

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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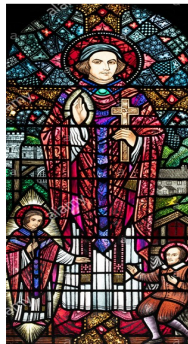
Office Hours:

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th August 2026

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Food for thought!

When Jesus called Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water, Peter responded with remarkable faith. For a few moments he did the impossible and kept his eyes on Christ. But soon fear replaced faith and as soon as Peter took his focus off the Lord, he began to sink. There are times for all of us when our faith seems strong and we feel we can do anything; but the fact remains that, when the storms hit and the doubts set in, we can feel that we are sinking beneath the waves. Our faith is tested to its limits - and we can feel overwhelmed. It takes huge trust to continue - reaching out into the darkness and hoping that Jesus will be there to hold us safe. Be assured He will! Every time Peter fell, he rose again.

His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intensely. The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of despair and difficulty. The Lord's grace is always bigger than our fear and His hand is never too far away when we call on Him. May we keep our eyes fixed on Him, trusting that His presence is greater than any wave we will ever face.

Praise Him at all times!!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will
shine for:

**Our Eucharistic Ministers who visit
the sick and housebound**

at St Joseph's Church
and

Our Readers

at Sacred Heart Church

Family of Parishes Walk

This Sunday 9th August, there
will be a Family of Parishes Walk
taking place at Pennington Flash.

Meet at the café at 2.00pm.

All are welcome.

Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers
Meeting will be held on
Monday 10th August, at
10.30am,

St Joseph's Presbytery.

All Mothers and Grandmothers

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 8th August *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brother John Dawson (sick)
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Sunday 9th August *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Chris Higgins RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Elzbieta Jaszczak

Tuesday 11th August *Memorial of St Clare*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Pauline Woods Birthday Memorial
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Wednesday 12th August *Week 19 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Lydia Kelly
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Thursday 13th August *Week 19 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	All Holy Souls
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Friday 14th August *Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Pat Hoy RIP
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Saturday 15th August *Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Ann Smith RIP
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Sunday 16th August *Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alojzy & Anna Tesmer Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Oliver Hill & Isabella Makelele

The Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith on Sunday 30th August at 3pm at St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith Church Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NP

The Principal Celebrant will be Fr. John Hogan of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He is the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of St Edmund Arrowsmith. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer, there will be a meeting at the Canon's Hall after 11am Mass on the 2nd August (next to the Church).

Young Adults Mass and Dinner with

Archbishop John Sherrington—Thursday 3rd October

Archbishop John Sherrington invites young people aged 18-35 to celebrate Mass with him on Saturday 3rd October, at 5pm, at St Philip Neri Church, Liverpool, L8 7NL, followed by dinner at Blackburne House. Anyone is most welcome, and there is no cost for the event. Please book your place for dinner here:

achdioceseofliverpool.org/youngadultmass

Season of Creation / St Francis Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk and Mass—Saturday 5th September

Join Archbishop John on this event to celebrate these two special events. The 3.6 mile walk will begin at St Francis of Assisi Church, Garston at 10.00am, take us through Sefton Park and end at St Anthony of Padua Church, Mossley Hill. Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm, followed by pack lunch in the hall.

To sign up: archdioceseofliverpool.org/creation
or contact: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,
Lydia Kelly
Barbara Gildart
Helen Westwood
Doreen Johnson
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
Anthony Smith
Barbara Wilkinson
May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.