



Newsletter for the Parish of

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

19th July 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday 4.30pm Sunday 9.30am	Kathleen Ruanne L.D. Sydney Fletcher sick
Monday in Ordinary Time	.John O'Grady Anni. Fr Kieran's 18th Ordination Anniversary
Tuesday in Ordinary Time	Eugene
Wednesday Feast of St Mary Magdalene	Kathleen Ruane R.I.P. (Public Mass)
Thursday Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	Sheila Crawley
Friday, in Ordinary Time	Marion Costello R.I.P.
Saturday Feast of St James, Apostle	Fr Colin Fealey
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tony Unsworth

Our Sanctuary Lamps will

Saturday 18th -
Friday 24th July
Deanery Priests
Victims of Abortion



We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.

Also those who have died recently
Jean Aspinall Woods 24th July
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Celebration of Mass in

the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith

St Joseph's Church is now open for Mass

Mass times:

Saturday evening 4.30pm & Sunday morning 9.30am

There will also be Mass on Wednesday at midday, but this is subject to change.

For those who can, please book a place for Mass by ringing the Parish Office 01942 673517 between **Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am – 3.30pm**. It will allow us to gauge numbers, covers us for insurance purposes at this time and will help if contact tracing is necessary.

The Archbishop has reminded us that the vulnerable should consider the wisdom of returning to Mass too soon, you are not obliged to do so, as the 'Sunday obligation' continues to be suspended and priests have been encouraged to continue with live-streaming and video masses on their websites.

When you come to church please be guided by the instructions of the Stewards – they are there to keep all of us safe and besides, **Mass will be different from what we are used to.**

For our own safety we have been asked to follow these procedures by the Archbishop; this we gladly do.

Parking/Arrival at church

Please bring a maximum of **ONE** bag with you to church, and if you can manage it do not bring one at all.

There will be no parking in front of the church doors; please use the car park at the side of the church. If the carpark is full, please use the Mather Room carpark.

Do always remember to socially distance from one another, especially when outside the church as you may be asked to wait before you are brought into church. Please remember to queue **2 M** apart.

The Steward will ask you to read the notice board especially the notice regarding symptoms of COVID-19. If you are not on the booking list please give them your name, address, and contact number. If there is more than one of you, the Steward will ask if you are living together or in the same bubble (if you are, you can sit together.)

When you enter the porch, please use the hand sanitiser.

If you have not got a mask you will be given one to wear. **This is mandatory for all above the age of five.**

The toilets cannot be used.

Place your offertory envelope or offertory gift or Mass intention in the basket as you enter church.

Being taken to your seat

You will be directed to a Steward at the front of the church who will invite you to your seat. **NB this may not be the seat you usually sit in, so please be understanding.** Please remain seated until asked to come forward by the Steward at Holy Communion. Please do not get up to greet your neighbour or another familiar face and where possible sit facing forward and remain seated at all times.

Whilst inside church

There will be **no singing** (not even the Alleluia). There will be no sign of peace only a head bow in the direction of those around you including those you are sat with.

There are **no newsletters or Mass sheets**. If you have Universalis on your phone (purchased for either IOS or Android smart phones), please use this to follow the Mass but make sure your phone is on silent.

There can be no lighting of votive candles nor praying before the statues as this will compromise social distancing.

Receiving Holy Communion:

- ✦ Holy Communion will be distributed **AFTER** the final blessing.
- ✦ The priest will wear a visor and will hand sanitise.
- ✦ The priest will say 'the body of Christ' **once** at the start of distributing Holy Communion and you will all reply '**Amen.**' This will not be said again when you receive the host from the priest.

- ✦ Only leave your bench when invited to by the Steward, taking with you all your belongings, as you cannot go back to your bench after you have received.
- ✦ The Steward will ask you to lower your mask as you go forward to receive Holy Communion.
- ✦ Extend your arms to receive the host in your hand: there will only be Holy Communion in the hand.
- ✦ Avoid contact with the priest's hand as this will slow down the distribution of Holy Communion as the priest will have to hand sanitise.
- ✦ Place the host in your mouth and immediately leave through the side door. **YOU CAN-NOT** go back to your bench.

If you are unable to walk down to receive Holy Communion please inform the Steward who will inform the priest and he will bring Holy Communion to you where you are sat.

Leaving church.

Use the hand sanitiser on the way out if you wish.

Please go straight out do not hang around and block the exit.

Please do not congregate around the church door as this will prevent other people leaving the church.

