

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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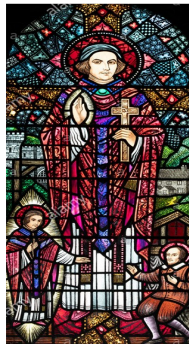
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd August 2026

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Food for thought!

St Paul tells us today that, even when the most disturbing events happen in our world “Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It's only by living in the world with all its difficulties that we can really begin to appreciate the strength He alone can give. When we feel sad, worried or weary, it's natural that we may want to find a quiet place where we can be alone or with someone, we trust. This happened to Jesus and His disciples in the Gospel today. After receiving the news about John the Baptist's death, Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a lonely place. However, a crowd of a few thousand people had already gathered in anticipation of His arrival! I wonder if Jesus' disciples resented this intrusion on their plan to rest awhile? Jesus certainly didn't - He welcomed the people with open-arms, took pity on them and healed their sick. His compassion showed the depths of God's love and care for his people. The feeding of five thousand people is a clear picture of God's delight in feeding all who come to him. The disciples could not believe that Jesus could provide so much from so little - yet as always in every situation the Lord takes whatever is available to Him and uses it for good. When God gives, He gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. He takes our little...blesses it...and provides fruit beyond anything we could have imagined or asked for!

Praise Him!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

World Peace

at St Joseph's Church
and

Our Parish Sick and Housebound
at Sacred Heart Church

The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer **Denver Taylor,**
Cohen Keavney and Penelope Kelly
and their families, who receive this
powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's
Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in
God's presence.

The gift of grace that never ends,
the love that heals, restores and mends
He took the loaves, the fish so small,
and gave His blessing over all.
So may we trust when hope feels thin,
for miracles can still begin.



Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 1st August Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Patricia & Alfred Case 70th Wedding Anniversary Memorial
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Memorial Service	Kath Brady (nee Hilton)

Saturday 1st August *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Dennis Vint RIP
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Sunday 2nd August *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joseph Mlay & Phelista Shayo
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Denver Taylor, Cohen Keavney & Penelope Kelly

Tuesday 4th August Memorial of St John Vianney

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Govin, Donoghue & Sutton Families
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Wednesday 5th August *Week 18 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Rita Coleman
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Thursday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention
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Friday 7th August *Week 18 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Gerard Davey Birthday Memorial
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Saturday 8th August *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brother Dawson sick
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Sunday 9th August *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Chris Higgins RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Elzbieta Jaszczak

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Council of the Guild of St Stephen, will be doing their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in October. It is open to everybody—prices start at £650 per person, and £750 for solo travellers.

For more information, contact Rose Curry on **07932 729896**

Assisted Suicide—Contact your MP

A Private Members Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide—the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There will be a crucial vote on Friday 11th September. Please contact your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,

Baby Hodson

Rita Coleman

Helen Westwood

Doreen Johnson

Robert Barlow

Barbara Gildart

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

Nuala Conroy

Brother John Dawson SCJ

Sean Fleming

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

The Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith on Sunday 30th August at 3pm St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith Church Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NP

The Principal Celebrant will be Fr. John Hogan of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He is the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of St Edmund Arrowsmith. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer, there will be a meeting at the Canon's Hall after 11am Mass on the 2nd August (next to the Church).

Raffle Prize

There is still a raffle prize—Bottle of Bailey's, waiting to be collected in the Parish Office. The winning ticket was orange, number 87.