

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



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Food for thought!

Many of us will have made New Year's resolutions and have probably broken them already! When we make resolutions, we are acknowledging that there is something in our lives that we need to change. Life really is all about new starts, and second chances! When we were Baptised, our Baptism was the start of a new beginning with the Lord and the start of a meaningful journey, even though we were too young to know that. Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It could rightly be said that Jesus did not need to be baptised - but the fact that He chose to, shows His willingness to follow our path, to walk where humans have to walk. It means that we really do have a God who walks with us. Here is the Lord who walks alongside us as a companion - a soul-friend in the truest sense of the word. How blest we are to know that through our Baptism we have His permanent mark on our souls, and He continues to guide, strengthen and renew us each day. May we trust in His grace, follow His calling and celebrate the new life He has given us, now and always.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Margaret Bennett

Kathleen Laithwaite

Michael Govin

Celia Ellis

Sheila Crawley

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

Kathleen Starbuck

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them

with healing love.

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.

Christmastide

Christmastide ends today, on the

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, as

we praise the Lord for all the

blessings He has poured into our

lives through Advent and

Christmas! Nourished by all these

blessings, we face the New Year

with Faith, Hope and Love!

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting for Mothers'

Prayers will be on Monday 12th

January 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.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will

shine for:

Our Sick and Housebound

at St Joseph's Church

and

Peace in our World

at Sacred Heart Church

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**

The Baptism of the Lord

As we reflect on the Baptism of the Lord we are reminded of our own Baptism as well.

In waters too, our names were said,
with the Spirits light upon our head.
The cleansing water, touched our face
A sign of seal, a gift of grace.

The cross is traced, the name is said
A living faith that will be fed.
The water speaks – we were made new
not by our strength, but what God can do.

The Church has walked this road with you
Through word and sign both old and new.
One Lord, one Church, one family
One Baptism for eternity.

Baptism is not simply a rite, but the beginning of a lifelong communion with the living God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Pope Leo XIV

Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture—Sunday 18th January
The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture.

In light of Pope Leo XIV's recent World Peace Day Message, Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace', Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World."

This will take place on **18th January at 2pm**
at **St Vincent de Paul, L1 5JN**

Please sign up at:

Peace Sunday Lecture:
Peace be with you all-
Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace.—
Fill in form

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

or at the hall on

Sunday 11th January

12.00—13.00

Friday 16th January

8.45 - 10.00.

Meet your Archbishop

Wednesday 28th January, 5pm

The friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with

Archbishop John Sherrington.

It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine.

There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John, and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per person. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at:

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 10th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph's 4.30pm Mass *Marie Moffitt RIP*

Sunday 11th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass *Mary Keavney RIP*

Sacred Heart 11.00am Mass *Successful Surgery*

Tuesday 13th January Week 1 in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart 12.00pm Mass *Special Intention (M)*

Sacred Heart 1.30pm School Mass *Sacred Heart School Mass*

Wednesday 14th January Memorial of St Kentigern

Sacred Heart 1.00pm Funeral Mass *Margaret Bennett*

Thursday 15th January Week 1 in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart 10.00am - **NO MASS**

Friday 16th January Week 1 in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass *Eileen Topping RIP*

Saturday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's 11.00am - *Reconciliation & Adoration*

St Joseph's 12.00pm Mass *People of the Parish*

St Joseph's 4.30pm Mass *Brendan Flannery RIP*

Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's 9.30am Mass *Alfred Keavney RIP*

Sacred Heart 11.00am Mass *Tommy Postlewaite RIP*

St Joseph's 12.30pm Baptisms *Annabelle Anyanwu, Paige Rose Stott & Gadiel-Joseph Emmanuel Mlay*