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



Solemnity of All Saints
1st November 2026



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Food for thought!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that true happiness and blessings do not come from power or wealth, or popularity, but from having faith in God and showing love and compassion to others. In today's world where there is often selfishness, discrimination, violence and conflict, the Beatitudes encourage us to spread kindness, respect and understanding. They teach us that we don't need to be rich or powerful to make a difference, because even small acts of kindness can have a positive impact on others. For example…Blessed are they who help the homeless by donating food and clothes…Blessed are they who respect people from different backgrounds and use social media to spread positive messages rather than hate or negativity. Blessed are those who forgive…On this day of All Saints we remember just a few Saints who tried to live out the Beatitudes. **St Oscar Romero** spoke against injustice and violence… **St John Paul II** encouraged forgiveness, reconciliation and peaceful relationships… **St Vincent de Paul** organised practical help for those living in poverty…**St Therese of Lisieux** responded to everyday difficulties with love and patience…**St Monica** prayed for many years for the conversion of her Son…Just a few of the Saints who lived the Beatitudes by putting the teaching of Jesus into action.

May we try to follow their example.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Margaret Hawkins
Joan Lynch
Betty Farrington
James Gary O'Connell
Fr. Brian Newns
Fr. Francis Ferns

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

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

John & Nora Devaney
& James Maxwell
at St Joseph's Church
and
The Victims of the train crash in Spain
at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for November:
For proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that no succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The Rosary

Many thanks to The Legion of Mary who have led us praying the Rosary during the month of October.

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

Baptisms

We hold in prayer
Sarah Victoria
And
Larah Elizabeth Unsworth
and their family
as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism at
Sacred Heart Church on Sunday
May they grow in the love of the Lord.

Christmas Cards

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

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.

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 after the 1st November, after 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will on sale this weekend, before and after Mass, at £2 per strip, giving you five chances to win. Prizes include shopping vouchers, as well as food, wine and pamper hampers. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.

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**

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.

Parish Chuckles!

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, then the driver said, "Please, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me." The passenger, who was also frightened, apologized and said he didn't realize that a tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. To which the driver replied, "I'm sorry, it's really not your fault at all. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years!

Mass Times, Services and Intentions			
Saturday 31st October The Solemnity of All Saints			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*People of the Parish*
Sunday 1st November The Solemnity of All Saints			
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*
Tuesday 3rd November Memorial of St Martin de Porres			
Sacred Heart	*12.00pm*	*Mass*	*Kamila & Joanna Lewinska, Pious Lists*
Wednesday 4th November Memorial of St Charles Borromeo			
St Joseph's	*12.00pm*	*Mass*	*Joyce Nuttall & Pius List*
Thursday 5th November Week 31 of Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	*10.00am*	*Mass*	*Special Intention, Pious Lists*
Friday 6th November Week 31 of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*10.30am*	*Mass*	*12A School Years 5, 4, & 2 Kath & Sam Atherton & Pius List*
Saturday 7th November Saturday Mem of the BVM			
St Joseph's	*10.45am*	*The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration*	
St Joseph's	*12.00pm*	*Mass*	*Barbara Wilkinson R.I.P.& Pius List*
Saturday 7th November Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*John Moffitt R.I.P. & Pius 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*