

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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

Saturday 25th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.30am		First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Michael Tighe RIP

Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alfred Case Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	For the Good Health Birthday Renzil Braganca

Tuesday 28th April Week 4 of Easter

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Roddy Glynn Sick
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Service	Mary Smith

Wednesday 29th April Feast of St Catherine of Siena

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Joan Ganley R.I.P.
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Thursday 30th April Week 4 of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	John Forde RIP
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Friday 1st May Week 4 of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	NO MASS
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Saturday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Keith May Anniversary
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Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dominic Noon Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Ethan Ikechukwu Osemeke



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 26th April 2026

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Food for thought!

Sometimes the phrase, "people are sheep," is deemed an insult – but as Christians this is a compliment because we follow Jesus our Shepherd who cares for His flock. The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the most comforting and powerful themes for Christians. It portrays a shepherd who lovingly cares for His sheep, guiding them to safety and seeking out those who are lost. The idea that the Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep speaks so deeply of sacrificial love. The fact that the Lord calls each one of us by name indicates how thoroughly he knows us and how close he wants to be to each one of us. In the Good Shepherd's eyes, we are not anonymous parts of a nameless crowd - the Lord knows everyone, and we are welcomed and understood just as we are! When Jesus says, "I am the door" He is reminding us that it's not about a physical door, but about access to a relationship with God. In other words, if you're looking for real safety and direction, Jesus is the way to enter that. In today's fast-paced and often uncertain world this Gospel reminds us that as the shepherd of our souls, He is with us always – guiding us along the right path!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Mary Smith

Chris Higgins

Fr. Gerry Cobham

Fr. Brian O'Mahony CSSp

Fr. Jim Casey CSsR

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

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

The Good Shepherd

Our Good Shepherd, strong and true

Always cares for me and you.

When one is lost, He will not rest,

He seeks it out, He gives His best.

With gentle voice, He calls each name

His love for all is just the same.

He finds the lost, He knows their call,

Not one small sheep He'll lose at all.

Just like Him. We'll try each day

To walk in love and follow His way.

So, if someone's lost or feels alone.

Let's guide them back and lead them home.

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.



The Month of May

During the month of May, the Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary after the midday Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Tea & Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 11.00am Mass today.
All are welcome.

63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the first Vocations Sunday, which since then has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today marks the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations which gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own vocation as a baptised member of the Church but also gives us an opportunity to pray that others may find their vocation.

We know that God has a plan for each of us. He is calling us to grow in holiness and to live in His love. Some are called to live their baptismal calling through married life, some are called to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life and others to live as single people. Everybody is called!

The Second Collection this weekend will go towards the Priest's Training Fund.

Flower Festival to celebrate the Cathedral's 60th Diamond Jubilee 2027 Florists Needed

The Cathedral is at the very early stage of planning this event to mark the Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. The dates they are looking at are: Friday 14th May—Monday 17th May 2027. The theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms. They are reaching out to established and experienced individuals and groups who have a proven history of creating floral arrangements for their own parishes. If anyone is interested, please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Notre Dame School

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on the 17th May for all ex-pupils and teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch and a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity and a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by the 3rd May to Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173 or berniemshaw@hotmail.com

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

World Leaders

at St Joseph's Church
and

Vocations

at Sacred Heart Church

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026

Tuesday 5th May marks the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse.

We invite all parishioners to remember in their prayers those whose lives have been affected by abuse.

This year's theme is support for survivors of domestic abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have suffered or continue to suffer as a result of this form of abuse.