

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 21st March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Successful Treatment
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### Sunday 22nd March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Lucy Hurst RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

### Monday 23rd March *Week 5 of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Deacon Bernard Worden
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### Tuesday 24th March *Week 5 of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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### Wednesday 25th March *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving (K.J)
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### Thursday 26th March *Week 5 of Lent*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Mary Jaques RIP
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### Friday 27th March *Week 5 of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Neil Fairclough
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### Saturday 28th March

St Joseph's	10.00am	-	The Sacrament of Reconciliation
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Michael Govin RIP

### Sunday 29th March *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Stephen Aspden Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John McDonald RIP

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**22nd March 2026**

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**St Joseph's Church**  
Mather Lane  
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#### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
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#### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.00am—2.00pm **SH**  
Thur, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**  
Fri, 10.00am—2.00pm **St J**



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### Food for thought!

Many people feel distressed when death feels 'close to home'. We all must face death - it's a reality of life on earth – yet the with the eyes of faith we see that death is not the end but only the beginning of a new life. Maybe we can understand the distress of Martha and Mary in today's Gospel, when their brother died. Both the sisters must have felt Fear when Lazarus got sick – Hope when they sent for Jesus—Crushing Grief when he died – Confusion when Jesus delayed and Shock and Joy when Lazarus came back to life. This miracle wasn't just about Lazarus. It was to show that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, and has the power to conquer death. Also, that grief and faith can exist together. If Jesus can restore a body that had been in the tomb for four days, he can certainly heal the brokenness and wounds of our lives. As today's psalm says - With the Lord there is mercy and redemption. During this time of Lent may we accept Jesus' invitation, to be unbound and freed from anything in our lives that's not of Him!

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Deacon Bernard Worden**

**Neil Fairclough**

**Deacon Dennis Vint**

**John Tuttle**

**Kath Brady**

**John Gunning**

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 Mulligan

Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**World Peace**

at St Joseph's Church

and

**Those Preparing for the Sacrament**  
at Sacred Heart Church

### The Pope's Intention for March:

#### For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Wednesday. This week it will be led by a member of the Legion of Mary.

### R.C.I.A.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers who are preparing for Reception and receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. May they feel the love and support at this important time of their lives

**Carrie, Courtney, Sara, Sian,  
Nick, and Matty**

The **Third Scrutiny** takes place this weekend .

### The Sacred Triduum

**Holy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church, followed by watching in St Joseph's Chapel and concluding with Night Prayer at 9.00pm.  
**Good Friday**—Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church.  
**Holy Saturday**—Easter Vigil 8.00pm at St Joseph's Church.  
**Easter Sunday**—9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church and 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church.

### Youth Ministry 20th/21st April

We want all young people to flourish and to know that they are cherished by God and are a vital part of the Church.

So, as an Archdiocese, we are committed to explore how we can best accompany young people.

Your voice is crucial.

**What will happen:** You will meet others and have your chance to share your experiences and ideas about how the Church might best respond to the needs of young people today. All feedback will be carefully listened to.

**Who's invited:** We want to hear from adults, young adults and 11-18 year olds. Please join us.

**Monday 20th April** 7pm—9.30pm

St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Road,  
Wrightington, WN6 9PA

**Tuesday 21st April** 7pm—9.30pm

St Monica's, Fernhill Road  
Bootle, L20 9GA

For more information, please contact:

Sarah McGeehan on

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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Next Saturday (28th March) at St Joseph's Church, there will an opportunity to celebrate this beautiful and powerful Sacrament. It will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 11.45am.

Please note, there will be no midday Mass.

### Leigh Churches

#### Good Friday Walk of Witness

Leigh Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness 11.00am Service at St Joseph's Church. Then walk through town centre and the Service will be outside St Mary's Church.

### The Irenaeus: Pilgrimage through Lent

24 March.

For more information and Zoom links please contact:

[centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com)

### Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is on the 1<sup>st</sup> April this year in the Cathedral. A coach will leave St Joseph's Church at 5.30pm. We would then hope to arrive at the Cathedral in good time to avail ourselves of facilities and get seated etc. If you would like to go please print your name and contact details on the form at the back of both churches.

### Celebrating St Gerard,

#### The Mothers' Saint, 25th April

April 6th 2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard Majella C.Ss.R., Patron Saint of a good confession and of Mothers.

To mark the occasion, Bishop Eton will be hosting a special day of events, including **Mass with the Archbishop, Blessing Services, Exposition and a Taize service.**

More information can be found at:  
[www.bishopeton.org.uk/a-day-in-honour-of-st-gerard.html](http://www.bishopeton.org.uk/a-day-in-honour-of-st-gerard.html)

### 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.