

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 14th March *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Philip Newton RIP
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Sunday 15th March *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Sheila Crawley RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Michael Tighe RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	William David Sheen

Tuesday 17th March *Feast of St Patrick*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	<i>Celebration of the Word & Communion</i>
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Wednesday 18th March *Week 4 of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	<i>Celebration of the Word & Communion</i>
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Thursday 19th March *Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Kitty Clarke Anniversary
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Mass	St Joseph's Whole School Mass

Friday 20th March *Week 4 of Lent*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Johnson Family
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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

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



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
15th March 2026

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Food for thought!

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see."

These words form part of one of the most well-known and well-loved Christian hymns. Imagine being born blind and living into adulthood without ever having seen light and colour. Then, through some miraculous operation, doctors are able to give you sight. How grateful we would be. Today's Gospel isn't just about the cure of a blind man—it's about spiritual blindness of those who think they can see but can't! Much of Jesus' teaching was trying to help people to 'see' the truth about God. The man born blind had the openness of vision that allowed him to recognise truth, righteousness and goodness in Jesus. By the grace of God this man could now see Jesus physically and spiritually. The Lord gives us the choice to follow the path of darkness, sin and unbelief - or to follow the light of God's forgiveness, grace and goodness. May our Lenten prayer take away any spiritual blindness that we may have. In moments of our own "blindness" may we be open to the light of the Lord. May we listen with our spiritual ears to the inner voice, that is God - and be guided by what we see with our spiritual sight. **Praise Him!**

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Deacon Bernard Worden

Neil Fairclough

Deacon Dennis Vint

John Tuttle

Sheila Whittaker

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:

Deacon Bernard Worden R.I.P.

at St Joseph's Church
and

Deacon Dennis Vint R.I.P.

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.

SVP

Last weekend's collection for the SVP raised **£454.92**.

Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Celebration of the Word and Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday. This week it will be led by members of the **SVP**.

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 **Second Scrutiny** takes place this weekend at the 4.30pm Mass.

The Solemnity of St Joseph

On Thursday 19th, there's Mass at 12.00pm at St Joseph's Church, as we rejoice in the amazing example of the spouse of Mary.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of William David Sheen who celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love & prayers.

Happy Mother's Day

'Almighty God, we ask your blessing on each Mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy.

Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace and fulfilment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in your eyes and ours'.

Amen

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes are available at all Masses this weekend. At both churches you can collect your envelopes from the back of church.

The Irenaeus: Pilgrimage through Lent

17, 24 March.

For more information and Zoom links please contact:

centreirenaeus@gmail.com

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.



Second Collection this weekend:

Nugent Care

St EA Parish Council Meeting

If anyone has any issues or anything they would like discussing at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th March, please email Parish Office as soon as possible, so it can be added to the agenda for the meeting.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is on the 1st 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.