

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Catherine Bailey Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	May Malley
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Keavney

Monday 20th April Week 3 of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	Mass	For the loss of a Father
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Tuesday 21st April Week 3 of Easter

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	For all Polish and their Needs
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Wednesday 22nd April Week 3 of Easter

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Sheila Crawley RIP
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Thursday 23rd April Solemnity of St George

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Funeral Service	Gerard Taylor

Friday 24th April Week 3 of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	NO MASS
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Saturday 25th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Michael Tighe RIP
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Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alfred Case Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	For the Good Health Birthday Renzil Braganca

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



Sacred Heart Church
Walmsley Road
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Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday 19th April 2026

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Food for thought!

In today's Gospel we hear how two of Jesus' disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, carrying the weight of confusion and sorrow about the recent crucifixion of Jesus and the shattering of their hopes. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we can be heavy burdened by events in our lives.

We too often face moments of confusion, disappointment, or loss. What makes this story so meaningful is that Jesus walks with them, even when they don't recognise Him at first. This can mirror our own lives and often its only in hindsight that we see we were not as alone as we felt.

Sometimes guidance, truth or even support is right in front of us and we don't recognise it. The Road to Emmaus is very relatable to us because it's not just about a journey long ago; it's about our own journey through doubt, discovery, and hope. The Lord is with us always, opening our eyes to recognise Him, and helping us to feel His peace. A simple Emmaus method for life is this...Walk with Him...Talk to Him...Listen and be open to Him...then Act and move forward with new purpose and understanding!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Gerard Taylor
Mary Smith

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 Mulligan
Josie Newell

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:

Pope Leo
at St Joseph's Church
and
Archbishop John
at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for April: For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

First Holy Communion

Sacramental Programme for children who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools

Session 4 Sunday 19th April

Celebration of **First Holy Communion** at Sacred Heart Church:
Saturday 25th April at 10.30am

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life

On Sunday 19th April at 4.30pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands.

Archbishop John Sherrington wishes for all of God's people to unite with the Bishops Conference in this Holy Hour. So, wherever you are please join them in prayer for the dignity of all human life.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the family of

Isla McGarrie

Who celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We hold them in our love and prayers.

Second Collection

The next Second Collection will be for the **Priest's Training Fund** and will take place on the weekend 25th/26th April.

Tea & Coffee

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday 26th April.



CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Please scan the QR Code or donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



Christian Aid Quiz

The Big Christian Aid Quiz with Hotpot supper included (£10 per person)

Friday 8th May, 7.30pm start
Greenalls Social Club,
St Helens, WA10 4DN

For more information/booking:
Please contact
Janice Watkins on **01744 27425**

Or email Andy:
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Notre Dame School

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on the 17th May for all ex-pupils and teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch and a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity and a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by the 3rd May to Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173 or berniemshaw@hotmail.com

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

St Joseph's Players

St Joseph's Players Present
Murder On The Nile
By Agatha Christie
Tuesday 21st April—Saturday 25th April
Curtain up 7.30pm
Adult £12 Child £6
Tickets are available on Ticketsource or pay on the door.