

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 4th July *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Sandra Newton Anniversary & Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 5th July *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Theresa Burton Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Success in GCSE's—Markus
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Mila Threadgill & George Wilkinson

Tuesday 7th July *Week 14 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	NO MASS
Sacred Heart School	1.30pm	SS Peter & Paul Mass with Year 4	Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday 8th July *Week 14 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
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Thursday 9th July *Week 14 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	9.15am	Mass	Brother John Dawson (sick)
St Joseph's School	10.30am	School Mass	Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday 10th July *Week 14 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	John Brian Ridyard
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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	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmsley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 5th July 2026

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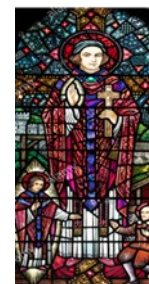
St Joseph's Church
Mather Lane
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Parish Administrators

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Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**
Wed, 10am—2pm **SH**
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Food for thought!

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light".

What a beautiful invitation from Jesus! This passage is worth reading over and over and memorising so that it can easily be reflected upon during those more difficult moments in life. We all have those moments. The moments when we feel overwhelmed and burdened. It could be we are burdened by some tragedy in life, or it could be we are burdened by the small and monotonous aspects of life. One of the greatest daily burdens is that of our own sin. But whatever the case may be, Jesus wants us to hear and believe these words. "Come to me..." He says. Come to me no matter what is going on in your life. Come to me without hesitation and without fear. Jesus also promises us that His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light". What does that mean? Does it mean that coming to Jesus will remove all hardship from our lives? No, not really. What it means is that coming to Jesus will enable us to endure and walk through any hardships we encounter in life.

Reflect, today, upon this gentle and glorious invitation from Jesus. Let Him enter into whatever it is that burdens you. Let Him carry the yoke that you carry and give you, instead the gentle yoke He has prepared for you. The cross you bear may not go away, but it will be transformed and made light in His grace.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

John Brian Ridyard

Eileen Casilli

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

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:

Children & Young People in Care

at St Joseph's Church

and

Sick & 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer

Mila Threadgill & George Wilkinson

and their families, who receive this

powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on

Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

Welcome

We welcome to our Parish Fr. Dave Chinnery,

who will be celebrating Mass for us on Saturday

evening at St Joseph's.

Summer Raffle

Our summer raffle will be drawn

today after the 11.00am Mass.

Good luck everyone!

Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD APPEAL

Next weekend, **11th & 12th July**,

there will be a CAFOD appeal to

help the humanitarian crisis in

South Sudan, and to tackle the

Global Debt Crisis.

We will also be helping our

neighbours affected by the 24th

June earthquakes in Venezuela with

emergency shelter, water and food.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will

be held on the 8th July.

If you have any issues/concerns that

you would like discussing, please let

Fr. Kieran know.

Annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Mass

The annual archdiocesan Lourdes Mass will

take place on Sunday 19th July at 3pm, at the

Metropolitan Cathedral.

All our welcome—whether you are travelling

on this year's pilgrimage, have joined us in

previous years, or are simply a supporter of the

pilgrimage.

Archbishop John Sherrington will be the

celebrant.

FLAME

The archdiocese is organising a trip to

FLAME—the largest Catholic youth event in

the Country, where 10,000 young people

gather together at Wembley Arena to listen to

speakers, pray and praise.

It is open to young people in Year 9 and above.

If you are interested in bringing a group of

young people, please contact

Sarah McGeehan on

s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk

or call: **07415099048**.

Please note: young people must be accompanied by a teacher, youth leader or chaplain.

More information: <https://cymfed.org.uk/>



A Mother's Warmth

Icon Exhibition at the

Metropolitan Cathedral

30th June – 30th August

The Metropolitan

Cathedral will be hosting

Mother's Warmth, an

exhibition by Bulgarian

artist and iconographer

Dian Kostov. Through

contemporary artwork inspired by the image

of the Virgin Mary as Mother, the exhibition

considers how compassion and care for one

another can bring hope and healing in a

divided world. Admission free.

Crafting the Word of the Lord

An exhibition of knitted Bible

scenes created by Francesca

Vause will be on display at

Our Lady & All Saints Church,

Parbold, WN8 7HS

From Monday 7th—Friday 11th

September.

The exhibition is free to visit and

all are welcome.

Enquiries: parbold@hotmail.com

North West Ambulance Service

Volunteer Chaplains

NWAS is an inclusive and compassionate organisation.

This role is vital in helping to foster wellbeing, offer comfort, and provide a compassionate presence to those who may need a listening ear or guidance during challenging times.

In addition to offering general support in your local area, your expertise may also be called upon to assist with specific issues relating to faith, belief, or spirituality across our trust.

If you have a heart for people, a calling to support others in a meaningful way, and are trained in pastoral ministry by your faith or belief community, we'd love to hear from you.

www.nwas.nhs.uk

or: chaplaincy@nwas.nhs.uk

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is

available to hire for parties etc. To

book the room, please contact:

Christine Prince **07766681339**