

Saturday 25th July *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00noon	Memorial Service	Anne Smith (nee Cooney)
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Barbara Parry Anniversary

Sunday 26th July *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Terry Malley Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Kennedy RIP

Tuesday 28th July *Week 17 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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Wednesday 29th July Memorial of SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Josie Martland
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Thursday 30th July *Week 17 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Jim Fleming
St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Paul Trigger

Friday 31st July Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth Coffey
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Saturday 1st August Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Patricia & Alfred Case 70th Wedding Anniversary Memorial

Saturday 1st August *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Memorial Service	Kath Brady (nee Hilton)
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Dennis Vint RIP

Sunday 2nd August *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joseph Mlay & Phelista Shayo
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Denver Tayler, Cohen Keavney & Penelope Kelly

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



Sacred Heart Church
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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 26th July 2026**

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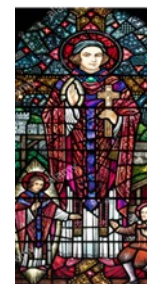
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Office Hours:

Mon, 1.30pm—4.30pm **St J**
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Food for thought!

What is the thing that you treasure the most? Is your treasure the Kingdom of God in your life? Does your heart feel God's presence in the storms of life as well as when things are going smoothly? Today Jesus tells us...where your heart is, that is where your treasure will be—and if your treasure is the Lord then your heart is in the right place. In today's Gospel Jesus gives a whole series of images to help us to understand what its like to glimpse the Kingdom of God. Jesus uses parables to help us to fully understand that God's love is like a priceless treasure. The Word of God invites us to trust more fully and more unconditionally in God's goodness, no matter what situation we may find ourselves in. St Paul reminds us today that God cooperates with all those who love Him. We may never fully grasp the truth of God's loving personal relationship with us, but He wants each one of us to experience the joy having His Spirit breathing through our being with the power of love and forgiveness. Isn't that worth more than any treasure on earth? If you have the Kingdom of God, you have everything, and if you don't have the Kingdom of God, you have nothing... so put God first and all falls into place.

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Josie Martland

Paul Trigger

Rita Coleman

Helen Westwood

Doreen Johnson

Robert Barlow

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

Barbara Gildart

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mullingan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them
with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine
for:

Victims of the Earthquake in Venezuela
at St Joseph's Church
and
Cancellation of Third World Debt
at Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and
housebound, please speak to the Parish Office.

The Pope's Intention for July:

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and
protection of human life in all its
stages, recognising it is a gift from God.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

This weekend's second collection is for the
CAFOD Emergency Venezuela
Earthquake Appeal.

CAFOD tell us that **£30** could provide
essential hygiene supplies to three
families to prevent illness.

£50 could help provide emergency food
support to two families.

Your donation will reach families
affected by the earthquakes.

You can also donate online via:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today is the World Day for Grandparents and
the Elderly. It is celebrated every 4th Sunday
in July and is presented as an opportunity to
bring the closeness of the Church to the
elderly and to enhance their contribution
within families and communities.

It is observed each year close to the memorial
of St Joachim and St Anne, the grandparents
of Jesus.

Ordination Anniversary

Last Monday, I celebrated 24 years
as a Priest. I give thanks and praise
to God for the many blessings I have
received in those 24 years. It is a
profound joy to share the gift of
priesthood with you, as we journey
together proclaiming the love of
God.

Oppose Assisted Suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill
is back in the House of Commons and
seeks to legalise assisted dying.
It will have its Second Reading and vote
on Friday 11th September 2026.

Please write to your MP to make your
voice heard and oppose the Bill.

Please speak up and voice your
opposition. The charity Right to Life UK
has a simple online mechanism to do
this. It takes little more than a few
minutes to enter your postcode, make
sure the suggested text suits your
viewpoint and submit your
message to ask your MP to stop this
flawed Bill progressing through
Parliament.

For more information and resources:

cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide
righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

Fundraiser for Fr. Simon Cadwallader's Parish in Peru

Saturday 22nd August at 12.30pm
In St Helens Church Parish Centre
Alexandra Road, L23 7TQ

There will be a short video showing life
in Fr Simon's Parish, Our Lady Queen of
Peace. For your extra enjoyment there
will also be an 'animated' exhibition of
paintings by local artist, Marion Smith.
Tea, Coffee, cakes available, as well as
stalls and a hamper raffle.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful
afternoon for a great cause!

PAX CHRISTI

Thank you for your donation of £276.83
for 2026 Peace Sunday.

We are very grateful for your support
and for your encouragement to us in
our work.

Faith into Action

Volunteering with CAFOD

Would you like to volunteer for
CAFOD and make a difference in the
lives of countless people in poverty
throughout the world?

You can help in your parish, local
schools and other interesting ways.

If you're interested in joining
CAFOD's community of volunteers
for a better world, please get in
touch on Liverpool@cafod.org.uk
or **07779 804241**

We look forward to meeting you.

The Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith Sunday 30th August at 3pm

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.

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