

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

**Saturday 9th May Week 5 of Easter**

St Joseph's	10.30am	-	First Holy Communion 12A School Year 4
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**Saturday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eric Pendlebury Anniversary
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**Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

**Tuesday 12th May Week 6 of Easter**

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Paul Unsworth Anniversary
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**Wednesday 13th May Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral**

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Sydney Butterworth Anniversary
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass	Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord

**Thursday 14th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Elders in our Parish
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**Friday 15th May Week 6 of Easter**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joseph Garvey Anniversary
St Joseph's	1.30pm	-	Wedding of Ehlana & Luke

**Saturday 16th May Week 6 of Easter**

St Joseph's	10.30am	-	First Holy Communion St Joseph's School Year 4
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**Saturday 16th May Seventh Sunday of Easter**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Bernard Worden RIP
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**Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Terry & John Donohue RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Ted Burgess RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Rosalia & Roel Vasija



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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 10th May 2026**

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**Food for thought!**

In today's Gospel the words Jesus spoke to his disciples... 'I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you', were spoken when the disciples must have been feeling anxious and uncertain about the future. But Jesus promised that they would not be left alone without guidance, comfort, or belonging, He would remain with them through the Holy Spirit. For believers today, these words speak to us too. There are moments in life when we may feel alone - times when relationships fail - the future seems uncertain – worry can overwhelm us etc. Many people carry hidden loneliness, rejection or grief and may feel forgotten by others, and sometimes even by God. But Jesus promises us that we are not abandoned children – we are known and never alone when we follow Him. Keeping His commandments is not about empty rule following - it means choosing compassion over judgement, forgiveness over resentment, humility over pride - It's how we speak - how we treat others, and how we respond when it's difficult. By putting His teachings into action our faith becomes more than words it becomes something visible!

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Trev Picking**

**Patricia Hoy**

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

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### 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:

**Our Safeguarding Reps**

at St Joseph's Church  
and

**Peace in the Middle East**

at Sacred Heart Church

### The Pope's Intention for May:

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large Producers to small Consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the Year 4 Children from Twelve Apostles School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

The Year 4 Children from St Joseph's School, make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May, at 10.30am, at St Joseph's.

### The Month of May

The month of May is a time of special devotion to Mary, our Spiritual Mother, and Mother of the Church. As spring brings new life and beauty into the world, we are reminded of Mary's role in bringing Jesus, the source of life and grace into our lives.

This week the Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.

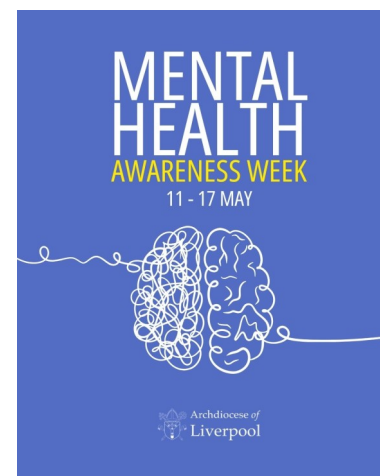
### Next Sundays Retiring Collection

will be for World Communications

### Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May, at 10.30am, in St Joseph's Presbytery.

All Mothers and Grandmothers welcome.



This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at both Churches:  
**Wednesday 7.00pm St Joseph's Church**  
**Thursday 10.00am Sacred Heart Church**

### An Evening Talk by Mary Hardiman: 'Walking with Jesus'

**Wednesday 20th May at 7pm**

All are invited to an evening talk entitled 'Walking with Jesus'. A captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary will be presenting her thoughts on the gospel story of The Road to Emmaus. She will be asking searching questions and helping us see its relevance in our faith journey.

A former School Teacher, Mary is now a Counsellor working in North West prisons with people affected by trauma, as well as the author of 'My Name is Beloved', a book of gospel stories.

The event will take place at Our Lady and All Saints School, Parbold, WN8 7HD, With refreshments provided.

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or **01257 463248**

### Mental Health Awareness Week 11-17 May 2026

Mental Health Awareness Week is not just a date on the calendar, but an opportunity to re-assess how we care for ourselves and each other.

The 2026 theme—**Action**—reminds us that our faith calls us to active love and compassion.

**For Yourself:** Prioritise time to rest and pray, recognising that your mental health is as important as your physical health.

**For Someone Else:** Actively check in on friends and neighbours who may be struggling in silence.

**For All of Us:** Let us strengthen our Parish as a welcoming community where no one feels alone.

### Missionaries of Charity May Procession Saturday 30th May

You're very welcome to join the Missionaries of Charity May Procession.

Fr. Peter Ross, assistant Priest at St Wilfrid's Parish in Widnes, will lead the procession, starting at St Peter's Square, before moving on to Bold Street, Church Street and Whitechapel, before finishing at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine on Queens Square. A special invitation is extended to those making their First Holy Communion.

If you would like to volunteer at the procession, contact Jim Ross on:

[jimmy.ross@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.ross@gmail.com)

### Young Adult trip to Assisi

During the **800th anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi**, we're offering an exciting opportunity to people aged 18-35 to go on a pilgrimage to Assisi from 29th November—2 December 2026.

For more information & booking:  
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/BookAssisi>