

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 28th February *Second Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Phyllis Bailey Birthday Memorial
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### Sunday 1st March *Second Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen & Vincent Unsworth Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Binish & Shana 19th Wedding Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Zuzanna Katarzyna Barcikowska & Arlo Hogan-Fishwick

### Tuesday 3rd March *Week 2 of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (MO's)
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### Wednesday 4th March *Week 2 of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Keavney
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### Thursday 5th March *Week 2 of Lent*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	Sacred Heart School—Lenten Mass
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### Friday 6th March *Week 2 of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen Topping RIP
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Michael Tighe

### Saturday 7th March *Week 2 of Lent*

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

### Saturday 7th March *Third Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen Laithwaite
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### Sunday 8th March *Third Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Vera & William Waddelove
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Aimee Binish 15th Birthday

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**1st March 2026**

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### Parish Administrators

Jacqui Unsworth  
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### Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**  
Wed, 10.00am—2.00pm **SH**  
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Fri. Closed **St J**



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### Food for thought!

In last week's Gospel we saw Jesus being tempted by the devil - just like the rest of us! This week we see Him transformed in all His glory – the glory of God...not like the rest of us! Many people nurse a secret dream of glory and want to stand out and be recognised. Some dream of the glory of being the most admired person in the room - or scoring the winning goal - the ballerina star - the actor picking up the Academy award etc. Lots of people chase appreciation, recognition, and long to stand out in glory. On the mountain Peter, James and John got a glimpse of real glory – the glory of God revealed in Jesus. As Christians, our dream of glory is meant to mature so that eventually we stand out, not by talent, looks, muscles, or speed, but by the love we give and receive to and from others – it's living out the Gospel values, it's by the depth of our compassion, and the quality of our forgiveness. As we continue our Lenten journey may we make sure that we don't miss any of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually!  
Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Kathleen Keavney**

**Michael Tighe**

**Stephen Chase**

**Neil Fairclough**

**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 Mullingan

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Peace in the Middle East**

at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Retired Clergy**

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.

### First Holy Communion

#### Preparation for Children who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools

The sessions for the Sacramental Programme, 'With You Always' will begin next Sunday 8th March. If your child is in Year 4 or above, has been baptised and would like to make their

First Holy

Communion, please speak to

Fr. Kieran this weekend.

**You will need to complete a First Holy Communion Form. These can be found in the sacristy.**

### 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**

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the parents of  
Zuzanna Kataryzna Barcikowska &  
Arlo Hogan-Fishwick

Who celebrate the Sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

### Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes will be available at all Masses on the weekend of 14th & 15th March. At both churches you will be able to collect your envelopes from the back of church.

Please note, that if you no longer pay tax but are still signed up for Gift Aid Scheme, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible, so that we can make the necessary changes. If you pay tax but have not yet signed up the Gift Aid Scheme please consider doing so. For every pound that you donate the Parish can claim an extra 25p from the government. Last year Gift Aid brought in for the parish **£7,706**. Signing up is simple and confidential. For more information please speak to either Jacqui or Agnes.

Thank you for continued kindness to our parish.

### Thoughts on today's Gospel.....

Jesus climbed the mountain high

The earth was resting below the sky.

Friends walked with Him, tired and slow

Not knowing what they soon would know.

Then a sudden light -brighter than day

Shining where He knelt to pray.

His face shone like sunlight, warm and bright

His clothes as white as heavens light.

They felt the joy and they felt fear,

For God's own glory had come so near.

Hearts that were touched by Heaven's flame,

Would never, ever be the same.

We don't climb that hill today

Yet still His light can find a way.

When we forgive, when we care,

His shining glory lingers there.

### The Irenaueus: Pilgrimage through Lent

The Irenaueus Centre would like to invite you to a series of Lenten Evenings held on Tuesdays at 7pm on the following dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 March.

For more information and Zoom links please contact:

[centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com)

### The Annual World Day of Prayer 6th March 2026

Two Services will be held this year at Christ Church Pennington, 12.00pm and 7.00pm.

It has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

All are very welcome!

### CAFOD

This week's second collection is for **CAFOD**.

You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) Or call 0303 303 3030 Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday.

Next week's Second Collection will be for the **S.V.P.**