

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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

Tuesday 27th January Week 3 in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Patrick O'Sullivan
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Wednesday 28th January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Michael Govin
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Thursday 29th January Week 3 in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Friday 30th January Week 3 in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Frances Barbara Martin
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Saturday 31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Theresa Burton Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 1st February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Patrick & Eveline Donohue RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Govin, Donoghue & Sutton Families
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Willow Michelle Wells & Ria Mary Croft

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026



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Food for thought!

In today's Gospel we see Jesus calling the first disciples; ordinary men who responded to the Lord. The call of the first disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciple's response, which was immediate and complete! Their immediate and willing response reveals both the authority of Jesus and the power of His invitation. They change from casting and mending their nets, to catching people and mending them through God's love. Jesus approached individuals who were very often ordinary people. That's what He wants, ordinary people like you and me to shine His light. He chooses us, not for what we are, but for what we are capable of becoming under his direction. Today's first Reading from the Prophet Isaiah says..."The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light" Christianity is about light. In the end our purpose is not simply to shine for ourselves, but to shine His light that others can see. May our presence offer hope, our actions build trust, and our light help to catch people.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died
Michael Govin
Sheila Crawley
Henry Smith
Kathleen Starbuck
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
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:
Keith May Birthday Memorial at St Joseph's Church and
Victims of the landslides in New Zealand 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 communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Todays Gospel tells us of the calling of the first disciples.....

Come follow me and leave your net,
Find a path where truth will set.
Follow me—lay down your fears,
Simple words that changed the years.

They heard His voice beside the sea
A simple call – Come follow me.
The Lord had changed their earthly
wish,
To catching people – not just fish.

So may we hear that same sweet call,
Step out in faith and give our all.
Step by step, through thick and thin,
We choose each day to follow Him.

Tea & Coffee

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

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.

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**

CARLO ACUTIS:

FIRST CLASS RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Using his knowledge of computers, he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, thereby bringing the truth of the mystery of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist to the forefront of people's understanding. Our Lady and All Saints Church, Parbold are privileged to be able to host a First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis for nine days in February. The relic will be sited in the Church (Lancaster Lane, WN8 7HS). At the same time, they will be holding an exhibition of 30 (of the 160)

Eucharistic miracles he curated. Each miracle will be displayed as a poster panel and each accompanied by historical details and scientific analysis. The Exhibition will be located in the adjacent Our Lady and All Saints School (Brandreth Drive, Parbold, WN8 7HB) - a short walk from the Church. Both events will run from Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February:

Saturdays & Sundays: 11.30am to 3.00pm

Monday to Friday: 11.30am to 3.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

There is parking and accessibility at both locations.

Contact details: **01257 463248**

Email: parbold@hotmail.com

Or via the Parish website:

www.ourladysparbold.org.uk

Catenian Bursary Fund

Lourdes Awards of £100—£200

If you are going to Lourdes to work as a helper, either on your own or with a HCPT or Diocesan Pilgrimage and are between 18 and 25 years old, then apply for financial help at:
la.catenianbursary.com

Applications must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to your pilgrimage departure date.

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.

Adventurous Accompaniment

Do you work with people in church, or are you interested in doing so?

Have you ever thought about how you can become an Adventurous Accompanier?

Adventurous Accompaniment focuses on walking alongside people in their faith journey.

It is a 6 week programme including 3 full day workshops, and all costs of the programme are covered by the archdiocese.

Please sign up at:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/accompaniment>

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