

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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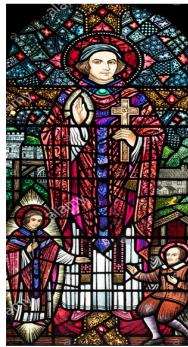
Office Hours:

Mon, 1.30pm—4.30pm **St J**
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Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Sunday 16th August 2026

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Food for thought!

Today in the Church we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Mary who is our heavenly mother, prays for us and today is another opportunity to thank God for the beautiful example of her humility, openness and self-giving which enabled her to be a dwelling place for God. In today's Gospel we hear how Mary visited Elizabeth. She didn't focus on herself but instead went to help and support her cousin in a time of need. Mary's example teaches us that in our own relationships, we can be like her by serving others and putting love and care into action. Mary's openness enabled her to grow in faith and persevere in hope. In the face of obstacles and trials she acted with unwavering trust and faith - because she believed that God would fulfil the words he had spoken. As we celebrate the assumption of Mary into the glory of heaven, we are reminded of the glorious hope we all have. The Lord has already won a place for us in heaven and graciously offers it to us. We echo Mary's song of praise and joy, so that our lives may magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour. God called a very young Mary to the most important undertaking in human history – to be the Mother of God. He also calls each one of us to make the world a better place no matter our age or ability. When the Lord calls us, He looks ahead to what we can do, and the love we are capable of giving. As children of light, like Mary, we are called to reflect and radiate that light to those we meet.

Praise Him!

MARY

Mary lived with faith and grace,
and carried God in her embrace.
Through every sorrow, every tear
She trusted God and held Him near.
Now crowned as Queen, she prays for all.
For those who rise and for those who fall.
And through her example,
we come to see.
The hope of Heaven for you and me.
Not lost in death but raised above.
To share forever in God's love.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer
Oliver Hill and Isabella Makelele
and their families, who receive this
powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's
Church on Sunday.
May they rejoice in God's presence.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city
Let us pray that in large cities
often marked by anonymity and
loneliness we find new ways to
proclaim the Gospel, discovering
creative paths to build
community.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 15th August *Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Ann Smith RIP
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Sunday 16th August *Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alojzy & Anna Tesmer Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Oliver Hill & Isabella Makelele

Tuesday 18th August *Memorial of St Helen*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Maureen Beirne RIP
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Wednesday 19th August

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Mass	Barbara Gildart
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Thursday 20th August *Memorial of St Bernard*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Helen Westwood
Sacred Heart	2.30pm	Funeral Mass	Cecilia Worthington

Friday 21st August *Memorial of St Pius X*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Doreen Johnson
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Saturday 22nd August *Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Neil Dixon
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Sunday 23rd August *Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Moon 70th Wedding Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving

Little Church / Children's Liturgy

Little Church / Children's Liturgy will resume at all three weekend Masses
on **5th/6th September**.

A reminder that Little Church / Children's Liturgy is for children from **Reception Class to Year 6**. Children younger than Reception Class **cannot attend** Little Church / Children's Liturgy.

Please note that **any child who needs to use the toilet during Mass must be accompanied by their parent**.

We follow the guidelines of the **Liverpool Archdiocese Safeguarding Department**.

Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith

This year the Principal Celebrant will be **Fr. John Hogan** of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He is the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of **St Edmund Arrowsmith**. The Pilgrimage Mass will take place at **St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Church, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NP** on **Sunday 30th August at 3.00pm**. All are welcome!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,
Barbara Gildart
Helen Westwood
Cecilia Worthington
Doreen Johnson
Fr. Joe Kendall
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 Mulligan
Josie Newell
Paul Ross
Barbara Wilkinson
May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:
Archbishop John Sherrington
at St Joseph's Church
and
Bishop Tom Neylon
at Sacred Heart Church