

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 19th September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 20th September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Jones & Enid Kenwright RIP
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Fr. Joe Kendall RIP
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Sophia Wilkinson & Evie-Mae Bailey

Monday 21st September *Feast of St Matthew*

St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Paul Cunliffe
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Tuesday 22nd September *Week 25 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		NO MASS
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Wednesday 23rd September *Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word & Communion
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Thursday 24th September *Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham*

Sacred Heart	10.00am		Celebration of the Word & Communion
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Friday 25th September *Week 25 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am		NO MASS
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Saturday 26th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
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Sunday 27th September *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gordon Bailey Birthday Memorial

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 20th September 2026

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Food for thought!

How many times have you heard people say, or how often do we say 'it's not fair'? Maybe as we listen to today's Gospel our first reaction might echo those words! But we are reminded in today's Gospel that God doesn't think or act like we do! The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. We would probably think that people who worked longer deserved more, as we think of justice in terms of what is fair and what people deserve – God doesn't see it that way, and we often let God's generosity to others warp both our joy and our eyesight! In the end the workers in the vineyard remind us that God's kingdom isn't about who comes first, who works the longest, or who deserves the most. God doesn't measure by comparison; He welcomes us with love. May we always be as welcoming and generous as the landowner in today's parable. If someone moved by the Spirit comes looking for God, he or she will never find a closed door!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Paul Cunliffe

Edward White

Peter Cain

Christine Burke

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

Margaret Hawkins

Marian Hindley

Brenda Jones

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

John Mulligan

Josie Newell

Paul Ross

Cecily Simon

Barbara Wilkinson

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Care for Creation

at St Joseph's Church

and

For those who find it hard to forgive
at Sacred Heart Church

The Pope's Intention for September: For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Today's Second Collection will be for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** **(Home Missions)**

On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world, but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We hold in prayer **Sophia Wilkinson**
& Evie-Mae Bailey

and their families, who receive this powerful Sacrament in St Joseph's Church on Sunday. May they rejoice in God's presence.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Survey

In October, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) will conduct an audit on the archdiocesan safeguarding team and the work they do to keep our parishes safe.

As part of this audit, we're asking everyone within the Archdiocese of Liverpool—whether you are a victim, survivor, layperson, clergy, volunteer or parishioner—to take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The survey will close on Friday 25th September.

Please complete by scanning the QR code or visiting:

[forms.cloud.microsoft/e/
KU4BAFEYt2](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/KU4BAFEYt2)



St Joseph's Players presents
BLITHE SPIRIT by Noel Coward

A Ghostly comedy!

Tuesday 29th September -

Saturday 3rd October

Tickets: Adults £12

16 years and under £6

Pay on the door, on the night,

or online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/
st-josephs-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)

Commences at 7.30pm

Bar, Raffle and Tea & Coffee



St Mary's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College Open Evening

All our welcome to our
Open Evening on

Thursday 24th September,
5pm—7pm.

Mrs Brahms, Headteacher, will give a short address at 5.45pm and again at 6.45pm.

Reflection on Today's Gospel

Some workers came at break of day, and worked until the light gave way. Some came at noon, some came late, yet all received the same pay rate

The workers thought, this isn't fair we worked all day beneath the glare, Why should **they** get what we have gained? They worked less and we were strained.

The lesson is simple,
don't compare or complain,
Be grateful for blessings
and share without blame.
Let envy fall silent, let gratitude grow
For the gifts from God generously flow.
Don't envy another, be thankful and kind
God's grace is for all
not just those first in line!

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