

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 11th April Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss RIP
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Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen & Albert Boardman RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Marsh & Lally Families

Monday 13th April Week 2 of Easter

Sacred Heart	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	Pauline Woods
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Tuesday 14th April Week 2 of Easter

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Jean Hollingworth
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Wednesday 15th April Week 2 of Easter

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving (KS)
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Thursday 16th April Week 2 of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	NO MASS
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Friday 17th April Week 2 of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	NO MASS
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Saturday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Catherine Bailey Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	May Malley
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Keavney

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmsley Road
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**Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Sunday 12th April 2026**

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Parish Administrators

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Office Hours:

Mon, **Closed St J**
Wed, 10am—2pm **SH**
Thur, 10am - 2pm **St J**
Fri, 10am - 2pm **St J**



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Food for thought!

If we think about the moment when Thomas the Apostle saw the Risen Jesus after the Resurrection, many people may wonder how they would react in that situation. Most of us would probably react with shock and disbelief at first. Seeing someone who had died appear alive again would be very hard to understand. After the initial shock and surprise, people may feel, amazement, wonder, joy and relief. The story of Thomas teaches us that it's natural for humans to have questions and doubts, but it can also lead to a deeper faith. "Peace be with you", these were the words of the Risen Lord Jesus echoed down the centuries, calling us to become ever more a community of believers, who deeply know and powerfully radiate the great mercy that flows from the Cross, and the sure hope found in the Resurrection. In these difficult times in which there is so much sadness, concern, and grieving, we experience anew the Good News that transforms any darkness!

Believe in Him and His peace is yours!

Alleluia!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

John Gunning

Pauline Woods

Jean Hollingworth

Gerard Taylor

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 Mullingan

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Vigil For Peace

On Saturday 11th April, a Prayer Vigil for Peace will be celebrated by Pope Leo in St Peter's Basilica, and everyone, both in person and following from home, is invited to join.

The Vigil will take place at 6pm Rome time.

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.

Mothers' Prayers Meeting

The next Mothers' Prayers will take place on Monday 13th April, at 10.30am, in St Joseph's Presbytery. All Mothers and Grandmothers welcome.

First Holy Communion

Sacramental Programme for children who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools

Session 3 Sunday 12th April

Session 4 Sunday 19th April

Celebration of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church:
Saturday 25th April at 10.30am

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

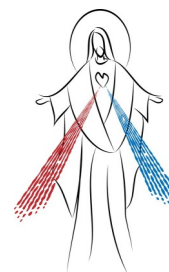
This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Peacemakers

at St Joseph's Church
and

People of the Parish

at Sacred Heart Church



Divine Mercy Sunday,
God's mercy often makes us more aware of our neighbours' wounds. It encourages us to help those suffering in mind or body, to bring peace to those suffering spiritually or physically, and to listen and bring comfort to another person.

For in doing such things we "encounter Jesus,"

Pope Francis



CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Please scan the QR Code or donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



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.

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, Wroughtington, WN6 9PA

Tuesday 21st April 7pm—9.30pm

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

For more information, please contact:

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Christian Aid Quiz

The Big Christian Aid Quiz with Hotpot supper included (£10 per person)

Friday 8th May, 7.30pm start
Greenalls Social Club,
St Helens, WA10 4DN

For more information/booking:

Please contact

Janice Watkins on **01744 27425**

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Second Collection

The next Second Collection will be for the **Priest's Training Fund** and will take place on the weekend 25th/26th April.