

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

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 30th December <i>Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Coffey & Gregory Families
Sunday 31st December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jack Radley R.I.P.
Tuesday 2nd January <i>St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>			
Sacred Heart			No Mass
Wednesday 3rd January <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>			
St Joseph's			No Mass
Thursday 4th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>			
Sacred Heart			No Mass
Friday 5th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>			
St Joseph's			No Mass
Saturday 6th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Fred Barnes Anniversary
Sunday 7th January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Richard Hilton R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	O'Sullivan Family, Special Intention
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Luca Michael Boardman



Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Parish Office
St Joseph's Presbytery
Mather Lane
Leigh WN7 2PR
01942 673517
stedmund.leigh@rcaol.org.uk

31st December 2023
Feast of the Holy Family

Clergy Team:
Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
email: k.ogradey@rcaol.org.uk
Deacon: Dcn. Dennis Vint



Food for Thought

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The main purpose of the Feast is to realise that the Holy Family is the model for all Christian families. Jesus must have been influenced by the years he spent growing up with His family and we can tell from the Magnificat that Mary was passionate about God. Her love and excitement about the scriptures would have been communicated to Jesus from the start. Whatever values Mary and Joseph held would have been picked up by the growing Jesus. We know that Mary and Joseph lived together in love, growing together in faith, trust, and joy in spite of the difficulties they faced. Every family experience their own sufferings. Children make decisions which can hurt the hearts of their parents, and some children suffer because of their parents. May we follow the example of the Holy Family - in our homes - our families - our places of work - and in our Church family. As Families of Faith, we become the Body of Christ, helping others to see Jesus as the light of the world. Praise Him!



St Joseph's Church
Mather Lane
Leigh WN7 2PR

Parish Office Manager
Jacqui Unsworth

Office Hours:
Mon, Wed & Fri
9.30am—4.00pm

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially Edwina Caufield, James Connor 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:

**Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Catherine Peaty
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
Pat Avery
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley**

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

Thank You

Thank you to all who have worked so hard over the last year to make Sacred Heart and St Joseph's the wonderful gift of God that it is to so many! May He continue to bless you. Thank you as always for your prayers, cards and gifts and your support throughout the year! Be assured of my love and prayers for each one of you!

Fr. Kieran



Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Peter McGrail who will celebrate the 4.30pm Mass and Bishop Tom Neylon who will celebrate the 9.30am and 11.00am.

Christmas Memorial

Candles will be available to collect from the church porch from next weekend.

**Our Three Primary Schools:
Sacred Heart
St Joseph's
Twelve Apostles**

Thank you to the staff and the children who have worked so hard this term. May you all have a refreshing break and rest.

St Joseph's Players' 2024 Pantomime

CINDERELLA

Wednesday 24th January -
Saturday 3rd February 2024

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.15pm
All Matinees: 1pm and Saturday evening: 6.15pm

Tickets are available on:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office:
on Friday 5th, 12th and
19th January from 9.30-11.30

Group Bookings for 10 and over 07907 880308

St Joseph's Church

Some of the benches in St Joseph's Church have been cordoned off and are not to be used as there are problems with the floor area.
Sorry for this inconvenience.

Parents

Can I ask parents to please accompany their child, when they need to use the toilet in church.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for
**Peace in the world
At St Joseph's for
The Holy Land**

Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in the Archdiocese.

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.

Pope Francis

Children's Corner

What happened to the person who stole a calendar on New Year's Eve?
They got 12 months!



What's a cow's favorite night of the year?
Moo Year's Eve.