

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 14th February *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
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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
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Alfie Gothard-Murphy, Lewis & Belle Foxley & Maya Rogowska

Tuesday 17th February *Week 6 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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Wednesday 18th February *Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Annie Butterworth Anniversary
Sacred Heart	7.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Thursday 19th February *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	O'Sullivan Family
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Friday 20th February *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	George Cartledge Anniversary
Sacred Heart	1.45pm	Funeral Service	George Adams

Saturday 21st February *First Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Lois Limm RIP
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Sunday 22nd February *First Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	William Fairclough Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jack Gough Anniversary

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



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th February 2026

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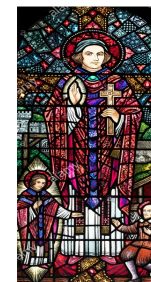
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Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**
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Food for thought!

Today the Word of God invites us to reflect on the Commands of Jesus. We may think that we keep the commandments – but do we? We have all met people who say that they don't need to go to church because they – haven't murdered anyone - or stolen something or haven't done anything wrong. Yet, Jesus is saying "Are you sure? You might not have acted on it but have you had unkind or destructive thoughts about people – or can you be selfish – or judgemental – or join in with gossip? He offers some very challenging teaching and urges us to find true wisdom. It's not a wisdom that most people will understand – it's a wisdom that cannot be explained in worldly terms. To be wise means to choose carefully what we do in life, not through blind obedience, but with thought, prayer and trusting in Him. Life is full of choices. May we always choose to walk in the way of love and then we will see what God has prepared for those who love 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 Mullingan

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:

All those who work for the NHS

at St Joseph's Church

and

World Day of Prayer for the

Unemployed

at Sacred Heart Church

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

Alfie Gothard-Murphy,

Lewis & Belle Foxley

& Maya Rogowska

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.

Stop Assisted Suicide - Further Action Needed

Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into Law.

Right to Life UK, has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into Law by bypassing the House of Lords.

Please visit

www.righttolife.org.uk/AScommons2026

Pastoral Letters

This weekend we have two Pastoral letters. One is from Mgr Philip Inch which will be read after the Gospel. Mgr Inch is inviting the Deanery of Wigan and Leigh to engage in the Pastoral Development Strategy which came directly out of the findings of the Synod. The Pastoral Development Strategy is an important phase in our church's journey.

The second Pastoral Letter, from Archbishop John is a prelude to our celebration of Lent. Please take a copy and read it at home.

CAFOD Lent Appeal—Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions—such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at

cafod.org.uk/envelope

Or call **0303 303 3030**

Text **CAFODLENT** to **70085** to donate £10.

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**



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, when the Ashes from last year's palms are

administered to us at the midday Mass at St Joseph's Church and the 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. We begin this season of grace as we aim to continue it - following the way of the Cross, turning away from sin and believing the Good News.

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

The Annual World Day of Prayer 6th March 2026

Two Services will be 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.

Tea & Coffee will be held after 12.00

Mass next Sunday 22nd

February. All are welcome.