

Saturday 11th July Feast of St Benedict

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Christian Flynn

Saturday 11th July *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Thank you to sleeping St Joseph
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Sunday 12th July *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

Tuesday 14th July *Week 15 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	10.30am	Funeral Service	Eileen Casilli
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
Sacred Heart School	1.30pm	Mass (in School)	Year 6 Leavers Mass

Wednesday 15th July Memorial of St Bonaventure

St Joseph's School	9.30am	Mass (in School)	Year 6 Leavers Mass
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boone & Campbell Families

Thursday 16th July *Week 15 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Charles Lucas RIP
12A School	2.00pm	Mass (in School)	Year 6 Leavers Mass

Friday 17th July *Week 15 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Repose of the Soul of Ellen Fleming
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Saturday 18th July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Lythgoe Family Anniversary
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Sunday 19th July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Brenda Byrne First Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism's	Theodore Richardson, Daisy Hailwood, Ginny Ridley & Arthur McCormick

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



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 12th July 2026

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Food for thought!

The Parable of the Sower that we hear about in today's Gospel is one of Jesus' well known teachings. It represents the different ways people respond to God's word. Through this simple but powerful illustration, Jesus teaches that the conditions of a person's heart determines whether they will accept, reject or faithfully live out His message. It reminds us that faith requires an open and willing heart, as well as commitment and perseverance. Although everyone faces difficulties, challenges and distractions, St Paul reminds us today that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us.

The Parable of the Sower encourages us to be patient and persistent, trusting that spiritual growth can take time and effort. It teaches us that a life rooted in faith will bear fruit through love, kindness, forgiveness and service to others. As a Church, we are called to examine our hearts, remove the thorns of distraction and fear, and deepen our roots in the Lord, becoming good soil that bears abundant fruit.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Eileen Casilli

Richard Niecsier

Josie Martland

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

Barbara Gildart

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.

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:

Victims of the earthquake in Venezuela
at St Joseph's Church
and

Our Sick and Housebound
at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for July: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and
protection of human life in all its
stages, recognising it is a gift from God.

Summer Raffle

We raised **£642** on our Summer Raffle.
All our winners have been contacted
about their prizes.
Thank you for all your support.

Nugent Care

Nugent Care would like to express their
sincere appreciation for our parishes' kind
donation of £1,024.09 from the recent
Nugent Sunday Lent Church
Collection. They would like to thank
everyone who donated and for their
continued support of Nugent's work.

Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers Meeting will be
held on Monday 13th July, at 10.30am,
St Joseph's Presbytery.
All Mothers and Grandmothers welcome.

Catholic Pic

July's issue of the Catholic Pic is
now available in the side porch at
St Joseph's and at the back of
Sacred Heart.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

is available to hire for parties etc.
To book the room, please contact:
Christine Prince **07766681339**



At the end of Mass today, we are
collecting signatures for a CAFOD petition
about the global debt crisis, which is
causing great suffering for our sisters and
brothers around the world.

We are calling for the UK government to take
urgent action on this crisis.

Cardinal Stephen from South Sudan has
written to parishes in England and Wales to
explain. Please stop for a moment as you
leave and lend your support.

Thank you for helping to build a better world.

Read more at: cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

Annual Lourdes Mass

Sunday 19th July

All are welcome to bring petitions to the
annual Lourdes Mass taking place at 3pm in
the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Archbishop John Sherrington will be
the celebrant.

Following Mass, all petitions will be
packaged and taken to Lourdes with the
Archdiocese of Liverpool pilgrimage this year.

Next Week's Second Collection

The Second Collection next week will be for
Priests in Retirement and will be taken on the
weekend of the **19th/20th July**.

Parish Council Meeting

Last Wednesday's Parish Council Meeting
was cancelled, so the new date is **Tuesday**

21st July at 7.00pm at St Joseph's

Presbytery. If there are any issues or
concerns you would like discussed at the
meeting, please contact the parish office as
soon as possible.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Our thoughts and prayers are with
all the people of Venezuela after
two devastating earthquakes
near Caracas.

Many of our neighbours have been
killed or injured, and buildings,
including Churches and Caracas
Cathedral, have been damaged.
Despite this, our trusted Church
partners in Venezuela are already
helping the survivors of this crisis
with emergency water, food
and shelter.

On the weekend, **25th/26th July**,
there will be a second collection
after Mass to help support the vital
search and rescue work that is
happening right now.

Thank you for your support.

Faith Representative

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals are looking for
Volunteers to become Faith
Representatives— people who can
help raise awareness within their
parish and inspire others to support
this beautiful mission. You would
be a friendly point of contact, share
updates from time to time, and help
connect your church community
with the work of Mary's Meals.
It's a small commitment that can
make a big difference. If you feel
called to be part of this life-giving
mission, please contact:

info@marysmeals.org.uk

or make an enquiry through
the website:

www.marysmeals.org.uk