

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



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Food for thought!

Jesus tells us today "You must love the Lord your God, with all your heart...with all your soul and with all your mind, and you must love your neighbour as yourself". Love has so many facets and meanings to it – but one that is most important, is to remember that love is an action. When we try to love Him with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our minds, then the rest will follow naturally. When we look at the news and see images of what's happening in our world, we can feel overwhelmed and frightened and the future may seem bleak. It's very important that we are aware of what's going on – but we need to keep a balanced and closer look, not only in our world, but in our own Parish Community. We can remind ourselves what "love is doing."

...it's caring for those in need by our S.V.P who see that the hungry are fed...that the young are educated by our wonderful schools...the elderly and sick and housebound are cared for by our Priests and Eucharistic Ministers...the bereaved are comforted by our Priests, and Lay Funeral Ministers...that's what love is doing! May we go forward with love in our hearts, kindness in our words, and faith in our actions, so others may see Jesus by the way we live.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Sarah Monks

Margaret Hawkins

Joan Lynch

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

Margaret Hawkins

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Cecily Simon

May the risen Lord embrace
them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

Vincent Ganley RIP

at St Joseph's Church
and

Paul Ross RIP

at Sacred Heart Church

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 Pope's Intention for October: 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.

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 will be available from 31st
October, 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.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with
the planning and preparation of the event, as
well as on the day itself. The next meeting will
take place on 1st November at Sacred Heart
Presbytery after the 11.00am Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

News Regarding the Tower at St Joseph's Church

I am very pleased to share the news that **St Joseph's Church** has been awarded a grant of **£188,000** from **Historic England**. This funding will make a significant contribution towards the conservation and repair of the west tower, including masonry and buttress repairs, the replacement of severely weathered stonework, repointing, the removal of vegetation, and the investigation of the bell chamber.

The project also includes repairs to churchyard fencing and entrance features, helping to improve accessibility and security.

I am very grateful to Neil Fewtrell, one of our Archdiocesan surveyors, for all his hard work in preparing the application. I would also like to thank Historic England for its generous support in awarding this grant. At the moment, the Archdiocesan Legal Team is finalising the award by reviewing the necessary documentation. All being well, the grant will soon be formally secured, enabling this important work to proceed.

Baptisms

We hold in prayer
Martina Ordonez Murphy
and her family
as she receives the Sacrament of
Baptism at
St Joseph's Church this weekend.
May she grow in the love of the
Lord.

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.

The Rosary

Pope Leo asks us to pray this
powerful prayer with him
throughout October for peace
throughout the world.

This week the Rosary will be prayed
after the **midday Mass on
Wednesday.**

Confirmations

Please keep in your prayers some of
young people who will be confirmed at St
Richard's Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday
10th and Wednesday 11th November.
(Please note that those in Year 8 will
celebrate their confirmation early
next year.)

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards and Christmas
religious
items at now on sale.

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 24 th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Christian Flynn RIP
Sunday 25 th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ronald Kenwright Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Martina Ordonez Murphy
Tuesday 27 th October <i>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
Wednesday 28 th October <i>Feast of Ss Simon and Jude</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	William Cain
Thursday 29 th October <i>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Private Intention
St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service for Sarah Monks	
Friday 30 th October <i>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth RIP
Saturday 31 st October <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st November <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Phyliss Bailey & Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Deidre and Patrick Costello & Pious List
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Sienna Victoria & Lara Elizabeth Unsworth