

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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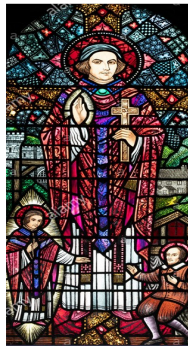
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd August 2026

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Food for thought!

It's part of our human nature to ask questions. As soon as children can speak, they constantly badger their parents with the constant "why" questions - that is how they make sense of the world in which we live in. Some can be answered quickly without much thought, but others require a more mature, thoughtful answer. In today's Gospel Jesus asks His disciples a powerful and deeply personal question: "Who do you say I am". Peter's response was a powerful declaration of faith and showed that Peter understood Jesus' true identity. At times he is rock-like in his faith, yet at other times he is frightened and weak. In a way Peter's story is our story too. We can be so much like him. We can blow hot and cold in our loyalty to the Lord. Yet, the Lord sees beyond our weaknesses just as He saw beyond Peter's weakness - and still believed in him. The Lord believes in the potential in each one of us. The question Jesus asks us today is...Who do you say I am"? May our answer be like Peter's; who loved, and sinned, but held on to the Lord anyway, probably never even imagining that he would become the leader of the Church. We praise the Lord for Peter the first Pope and for Pope Leo who is trying to guide our Church in the way of faith...hope...and love.

Praise Him!

Salesians Appeal

Next weekend, 29th/30th August, we welcome **Fr Steven Lloyd SDB** to our parish. He will be here to make an appeal on behalf of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Please give him a warm welcome.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 22nd August *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Neil Dixon
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Sunday 23rd August *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Moon 70th Wedding Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving

Tuesday 25th August *Memorial of St Edmund Arrowsmith*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	NO MASS
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Wednesday 26th August *Memorial of Bl Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	NO MASS
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Thursday 27th August *Memorial of St Monica*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	NO MASS
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Friday 28th August *Memorial of St Augustine*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	NO MASS
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Saturday 29th August *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 30th August *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Pendlebury Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Kennedy RIP

Children in Church

We warmly welcome children and families at all our Parish Masses. To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask parents to ensure their children do not run down the aisles. There are many hard surfaces and sharp corners in church, and we want to avoid anyone getting hurt.

Running in the aisles can also be a distraction for those who are praying.

Thank you for supporting a safe and prayerful environment for everyone.

We follow the guidelines of the **Liverpool Archdiocese Safeguarding Department**.

Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith

This year the Principal Celebrant will be **Fr. John Hogan** of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He is the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of **St Edmund Arrowsmith**. The Pilgrimage Mass will take place next Sunday 3.00pm at **St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Church, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NP**
All are welcome!

Please note that **any child** who needs to use the toilet during Mass **must be accompanied by their parent**.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,
Fr. Joe Kendal
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
John Mulligan
Josie Newell
Paul Ross
Barbara Wilkinson
May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Little Church / Children's Liturgy

Little Church/Children's Liturgy will resume at all three weekend Masses on **5th/6th September**.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

Peace in our World
at
St Joseph's Church
and
For healing in family difficulties
at Sacred Heart Church