

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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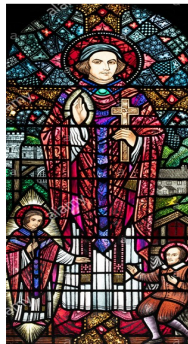
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th August 2026

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Food for thought!

In last week's Gospel Jesus said to Peter "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church"
- this week Jesus calls Peter an entirely different name altogether—he calls Peter Satan!
Jesus was not saying that Peter himself was Satan, but was trying to point out that he still hadn't quite got the message. Peter couldn't understand that Jesus' mission involved suffering, rejection, death and ultimately resurrection. Sometimes following God involves difficulties, sacrifice, and perseverance. We may be a bit like Peter and want to avoid pain at all costs, but Jesus encourages us to trust even when we can't see the outcome. He is encouraging us to face the pain of life instead of running away from it or blaming God. When we totally rely on the Lord, it helps us to welcome all that each new day brings—the past is buried in God—and He takes care of the future. Welcome each new day as irreplaceable and unique—the today in which the Lord is present. Try to live it with a heart that trusts. Let Him sing in you the radiant gift of life—to the point that the springs of joy and trust never run dry!

Whatever crosses we may have to bear, He is with us!

Praise Him!

Salesians Appeal

This 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 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.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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

Tuesday 1st September *Week 22 in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	NO MASS
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Wednesday 2nd September *Week 22 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	NO MASS
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Thursday 3rd September *Feast of St Gregory the Great*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	NO MASS
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Friday 4th September *Week 22 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Teresa Grainger
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Saturday 5th September *Week 22 in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.00am	-	Reconciliation & Adoration
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 5th September *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Teresa Warbis RIP
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Sunday 6th September *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Francis Tesmer
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Lilah Maeve Morris

Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The theme that Pope Leo XIV has chosen for 2026 is taken from Isaiah 2:4,
"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks"

Pope Leo highlights the links between armed conflict, environmental destruction, and human suffering. War, he argues, creates a "vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts".

Volunteers Needed at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, we are desperately looking for 2-3 volunteers to fill the slot on a Monday afternoon, from 2pm—4pm. If you can help, please phone 0151 949 1199 or contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died especially,
Fr. Joe Kendal
Simon Frain
 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 Lamps will shine for:

The Victims of the floods in Nepal

at St Joseph's Church
and

Peace in the Middle East

at Sacred Heart Church