

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 7th March Week 2 of Lent

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Saturday 7th March Third Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen Laithwaite
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Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Vera & William Waddelove
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Aimee Binish 15th Birthday

Tuesday 10th March Week 3 of Lent

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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Wednesday 11th March Week 3 of Lent

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boone & Campbell Family RIP
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Thursday 12th March Week 3 of Lent

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	George Cartledge
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Friday 13th March Week 3 of Lent

St Joseph's	10.30am	Mass	12A School Class Mass for Years 5, 3 & 1
St Joseph's	1.00pm	Funeral Service	Stephen Chase

Saturday 14th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Philip Newton RIP
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Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Sheila Crawley RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Michael Tighe RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	William David Sheen

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



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Third Sunday of Lent 8th March 2026

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Food for thought!

Most of us want to be loved and for people to accept us just as we are. To be loved by someone who knows everything about us, all the good and all the bad, is a real gift! In the Gospel today we see the life-changing encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. Jesus treated this outsider with respect and kindness - nobody treated her that way! She was regarded as worthless by the standards of the Jewish society at that time; yet she was loved and accepted by Jesus. When Jesus speaks to her, He starts a process that brings her from feeling worthless to being the evangelizer to her village. The woman at the well had her sins "washed away" by Jesus. The image of "living water" is used throughout scripture as a symbol of God's wisdom; a wisdom that gives life and blessing to all who receive it. Every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist we are drinking His living water. Every time we turn to Him for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we drink at this fountain of mercy. This time of Lent is a special season of grace in our Church; so if your life feels rather dry or empty don't waste this Lent - keep close to the Lord and let Him fill you with His Living Water that brings lasting peace and purpose.
Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Stephen Chase

Neil Fairclough

Sheila Whittaker

Deacon Bernard Worden

Deacon Dennis Vint

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

Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Peace in the Middle East

at St Joseph's Church
and

**For those separated from
loved ones**

at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for March:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers Meeting will be held on **Monday 9th March**, 10.30am, at St Joseph's Presbytery. All Mothers and Grandmothers welcome.

The Mother's Prayer Group will lead the **Stations of the Cross** this week after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.

This week's Second Collection:

The S.V.P.

The S.V.P. continue to offer help and support to families and individuals in our parish and beyond our parish boundaries. Please give generously.

R.C.I.A.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers who are preparing for Reception and receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. May they feel the love and support at this important time of their lives

Carrie, Courtney, Sara,

Sian, Nick, and Matty

The **First Scrutiny** takes place this weekend at Mass.

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is available to hire for parties etc. To book the room, please contact: Christine Prince: **07766681339**

Deacon Bernard Worden R.I.P. and Deacon Dennis Vint R.I.P.

I heard the sad news last Sunday morning that Deacon Bernard had died. On Thursday morning I received further sad news that Deacon Dennis had died.

These two men served God and the people of this parish with such dedication, deep faith, and warm and friendly personalities. We were blessed as a Parish to have Bernard and Dennis as our deacons.

Please pray for their families.

May Bernard and Dennis rest in God's peace and love, as they now enter paradise surrounded by all their loved ones who gone before them.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes will be available at all Masses next weekend. At both churches you will be able to collect your envelopes from the back of church. Please let us know if you no longer pay tax but are still signed up for Gift Aid Scheme. Last year Gift Aid brought in for the parish **£7,706**. Signing up is simple and confidential.

For more information please speak to either Jacqui or Agnes.

Thank you for continued kindness to our parish.

The Irenaeus: Pilgrimage through Lent

The Irenaeus Centre would like to invite you to a series of Lenten Evenings held on Tuesdays at 7pm on the following dates:

10, 17, 24 March.

For more information and Zoom links please contact:

centreirenaeus@gmail.com

Nugent Collection

14/15th March 2026

This Lent, we invite everyone to come together to support our neighbours in need. Your generosity will help local charity Nugent, continue the mission of Fr. James Nugent, bringing care, dignity and hope to individuals and families across our communities.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is on the 1st April this year in the Cathedral. A coach will leave St Joseph's Church at 5.30pm. We would then hope to arrive at the Cathedral in good time to avail ourselves of facilities and get seated etc. If you would like to go please print your name and contact details on the form at the back of both churches.