

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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

Tuesday 31st March Tuesday of Holy Week

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Naithoma Anniversary
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Wednesday 1st April Wednesday of Holy Week

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Deacon Dennis Vint
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Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Eleketty & Ceaser
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Friday 3rd April Good Friday

Sacred Heart	3.00pm	-	The Passion of the Lord
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Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday

Sacred Heart	10.30am	-	Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets (Święconka)
St Joseph's	8.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Steven Naylor Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

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



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
29th March 2026

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Food for thought!

Holy week invites us into a special journey of reflection, remembrance and renewal. We walk together alongside the story of sacrifice, love and hope. As we enter this Holy Week we are called to open our hearts and consider the meaning of faith in our own lives, embracing both the weight of the cross and the light of resurrection that follows. The opening line of the Psalm for this Sunday is very moving. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." When someone is going through very difficult times and things are really tough, they may ask that question – but God is love, and love never abandons anyone. The journey through sacrifice and reflection leads us to the promise of new life, reminding us that even in our darkest moments, light is never far away. As we journey through this week together with the Lord may we listen and hear with humility - praying that as a Church, we may go on loving - through insult and praise - through acceptance and rejection - in the sure knowledge that through His wounds we are healed.

May the rainbows of our Faith, Hope and Love shine for all to see!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Deacon Dennis Vint

John Tuttle

John Gunning

Kath Brady

Pauline Woods

Jean Mary Hollingworth

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

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

For those to be received into the Church

at St Joseph's Church and

Doctors and Nurses in war zones

at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for April: For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święconka)

The annual Polish Blessing of Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church.

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.



THE TRIDUUM

Together we gather praying as one, remembering all that the Lord has done. From **Thursday** night with bread and cup

When quiet prayers are lifted up.

The Priest's then in humility made sweet,

With towel and water he washes feet.

On **Friday** dark, the cross we see,

A gift of love for you and me.

Then the **Easter Vigil** with

candle and flame

those Journeying in Faith

will be called by name

Then **Easter** breaks bright and new With Hope restored in morning dew.

The tomb is empty, His body gone,

Christ is risen, the victory won

Stations of the Cross during Lent

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday.

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 center and the Service will be outside St Mary's Church.

'For God so loved the World that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'

Altar Server's Practice for the Triduum

Altar servers from both churches are invited to come along to the following rehearsals:

Sunday 29th March 2.00pm at St Joseph's Church (for the Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Good Friday 1.00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Holy Saturday 2.30pm at St Joseph's Church

Collection Good Friday

The collection on Good Friday will be for the Holy Places

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Twelve Apostles Pilgrimage to Walsingham will leave after the 9.00am Mass at St Richards on Easter Monday.

Chrism Mass

Wednesday 1st April

We will leave St Joseph's Church at 5.30pm to arrive at the Cathedral in good time to avail ourselves of facilities and get seated etc. Thank you to all who have signed up to attend.

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.