

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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

Monday 2nd February *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

St Joseph	12.00pm	Mass	Eileen Newell RIP
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Tuesday 3rd February *Week 4 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Sheila Crawley
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Wednesday 4th February *Week 4 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Christian Flynn Anniversary
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Thursday 5th February *Memorial of St Agatha*

Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Henry Smith
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Friday 6th February *Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions*

St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass
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Saturday 7th February *Week 4 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Reconciliation and Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Baptisms	Dean Junior, Delsie Michelle, Dekota, Deontay & Delaine Ware

Saturday 7th February *Fifth Week of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peggy Conefrey RIP
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Sunday 8th February *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Worrall-Higham
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Sheila Crawley RIP

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



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st February 2026

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Food for thought!

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us very clear guidelines to help us to be Blessed. The Beatitudes show us the way to real happiness. They open a path for each follower of Christ and are stepping-stones on the way to the Kingdom of God. Sometimes they are hard to follow, but they are also very beautiful. The Beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Yet poverty of spirit finds joy in knowing that God is the greatest treasure possible - hunger of spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word. In the end the Beatitudes remind us that being Blessed is not having an easy life, but about trusting and following the Lord. Remember – keep walking with the Lord, know that He sees...He cares and blesses those who follow Him.

Praise Him!!!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Sheila Crawley

Henry Smith

George Adams

Kathleen Starbuck

Patricia Lever

Kathleen Keavney

Walter Evans

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.

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 Pope's Intention February: For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of

Willow Michelle Wells

and

Ria Mary Croft

who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We hold them in our love and prayers.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools

The sessions for the Sacramental Programme, 'With You Always' will begin in March. If your child is in Year 4 or above, has been baptised and would like to make their First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr. Kieran as soon as possible.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Victims of Human Trafficking
at St Joseph's Church
and

Those affected by the floods
at Sacred Heart Church

CARLO ACUTIS:

FIRST CLASS RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF EUCCHARISTIC 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.ourladyparbold.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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person who is in year 8 or above, have made their First Holy Communion and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation The website for registration is open and will close on 13th February.

Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism. Racial Justice calls us to recognise the dignity and worth of every person. We pray for a world where every person can live with freedom, safety and hope.

Something to Ponder

Blessed are the meek He said,
Who trust in God and are gently led.
Blessed are the poor in soul
Who seek His grace to make them whole.

Blessed are those who are merciful
whose kindness makes the wounded full.

Blessed are the peacemakers true,
who strive for peace in all they do.
So try to follow His command,
to live with Him in heaven's land.

*We are born to help people, if we can't help them at least let's not hurt them.
Try to leave every person happier than you found them. Be someone who makes others feel seen, heard and valued.*