

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 23rd May Week 7 of Easter

Sacred Heart	10.30am	First Holy Communion Sacred Heart School Year 4	For the children and their families
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Saturday 23rd May Vigil of Pentecost—Whit Sunday

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Gerard Poyner Anniversary
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Sunday 24th May Vigil of Pentecost—Whit Sunday

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick & Deidre Costello & Family

Tuesday 26th May Memorial of St Philip Neri

St Joseph's	11.30am	Funeral Service	Ellen Johnson
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Jorge Godiff-Pulido (Sick)

Wednesday 27th May Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

St Joseph's	11.30am	Funeral Mass	Patricia Hoy
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Thursday 28th May Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Brother John Dawson (Sick)
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Friday 29th May Week 8 in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Gordon Bailey Anniversary
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Saturday 30th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Trev Picking RIP
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Sunday 31st May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Brenda Byrne
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Toher Family

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmsley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Solemnity of Pentecost
Sunday 24th May 2026

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
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Mon, BH **St J**
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Thurs, Closed **St J**
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Food for thought!

In the Gospel reading a couple of Sundays ago, Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them orphans, that He would come back to them through the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered together and witnessed that promise come true. Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit that filled them with courage and power. He also gave them a message of forgiveness, telling them to share God's mercy and forgiveness with others. Jesus' words of "Peace be with you" reminds us that we do not have to live in fear or guilt, or hopelessness. Through His Spirit, He gives us strength, guidance and comfort each day. Pentecost also reminds us that the Church was born through the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we continue that mission supporting one another in faith, so that we can carry that message of love and forgiveness to all people. This is the message of Pentecost; to embrace the Holy Spirit, to open the gifts that He has given to each one of us so that our faith will shine as we draw others to Him!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Ellen Johnson

Patricia Hoy

Alan Whittle

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

Brother John Dawson SCJ

Sean Fleming

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mullingan

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:

For the discovery of a Ebola Vaccine

at St Joseph's Church

and

Those sitting exams

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

Sacred Heart School, who made their

First Holy Communion this weekend.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

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.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will

be held on Wednesday 27th May.

If there are any issues you would like

discussing at the meeting, please let

Fr. Kieran know this weekend.

Tea & Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after the

11.00am Mass on Sunday 31st May.

All welcome.

Reconciliation

Please note that the Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration

and Mass will be celebrated on

Saturday 6th June at 11.00am followed

by midday Mass.



Catholic Legacy Week

Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May,

Is a time when Parishes and Catholic
charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work
made possible in the life of the Church
through gifts in Wills.

Find out more about the week using this
QR code or at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek>



Foundations Governors

We are looking to fill positions for Foundation
Governors at our two Primary Schools, Sacred
Heart School and Twelve Apostles School.

To become a Foundation Governor you must be
a practicing Catholic, with an interest in working
alongside other governors, the Headteacher and
staff, for the good of our young children.

For more information, please contact:

Sacred Heart School: 01942 674226 or

Twelve Apostles School: 01942 674312 or

speak to Fr. Kieran after Mass or the chair of
governors for each school:

Mrs Kathryn Perry: Sacred Heart

Mrs Paula Crawley: XII Apostles

PENTECOST

This powerful feast of the Holy Spirit brings Eastertide to
a close and we return to Ordinary Time in the Liturgy of
the Church—which is of course extraordinary as always,
filled with miracles and Heavenly gifts beyond measure!

We praise the Lord for the blessings we've received
throughout Eastertide, as we continue our proclamation
of the Good News, empowered by the Holy Spirit!

New Card Machine

I am pleased to announce that both
Churches have a new contactless
card machine. This will provide a
simple, convenient way for those
who wish to pay by card. It's very
easy to use. Just click on either £5,
£10 or the amount you wish to
donate. We will also be able to use
these machines for other events like
the Christmas Fair etc. As always, I
am deeply grateful for your
continued generosity to our Parish.

Fr. Kieran

Day For Life—Sunday 21st June

Archbishop John Sherrington is
inviting all parishes and
parishioners across the

Archdiocese to join together in
praying a Novena in preparation
for the forthcoming Day for Life on
Sunday 21st June. The Novena will
run from Saturday 23rd May to the
Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31st
May).

The Novena is available at:

<https://cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life>

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

is available to hire for parties etc.

To book the room, please

contact: Christine Prince

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