

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Keith May Anniversary
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Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dominick Noone Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Ethan Ikechukwu Osemeke

Tuesday 5th May Week 5 of Easter

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Jorge Godiff-Pulido Sick
St Joseph's	4.00pm	-	Reception into Church Chris Higgins

Wednesday 6th May Week 5 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Chris Higgins
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Thursday 7th May Week 5 of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	NO MASS
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Friday 8th May Week 5 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	Mass	Mass for 12A School, Years 6, 4 & 2
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Saturday 9th May Week 5 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	-	First Holy Communion 12A School Year 4
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Saturday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eric Pendlebury Anniversary
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Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmsley Road
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 3rd May 2026

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Food for thought!

In his farewell to His disciples, Jesus spoke these consoling words.... Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God and also believe in me. Those words are meant for us as well. As much as we try to avoid it, we all inevitably encounter troubles and trials—sometimes more than we think we can handle! Often these troubling feelings can challenge our faith, and sadness can make it difficult to hear the Good News Jesus' Resurrection brings us. Yet the Good News helps us to live with hope every day, regardless of the circumstances around us. Life may or may not get better here, but we can know that God's home awaits us. He prepared the Way for us. In today's Gospel Thomas says "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the Way" - he was expressing confusion and uncertainty like many people do when they face the unknown. Jesus' answer reminds us that He has prepared the Way for us. The Way gives us direction through following values such as love, humility, forgiveness..... The Truth reveals what is real and beyond temporary things—The Life—that Jesus offers us is hope. Rooted in Him and following the Lord is our true aim and purpose in life—it's what we were created for—and what we strive for— because through Him we come into the presence of God our Father forever!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Chris Higgins

Trev Picking

Fr. Gerry Cobham

Fr. Brian O'Mahony CSSp

Fr. Jim Casey CSsR

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

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

All our Care Homes

at St Joseph's Church
and

**The Pope's Prayer Intention
for May**

at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for May:

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large Producers to small Consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

First Holy Communions

The Year 4 Children from 12A School, make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May, at 10.30am, at St Joseph's.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome back Fr. Patsy Foley, who will celebrate our three Parish Masses, and Midday Mass on Tuesday.

Keith Worrall:

Message from George Worrall & Family

HCPT have informed us that donations made in memory of Keith have enabled a young girl with Downs Syndrome to go to Lourdes this year. On the first anniversary of Keith's death, we thought you would like to hear how your donations were spent.

Thank you!

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of

Ethan Ikechukwu Osemeke

who celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

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.

Share your Youth Pilgrimage

Memories!

This year marks 50 years of the Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and we'd love your help to celebrate this special milestone by sharing your memories.

Did you meet your partner on the Pilgrimage?

Have several generations of your family travelled to Lourdes?

Were you part of the very first Pilgrimage, or did you experience a moment there that stayed with you forever?

Whatever your memories or experience—we want to hear from you!

Please send your memories and/or photos to communications@rcaol.org.uk by the 13th May. Selected submissions may be featured in The Pic, on the Archdiocese and Animate's website and social media channels, and in a special scrapbook of memories being created for the youth pilgrims travelling this year.

Young Adult trip to Assisi

During the **800th anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi**, we're offering an exciting opportunity to people aged 18-35 to go on a pilgrimage to Assisi from 29th November—2 December 2026.

For more information & booking:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/BookAssisi>

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026

Tuesday 5th May marks the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. We invite all parishioners to remember in their prayers those whose lives have been affected by abuse.

This year's theme is support for survivors of domestic abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have suffered or continue to suffer as a result of this form of abuse.

The Month of May

The month of May is a time of special devotion to Mary, our Spiritual Mother, and Mother of the Church. As spring brings new life and beauty into the world, we are reminded of Mary's role in bringing Jesus, the source of life and grace into our lives.

This week the Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary after the midday Mass on Tuesday.



Missionaries of Charity May Procession Saturday 30th May

You're very welcome to join the Missionaries of Charity May Procession.

Fr. Peter Ross, assistant Priest at St Wilfrid's Parish in Widnes, will lead the procession, starting at St Peter's Square, before moving on to Bold Street, Church Street and Whitechapel, before finishing at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine on Queens Square. A special invitation is extended to those making their First Holy Communion.

If you would like to volunteer at the procession, contact Jim Ross on:

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