

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 18th July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Lythgoe Family Anniversary
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Sunday 19th July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Brenda Byrne First Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Theodore Richardson, Daisy Hailwood, Ginny Ridley & Arthur McCormick

Monday 20th July *Week 16 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John O'Grady Anniversary
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Tuesday 21st July *Week 16 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Richard Niecsier
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Wednesday 22nd July *Feast of St Mary Magdalene*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Thursday 23rd July *Feast of St Bridget*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	NO MASS
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Friday 24th July *Week 16 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	NO MASS
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Saturday 25th July *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Memorial Service	Anne Smith
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

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



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 19th July 2026

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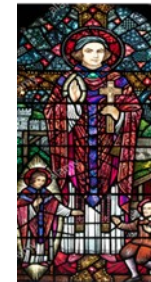
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Parish Administrators

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Office Hours:

Mon, 9.00am—4.30pm **St J**
Wed, 10am—2pm **SH**
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Food for thought!

The Word from God today tells us about the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Through this simple image Jesus reveals the profound truths about good and evil. While weeds and wheat grow together for a while this parable reminds us that God will separate what is good and what is bad. We only have to look at the news to see that in our world we have plenty of 'wheat and weeds'! As we see the weeds thriving in the garden and wonder how to tackle them without damaging the plants around them, we can contemplate God's problem with humanity! Does He deal with the "weeds" and risk damaging the crop - or does He wait and allow them to grow together and sort them all out at the harvest? As with all parables we can take it as a nice story – or we can reflect on it and try to understand what the Lord is saying. We can be very judgmental and see the 'weeds' in others - their choices, actions, and habits etc. but we don't always see our own faults. By choosing kindness, integrity, forgiveness and obedience to God, we become the wheat that bears good fruit. What marvels the Lord can work through you and me if we let Him!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Richard Niecsier

Josie Martland

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

Doreen Johnson

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

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:

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

at St Joseph's Church
and

**Refreshing summer holiday for pupils
and staff at our three primary schools
and at St Mary's High School**
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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer

Theodore Richardson, Daisy Hailwood,

Ginny Ridley & Arthur McCormick

and their families, who receive this powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

This Weekend's Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for

Priests in Retirement.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held this coming **Tuesday 21st July at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Presbytery**. If there are any issues or concerns you would like discussed at the meeting, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions

When requesting a Mass intention for either Sacred Heart or St Joseph's, we will always do our best to accommodate the date you have asked for. However, because of the 'People of the Parish' Mass, which is celebrated by all churches and is required by Canon Law, and Funerals, your preferred date may not always be possible. Thank you for your understanding.



A better world needs all of us

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many of our neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including Churches and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. Despite this, our trusted Church partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. On the weekend, **25th/26th July**, there will be a second collection after Mass to help support the vital search and rescue work that is happening right now. Thank you for your support.

Friends of the Holy Land — Looking for Volunteer Ambassadors

Friends of the Holy Land are looking for volunteer ambassadors to speak up to 8 times per year at Catholic parishes, schools and colleges. To apply, please contact the team by email:

office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Telephone: **01926 512980**

or contact Edmund Adamus,
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The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince **07766681339**

Lourdes Archdiocese Pilgrimage 2026

On Wed 22nd July, thousands of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be making their annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will be the 103rd year and 2026 marks 50 years of The Youth Pilgrimage.

The Archdiocese is inviting all parishes to join in praying the Novena each day. Please take a copy of the Novena Prayer as you leave Mass. It can be prayed at home, and it will also be prayed together after Mass.

Lourdes Petitions

There is an opportunity this weekend to fill in a Lourdes Prayer or Petition sheet at both churches. After the Sunday Masses, they will be taken to the Metropolitan Cathedral for the annual Lourdes Mass, and from there they will be carried to Lourdes next week. Please complete the form in church and place it in the box provided.

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