

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 7th February *Week 4 in Ordinary Time*

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

### Monday 9th February *Week 5 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Celia Ellis RIP
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### Tuesday 10th February *Memorial of St Scholastica*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	O'Sullivan Family RIP
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### Wednesday 11th February *Week 5 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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### Thursday 12th February *Week 5 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	Celebration of the Word and Communion
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### Friday 13th February *Week 5 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	Celebration of the Word and Communion
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### Saturday 14th February *Sixth Week of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss RIP
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### Sunday 15th February *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Hynes RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention Rest of Soul of Almighty
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Alfie Gothard-Murphy, Lewis & Belle Foxley & Maya Rogowska

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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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8th February 2026**

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**St Joseph's Church**  
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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
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### 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**



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### Food for thought!

In today's Gospel Jesus offers two simple - but very powerful - images of what we are called to be! Salt and Light! Salt doesn't seem very glamorous - but anyone who has had to go on a low-salt diet knows the difference it makes to a meal! The job of salt is not really to be tasted itself - but to bring out the other flavours in the meal. The same thing happens with light - the job of light is not to draw attention to itself - it's there to allow people to see things that would otherwise be hidden in the darkness. Like salt, we are not to overwhelm people - but to bring out the goodness in them. Like light, we are called to allow the Light of God to shine through us - not so that we blind people - but so that they can see the light of the Lord. This is something we are all called to do - however imperfectly! The little flavour we can bring - the small light we can offer to those we come into contact with can and does make a difference to the world. When we season the world with kindness and shine with humility, we leave a lasting impact to those we come into contact with, not because we seek attention for ourselves, but because we choose to follow Him.

Praise Him!!!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**George Adams**

**Walter Evans**

**Kathleen Starbuck**

**John O'Brien**

**Patricia Lever**

**Kathleen Keavney**

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

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### 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](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation) The website for registration is open and will close on 13th February.

### 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 family of **Delsie, Dekota, Delanie, Deontay & Dean Ware**

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

### Mother's Prayer Meeting

The next meeting for Mother's Prayers will be on Monday 9th February, at 10.30am, in St Joseph's Presbytery. All Mothers and Grandmothers 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.

### A reminder please!

Children who need to use the toilet in church must be accompanied by a parent. This is for Safeguarding and Health and Safety reasons.

### As we reflect on today's Gospel we ponder.....

### Salt and Light

We are called to be the salt of the land  
A gentle touch, a steady hand.  
We are the light when things go wrong  
A quiet prayer, a hopeful song.

Salt that melts when hearts are cold  
Light that guides both young and old.  
Salt preserves what love has sown  
Light reminds we're not alone.

In quiet lives, in daily choice  
We speak through action,  
as well as voice.  
Be the salt that lifts not scars  
Be little lights that shine like stars.

### The Annual World Day of Prayer 6th March 2026

Two Services will held this year at Christ Church Pennington, 12.00pm and 7.00pm.  
It has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.  
All are very welcome!  
For those who enjoy singing, please come to a practice at Christ Church, Monday, 23rd February at 12.00pm or 7.00pm.

### 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**

### 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.

### Walsingham - Easter Monday

Can everyone please pay the rest of their money before the end of February.  
There are still places available if anyone would like to come.  
Please ring Theresa Thompson:  
**07780064502**

### 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](http://la.catenianbursary.com)

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

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Victims of Human Trafficking**  
at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Parish Sick and Housebound**  
at Sacred Heart Church