church

Parish Christmas Fair 2026

Our annual Christmas Fair is on **Saturday 28th November, 1pm – 3.30pm, in St Joseph's Hall.** Donations of unwanted, good-quality gifts and bottles, such as toiletries ("smellies"), alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the back of the church.

Raffle tickets are now on sale, before and after all Masses, at £2 per strip, giving you five chances to win. Prizes include shopping vouchers, as well as food, wine and pamper hampers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards and various Christmas religious items at now on sale at both churches.

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting for Mothers' Prayers will be on Monday 9th November at 10.30 in St Joseph's Presbytery. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

YOUTH SUNDAY

All young people aged 11-17 are invited to our Youth Sunday Celebration at the Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park on **Sunday 22nd November**, hosted by the wonderful One Hope Project, where we will explore the theme "Take Courage! I have overcome the world!" The day runs from 10am - 6pm and features Mass with Archbishop John Sherrington, a marketplace showcasing groups and opportunities to get involved with, and guest speakers including Fr Frankie Mulgrew, Kate Wilkinson from A Million Minutes, Fr Mark Beattie and more!

Confirmations

Please keep in your prayers some of young people who will be confirmed at St Richard's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November. (Please note that those in Year 8 will celebrate their confirmation early next year.)

Pious Lists

Envelopes are still available. 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 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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Next weekend we welcome **Ellie Leatherbarrow** from Animate, who will speak at all our Masses about the Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This pilgrimage is open to young people who will be 15 years of age or older by next July and offers a wonderful opportunity to deepen their faith, make new friendships, and experience the unique spirit of Lourdes.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to the Parish Office.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince: **07766681339**

Mass Times, Services and Intentions			
Saturday 7th October Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*John Moffitt R.I.P. & Pious List*
Sunday 8th November Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*9.30am*	*Mass*	*People of the Parish*
Sacred Heart	*11.00am*	*Mass*	*Special Intention, Pious Lists*
Tuesday 10th November Memorial of St Leo the Great			
Sacred Heart	*12.00pm*		*Celebration of the Word and Communion*
Wednesday 11th November Memorial of St Martin of Tours			
St Joseph's	*12.00pm*		*Celebration of the Word and Communion*
Thursday 12th November Memorial of St Josaphat			
Sacred Heart	*10.00am*	*Mass*	*Special Intention, Pious Lists*
Friday 13th November Week 32 of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*9.30am*	*Mass*	*William and Vera Waddelove, Pious Lists*
Saturday 14th November Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*Deacon Dennis Vint RIP Pious Lists*
Sunday 15th November Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*9.30am*	*Mass*	*Wojtek Bucior, Pious Lists*
Sacred Heart	*11.00am*	*Mass*	*People of the Parish*
St Joseph's	*12.30pm*	*Baptisms*	*Penelope Primrose Martine Myers* *Oliver Ashley Abbett* *Ethan Inyang* *Indie Rose Roberts* *Piper Hope Roberts*