

**Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

**Saturday 20th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Bernard Worden RIP
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**Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	For Good Health Birthday Chesley Braganca
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Lyra Elizabeth Madison Coughlin

**Tuesday 23rd June Week 12 in Ordinary Time**

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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**Wednesday 24th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**

St Joseph's	12.00pm	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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**Thursday 25th June Week 12 in Ordinary Time**

Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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**Friday 26th June Week 12 in Ordinary Time**

St Joseph's	9.30am	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
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**Saturday 27th June Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul**

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Prince Birthday Memorial
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**Sunday 28th June Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kath Brady RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 21st June 2026**

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Mon, Closed **St J**  
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Thurs, 11am—3pm **St J**  
Fri, Closed **St J**



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**Food for thought!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that even the hairs on our head are counted. In other words, Jesus reassures us of God's intimate knowledge of each one of us. It's a powerful reminder that we are never overlooked in our fast and busy world. Every detail of our lives matters to Him. God loves each one of us down to the tiniest detail. Each human being is created to be a dwelling place for God and His love. On the one hand, we have the comfort and security of God's love and protection—yet on the other hand being a Christian will make demands of us. As Christians sometimes we need to say, "No, that's wrong". Or simply, "No, that's not my style." God is aware of the times that we stay away from certain people or certain places. He is also aware of how we are treated by some when we give witness to His Presence.

Speaking out may mean that we might not be part of the in-crowd—but its infinitely better to be part of the in-heaven crowd than the in-crowd on earth. If we follow the Lord, we will have crosses to bear—suffering will not pass us by any more than it passed the Lord by. But whatever suffering and darkness we encounter, if we cling to Him, He will help us not to take the selfish or easy way out, but to carry on loving, forgiving and trusting however hard it may be. Do not be afraid to speak on His behalf, for He is with you always!

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

**Michael J Fox**

**John Brian Ridyard**

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

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

Josie Martland

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

### 27th/28th June Second Collection

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for **Peter's Pence**.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**To Cherish Life**

at St Joseph's Church and

**Brother John Dawson (Sick)**  
at Sacred Heart Church

### The Pope's Intention for June:

#### For the Values of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy, so think of ways you can try and become closer to Him and more like Him in the next few weeks.

For example, keep your bedroom tidy for Mum and Dad, buy your husband/wife/family/friend a little gift that says I love you, offer Sanctuary Lamp intentions for loved ones birthdays/ anniversary, donate to SVP/CAFOD to help someone worse off than yourself etc.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer

**Lyra Elizabeth Madison Coughlin**

and her family, who receives this powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

### Day for Life

#### 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'

There will be a **Second Collection** today for **Day for Life**.

Every year Day for Life falls on Father's Day, and we wish Fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy.

### Summer Raffle

Tickets are on sale before and after the weekend Masses.  
Raffle Tickets are **£2** a strip, with **five** chances to win great prizes.

The raffle will be drawn on **5th July**. We are also collecting unwanted and good quality gifts and bottles suitable for a raffle prize. Please leave them in the sacristy at St Joseph's Church or in the porch at Sacred Heart Church.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

### Happy Father's Day!!!

On this Father's Day we praise the Lord for our dads...

We pray for those men who have no children but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

For those who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

For those who are about to become fathers...that may they openly delight in their children.

For those who are no longer with us, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



### A Mother's Warmth

Icon Exhibition at the Metropolitan Cathedral  
**30<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> August**

The Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting *Mother's Warmth*, an exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian

Kostov. Through contemporary artwork inspired by the image of the Virgin Mary as Mother, the exhibition considers how compassion and care for one another can bring hope and healing in a divided world.

### 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

### Volunteer Your Teaching Talent

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service Team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people learn about this wonderful Cathedral.

[education@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@metcathedral.org.uk)

for more information.

### Tuesday 23rd June 2026

#### National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

On Tuesday 23rd June, The Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### Tea & Coffee

Tea & coffee will be held next Sunday 28th June, after the 11.00am Mass. All welcome.

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