I am sorry for all these instructions and guidelines that continue to be given to you as we return to the celebration of Mass but as Archbishop Malcolm continues to remind us, sadly, we are not going back to the way things were before the Pandemic. These instructions and guidelines are in place to keep everyone safe and I thank you for adhering to them.

For those members of our faith communities who are still shielding, I know that you join us through the power of the Holy Spirit. I ask our loving God to keep us safe and well in the weeks and months ahead.

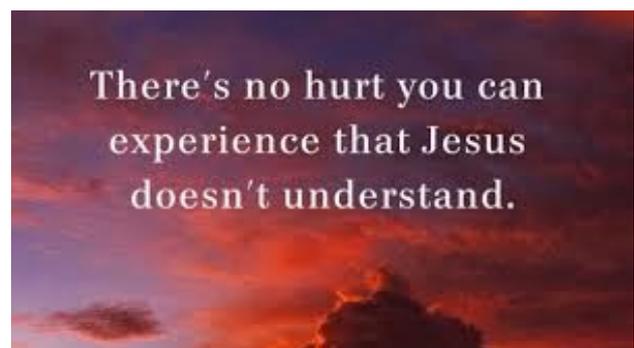
Take care and God bless you and your families.

Fr Kieran

Lord of life and love

Lord of life and love,
 as we give thanks for times past,
 grant us courage to embrace the
 present
 and grace to share the future.
 In memory of loved ones dear,
 kindle their flame to shine in the dark
 and light the path ahead.
 Show the way that leads to life
 as we cherish days gone by
 and inspire us with the touch of love
 that faith and hope live on.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas



Collections

In these difficult times we still your support, so if it is possible for you, you can bring your donation to Church, or you can put your offering through the letterbox at Sacred Heart or St Joseph's (**Please remember to put your Gift Aid number on the envelope if you are signed up for Gift Aid**), or you may want to set up a standing order, the bank details are: HSBC 99-101 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 6PG sort code 40-29-12 account No. 51545205. Also, There is the Archdiocesan online giving website, it can receive both one-off and regular monthly donations. Each parish has its own unique link on the website and a church photograph is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor. There is a Gift Aid option. The link to the page for St Edmund Arrowsmith's Parish is:

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-edmund-arrowsmith-leigh>

If any parishioners would like support with this, please contact. kiely@rcaol.org.uk with name and telephone number and we will endeavour to call to assist as quickly as possible.

If you prefer you can txt your donation

Text [ARROWSMITHNOINFO](#) to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message

Text [ARROWSMITHNOINFO](#) to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message

Text [ARROWSMITHNOINFO](#) to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message

Text [ARROWSMITHNOINFO](#) to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

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Whatever you decide, thank you for your generosity!

CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Asia and the Middle East

In the Middle East, our local experts are using your donations to continue their vital peacebuilding work and ensuring that legal advice can be given online.

Volunteers and priests are delivering emergency food parcels to vulnerable families in the West Bank and we are also reaching out to Bedouin communities with health equipment and information.

[£6 could buy a hygiene pack for a family](#)

Staff and volunteers are also already in vulnerable communities:

- They are spreading essential health messages through village posters, socially-distanced visits to families and giving out PPE.
- In Myanmar, local experts are working alongside health departments and the Church to provide safe places for people to quarantine themselves and to help set up track and trace systems.
- In Bangladesh they've moved quickly to give cash to the poorest families – led by widows, or those living with disabilities - to buy life-saving food and PPE during the crisis

CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Africa

Lessons learned from the Ebola outbreaks in places like Sierra Leone means that our local teams are able to rapidly reached out to faith leaders with accurate information and safely organised training sessions. These faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities, so working alongside them to get the right messages out really can save lives.

[£33 can give a religious leader information about coronavirus](#)

Health and prevention advice are also being shared when our staff and volunteers are giving out soap and emergency food packages to vulnerable families in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Kenya, to ensure that those at particular risk of the virus can survive this crisis.

Your donations have also funded PPE for medical staff at clinics in Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone.

Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you

: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>



Summer Holidays

A big thank you to our headteachers and staff in our Primary and Secondary Schools and to all the pupils who are now on holiday. These last few months have been a challenging time because of the Pandemic. We pray that they will have an enjoyable and safe break and we look forward to seeing them again in September.

Church Chuckles

Shortly after getting married, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the tea. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She came to her husband and said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the tea. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible did it say that. Very confidently, the wife opened her Bible and said: "It's right here...HEBREWS."