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



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
## 15th November 2026

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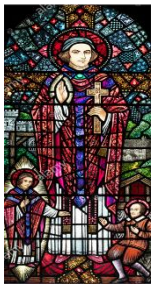

**St Joseph's Church**
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**Parish Office Hours:**
Mon 1.00pm – 4.30pm St J
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## Food for thought!

Have you thought about the talents that God has given you? Have you thought about how you can put them to the service of others? How many of us could say, in all truth, that we always do our best? Do we not all bury at least some of our talents? There is something very sad about seeing a talent go to waste. Many times, we have seen a talented footballer lose their way and turn to drink - an exciting singer who turns to drugs, a bright young politician whose talents are lost, perhaps forever. Today's Gospel reminds us how important it is to use our talents and gifts. When we love someone, we sometimes give them a gift – something special for them to use and enjoy. It's a bit like that with God - He takes the same delight in giving all His children different gifts. God wants us to make the most of all that we've been given, building up the Church wherever we are. If we do use our gifts we get more, if we don't we lose what we have. We either go closer to Him or we slip away. Do you recognize the gifts God has given you and more importantly – are you using them? We may feel there is little we can do but your gift maybe a caring phone call to someone who's lonely – a gentle smile to a stranger - or as a community of faith, praying for those in need? These are ordinary things but done with extraordinary love. May we try to be faithful stewards so that when we see the Lord face to face, we may hear those wonderful words: "Well done good and faithful servant". Praise Him!

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Margaret Hawkins**
**James Talbot**
**Betty Farrington**
**Anthony Burke**
**Margaret Catherine Boyle**
**James Gary O'Connoll**
**Fr. Francis Ferns**
**Fr. Brian Newns**
**Fr. Tom Gagie**

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.

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Parish Sick and Housebound**
at St Joseph's Church
and
**Victims of Human Trafficking**
at Sacred Heart Church

## 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

This **Saturday** we will celebrate our annual Parish 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**

## The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer

**Penelope Primrose Martine Myers**
**Oliver Ashley Abbett**
**Ethan Inyang**
**Indie Rose Roberts**
**Piper Hope Roberts**

and their families, who receive this powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

## World Day of Prayer for the Poor 2026

This weekend the Church marks the 10th World Day of the Poor. In his message, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" and calls us to recognise Christ in those who are poor, vulnerable, lonely, or forgotten. Let us pray for those in need and consider how we can offer practical help, friendship, and hope to those around us.

## 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.**

## St Mary's High School Sixth Form

The Sixth Form students of St Mary's Catholic High School warmly invite our senior citizens from the local parishes to their annual Christmas Party on **Wednesday 9 December, from 12.00pm to 2.00pm.**

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list in the church porch and indicate any dietary requirements.

## Christmas Cards

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

## 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!

The Second Collection next weekend will be for **Animate, the Catholic Youth Services** for our Archdiocese.

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This 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.

## Thanksgiving Mass

There will be a **Thanksgiving Mass for all Confirmation Candidates** and their families on Wednesday 25th November 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. The main celebrant will be Fr. Simon Gore, Director of Youth Ministry in our Archdiocese.

## 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 | | | |
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| **Saturday 14th November Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** | | | |
| St Joseph's | 4.30pm | Mass | Deacon Dennis Vint RIP<br>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<br>Oliver Ashley Abbett<br>Ethan Inyang<br>Indie Rose Roberts<br>Piper Hope Roberts |
| **Tuesday 17th November Memorial of St Hilda** | | | |
| Sacred Heart | 12.00pm | Mass | Special Intention and Pious Lists |
| **Wednesday 18th November Week 33 of Ordinary Time** | | | |
| St Joseph's | 12.30pm | Funeral Mass | Margaret Hawkins |
| **Thursday 19th November Week 33 of Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sacred Heart | 10.00am | Mass | Special Intention and Pious Lists |
| **Friday 20th November Week 33 of Ordinary Time** | | | |
| St Joseph's | 10.30am | Mass | Years 6, 3 &1 from 12A School<br>Pat Case and Pious Lists |
| St Joseph's | 12.30pm | Funeral Service | Jimmy Talbot |
| Sacred Heart | 1.00pm | Funeral Mass | Betty Farrington |
| **Saturday 21st November Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** | | | |
| St Joseph's | 12.00pm | Parish Mass of Remembrance | |
| St Joseph's | 4.30pm | Mass | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday 22nd November<br>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** | | | |
| St Joseph's | 9.30am | Mass | For all families throughout the world and Pious Lists |
| Sacred Heart | 11.00am | Mass | Fr. Francis Ferns RIP and Pious Lists |