

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brendan Flannery RIP
Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alfred Keavney RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Tommy Postlewaite RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Annabelle Anyanwu, Paige Rose Stott & Gadiel-Joseph Emmanuel Mlay
Tuesday 20th January Week 2 in Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 21st January Memorial of St Agnes			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Kevin Birchall RIP
Thursday 22nd January Week 2 in Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
Friday 23rd January Week 2 in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Laithwaite
Saturday 24th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Colin Baxendale RIP
Sunday 25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Jeffery
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Lewinski & Konka-Martinez Families

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th January 2026



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Food for thought!

We all have our limitations of what we can or can't do! In today's Gospel we see how even John the Baptist was aware of his own limitations. He recognised that he could baptise with water – but only Jesus could baptise with the Holy Spirit. He knew that Jesus was the Chosen One of God and could take away the sin of the world. John knew that he was simply a messenger preparing a way for the Lord. We too have a mission like John. Our words can bring comfort and strength to those in need – we can share the Joy of the Gospel - we can be peacemakers! On this World Day of Prayer for Peace may each one of us spread the message of His peace and love to those we meet, wherever we are - in whatever way we can. Today we hear how St Paul greeted the Christians of Corinth with these words "May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace"..... These words are echoed again for you, sisters and brothers of this Parish. Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Kathleen Laithwaite

Michael Govin

Henry Smith

Celia Ellis

Sheila Crawley

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

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.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

Peace in our World

at St Joseph's Church

and

Our Sick and Housebound

at Sacred Heart Church

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 com-
munities, helping us to build a more
fraternal and missionary Church.

Christmas Flower Memorial

If you have contributed to the
Christmas Flower Memorial, your
candle will be available to collect
after Mass this week.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of
Annabelle Anyanwu,
Paige Rose Stott &
Gadiel-Joseph Emmanuel Mlay
who celebrate the Sacrament of
Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love & prayers.

Tea & Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after
the 11.00am Mass next
Sunday 25th January.
All are welcome.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a
family member who is sick and
housebound, please speak to him or
contact the Parish Office and a visit
will be arranged.

Peace Sunday 18th January

The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's
message for the World Day of Peace.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you
all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace
Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number
of resources to help us reflect including a liturgy and activities for children. You
can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their
website: www.paxchristi.org.uk

On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which
includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and
campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. If you are unable to give on
the day then you can also donate via their website:
www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/

Meet your Archbishop

Wednesday 28th January, 5pm

The friends of the Metropolitan
Cathedral are delighted to start the New
Year with an evening with
Archbishop John Sherrington.
It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd
Room where we will enjoy a hot pot
supper and a glass of wine.
There will be an opportunity to meet
Archbishop John, and share with him his
ambitions and plans for our
Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per
person. Anyone wishing to sign up
should email Claire at:

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Civic Mass—Sunday 15th February

The Dean of the Metropolitan
Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool,
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien,
Has pleasure in inviting you to attend
the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by
Archbishop John Sherrington.
Light refreshments will be served in
the Gibberd Room after Mass.
If you are able to attend, please RSVP
to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk
We look forward to welcoming you to
the Civic Mass to celebrate all that is
good in our City.

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

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is
available to hire for parties etc.
To book the room, please contact:
Christine Prince: **07766681339**