

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

**Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday**

St Joseph's	10.30am	-	Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets (Święconka)
St Joseph's	8.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

**Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Steven Naylor Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

**Tuesday 7th April within the Octave of Easter**

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
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**Wednesday 8th April within the Octave of Easter**

St Joseph's	11.00m	Funeral Mass	John Tuttle
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**Thursday 9th April within the Octave of Easter**

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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**Friday 10th April within the Octave of Easter**

St Joseph's	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	John Gunning
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**Saturday 11th April within the Octave of Easter**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss R.I.P.
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**Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen & Albert Boardman R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Marsh & Lally Families

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**Sacred Heart Church**  
Walmsley Road  
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**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Sunday 5th April 2026



**St Joseph's Church**  
Mather Lane  
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Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
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**Food for thought!**

In today's Gospel we hear how Mary Magdelene arrived at the tomb, carrying grief in her heart after the crucifixion of Jesus. In her sorrow she didn't recognise the Risen Christ. When she did her grief turned to joy, and she became the first witness to the resurrection. This powerful encounter reminds us that even in our darkest moments, hope can appear when we least expect it., and faith can transform sorrow into joy. Today's Psalm tells us to rejoice .... "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." How true those words are for this great feast! The Resurrection of the Lord is the greatest of all miracles. Easter is a glorious feast because total sacrifice was given - love held strong and refused to be conquered by the worst that sin could throw at it! May this Easter message inspire us to carry faith in our hearts, share love with others, and walk forward with hope knowing that light will always overcome darkness.

**Alleluia!!!**

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**John Tuttle**

**John Gunning**

**Pauline Woods**

**Jean Mary Hollingworth**

**Eric Taylor**

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

Patricia Case

Nuala Conroy

Sean Fleming

Chris Higgins

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**World Peace**

at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Carrie, Sian, Nick,  
Sara, Matty and Courtney**  
at Sacred Heart Church

### The Pope's Intention for April: For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



We rejoice with Carrie, Sian, Matty and Courtney who have been received into the Church, they along with Nick and Sara have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! May they always remain in His love, walking in His light!

### Easter Sunday Collection

As requested by the Archbishop several years ago, the Easter Collection goes into the Parish Account towards paying the Parish Priest's annual salary (this means that every priest in the Archdiocese, whether they're in a wealthy area or a poor one, have a fair and equal income). Thank you, as always, for your generosi-

Thank you to all who have made our celebration of the Triduum so special. May the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus lead us on as we continue together on our journey of faith, witnessing to him and glorifying Him by our lives! May God bless you all!

Fr Kieran

## EASTERTIDE

For over 3 months, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost (24<sup>th</sup> May which brings Eastertide to a close) the Lord gives us countless opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love.

*At dawn Mary came with tears to cry  
Beneath the quiet darkened sky  
The stone was moved, the tomb was bare  
Mary looked round in deep despair.*

*But then she heard her name so clear,  
A voice of love, so calm, so near.  
Her sorrow turned to joy that day,  
For death had lost and hope would stay*

*On Easter morn, the light was shown  
The Risen Christ, no longer gone,  
So Easter joy is ours to share,  
A gift of hope beyond compare.*

