

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 12th September *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris Pendlebury Anniversary
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Sunday 13th September *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Betty Kennedy Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

Tuesday 15th September *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Sheila Crawley Birthday Memorial
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Wednesday 16th September *Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boone & Campbell Families RIP
12A School	1.30pm	School Mass	Twelve Apostles School Mass of Welcome

Thursday 17th September *Week 24 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Pauline Woods RIP
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Friday 18th September *Week 24 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Starbuck RIP
Sacred Heart	11.30am	Funeral Service	Simon Frain

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

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



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 13th September 2026

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Food for thought!

The Word from God today is all about forgiveness. The First Reading tells us how awful resentment and anger are, and how we can cling on to them. Holding on to resentment and anger can feel justified, especially when we have been hurt, betrayed or treated unfairly. Yet, as Christians we are called to live differently.

The world may encourage us to hold on to our grievances, keep a score of wrongs, and allow bitterness to take root, but the Lord calls us to a life shaped by love, grace and forgiveness. How we live our lives - whether in love and forgiveness, or anger and resentment - affects others. Forgiveness doesn't mean that the hurt was insignificant or what happened was acceptable - rather, it means choosing to release the burden of resentment and anger, trusting God with the healing that sometimes we can't achieve on our own. Even when we get things wrong His mercy is bigger than our failures, and His compassion never runs out. Instead of anger He keeps offering forgiveness, restoration, and grace!

Where His love operates, we can recognise the presence of God in the face of every human being. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone lived this way...no more war...no more injustice...no more destroying our planet. May our lives echo the words of today's Psalm...**The Lord is compassion and love,**

slow to anger and rich in mercy!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died

Simon Frain

Paul Cunliffe

Edward White

Peter Cain

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:

For those who have strayed from their faith

at St Joseph's Church and

For those who are bereaved

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.

Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers Meeting will be held on Monday 14th September, at 10.30am, in St Joseph's Presbytery. All Mother's and Grandmother's welcome.

Ponder on today's Gospel - Resentment or Love

When anger knocks upon the door, and pain reminds you of before. You have a choice that you must make to hold the grudge or let it break.

Resentment whispers, "Don't forget Hold on to every pain and debt. But bitterness will steal your peace, and the hurt in your heart will never cease.

The Lord says this - choose a better way, Let love and mercy rule the day. So, when resentment calls your name and anger seeks to feed the flame. Choose love, and become what you're meant to be, Choose forgiveness – for that's the key that sets us free.



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.

Catholic Education

Today is Catholic Education Day and this offers us an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in education, to give thanks for teachers and learners, educational leaders and support staff; to rejoice with those who succeed and provide reassurance for those who struggle. This Education Sunday we pray that, through God's power, all those who study or work in schools, colleges or universities, may flourish and be open to knowing God's love as they are formed and re-formed.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Education
The Archdiocese of Liverpool oversees a network of around 230 Catholic schools and sixth-form colleges.

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



Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Missions)**

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.

Mass of Anointing and Prayers At the Shrine of St Peregrine Saturday 19th September 12.00pm

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW. St Peregrine is the patron saint of those with cancer and serious illnesses. All are welcome to pray for healing and comfort for themselves or loved ones who are ill or received difficult news. There will be Coffee and Cake to follow to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. All welcome!

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