

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 17th January *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brendan Flannery RIP
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### 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
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### Wednesday 21st January *Memorial of St Agnes*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Kevin Birchall RIP
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### Thursday 22nd January *Week 2 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
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### Friday 23rd January *Week 2 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Laithwaite
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### Saturday 24th January *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Colin Baxendale RIP
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### 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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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**St Joseph's Church**  
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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
Anne Crinigan

### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.00am—2.00pm **SH**  
Thur, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**  
Fri, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**



### Parish Office

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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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

### 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**

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)