

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



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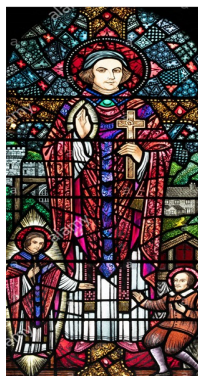
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Second Sunday after the Nativity

4th January 2026



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Food for Thought

In Today's Gospel we hear about Jesus being the 'True Light'. He is the light that shines into every corner of a world darkened by confusion, fear, and brokenness. He offers hope where despair lives. His radiance doesn't fade with time or circumstances but continues to shine for all who are willing to receive it. The response to today's Psalm is '**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us**'. In that single breathtaking act, the divine stepped into humanity – walking with us, carrying our burdens and revealing the heart of God in a form that we could see, hear and touch. In His presence, heaven drew near and the world was forever changed. As we reflect on the wonder of the Word made flesh, may we walk forward this New Year carrying His light within us, reflecting His love, His truth, and illuminating the lives of those around us.

Praise Him!

Happy New Year

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity! The cards, gifts and prayer are much appreciated. Thank you especially for your continued help and support. May the coming year be filled with faith, hope and trust as we journey together guided by the Emmanuel - God is with us! May He bless you abundantly!

Thank You

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity! The cards, gifts and prayer are very much appreciated. It is a privilege to be with you as we journey together. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard over the last year to make our Parish the wonderful gift of God that it is to so many. Please be assured of my love and prayers for each one of you.

God bless.

Flower Memorial

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to the Christmas Flower Memorial. The money raised will be used to buy flowers in both churches throughout the year. If you would like to take a candle from the Alter after Mass this week, you are welcome to do so.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 3rd January <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Philip Newton Anniversary
Sunday 4th January <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick snr. & Deirdre Cotello & Family & Toher
Tuesday 6th January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany</i>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Service of the Word & Communion
Wednesday 7th January <i>Weekday of Christmas after the Epiphany</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
Thursday 8th January <i>Weekday of Christmas after the Epiphany</i>			
Sacred Heart	10.00am		No Mass
Friday 9th January <i>Weekday of Christmas after the Epiphany</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am		Service of the Word & Communion

Saturday 10th January <i>Weekday of Christmas after the Epiphany</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Marie Moffitt R.I.P.
Sunday 11th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary Keavney R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Successful Surgery

St Joseph's Players Present

Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 21st -

Saturday 31st January 2026

Weekdays -7.15pm

Saturday evening 6.15pm

Matinees 24th, 25th and 31st 1pm

Tickets can be purchased via

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

or at the hall on

Sunday 4th and 11th January

12.00—13.00

Friday 9th and 16th January

8.45 - 10.00.

The Pope's Intention

January: For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr. Patsy Foley who celebrate our three Parish Masses. Fr. Patsy is a retired priest who lives in Liverpool but originates from Kilkenny.

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

Sheila Crawley

Sean Fleming

Chris Higgins

Marian Hindley

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Kathleen Starbuck

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Margaret Bennett

Kathleen Laithwaite

and those whose

anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus

Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Our Parish community

at St Joseph's Church

and

The Pope's Intention

at Sacred Heart Church