

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 31st December 2022 *Octave of the Nativity*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clark R.I.P.
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### Sunday 1st January 2023 *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Vernon Bryne R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Phil Mannion R.I.P.

### Tuesday 3rd January 2023 *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

No Mass

### Wednesday 4th January 2023 *Weekday of Christmas*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Nora Higgins
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### Thursday 5th January 2023 *Weekday of Christmas*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving Golden Wedding
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass	Rev. Dcn. Alan Mee Anniversary

### Friday 6th January 2023 *Feast of the Epiphany*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Mary Griffin Get well
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### Saturday 7th January 2023 *Weekday of the Epiphany*

St Joseph's	6.00pm	Mass	Kevin Thomas Brady Anniversary
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### Sunday 8th January 2023 *Baptism of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Richard Hilton R. I. P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John & Eileen Tyrer R.I.P.

### Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"

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## The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church  
Walmesley Road  
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Parish  
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Jacqui Unsworth

### 1st January 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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St Joseph's Church  
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Opening Hours  
Mon and Fri  
9.30am - 11.30am  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wed 9.30- 11.30

#### Food for Thought

What beautiful reassuring words God speaks to us today at the start of a new year. **May the Lord bless you and keep you....May the Lord let His face shine on you and be gracious to you.....May the Lord bring you peace.....** These are God's own words in this blessing - doesn't that tell us about His love for us? In the darkness of our world, His light shines. He is the answer to today's problems. Instead of violence He comes in gentleness encouraging us to hold out the hand of reconciliation, to help one another, to work for peace. Mary was filled with peace because she was at peace with God. Today we celebrate Mary being the Mother of God. Mary always points us to her Son and following her, we are called to do nothing less than repeat her words...., **'May it be done in me according to your will.'** Mary teaches us a wonderful lesson through the ages. She considered deeply and appreciated all that God was doing through her. We need to listen to His Word - then we need to treasure in our hearts and ponder what we have seen or heard. As we open our hearts before God, he will show us the path to take this coming year.

## Sick and Housebound

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

Jim Reynolds,  
Vera Seventi,  
Carol Greenhalgh,  
Mary Griffin  
Brendan Fleming,  
Sean Fleming,  
Craig Hardman,  
Kitty Jones,  
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,  
Doreen Hayes,  
Agnes Smith (Winstanley)  
Sr. Megan  
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, as this new year is born  
I give it to your hand,  
Content to walk by faith,  
on paths I don't understand.  
Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of happiness;  
Should sorrow come, or pain,  
It matters not, for my hands in yours,  
your light upon my face,  
Your boundless strength when I am weak,  
will fill me with your grace.  
I know you are my shepherd Lord  
I feel so close to you.  
so, In good times and in bad this year,  
hold my hand and lead me through*

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

### Clarice Keavny

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

## Nugent Care

There will be a box in the porch for Crib Offerings. All money raised will be sent to Nugent Care, who support vulnerable people in the Liverpool Archdiocese.

## Happy New Year

May the coming year be filled with faith, hope and trust as we journey together guided by the Light – Emmanuel - God is with us! May He pour out his blessings on everyone!

## Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Performed by St Joseph's Players

Performances from 25th January - 4th February 2023 including Matinees

Ticket Prices £10 Adults - £5 for 16 years and under  
All tickets £5 on the 1st Wed. Thur. Also 2nd Weds.  
Tickets are now on sale. Ring enquires for group booking of 10 or more. [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or ring 07907 880308 [www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk)



## Warm Spaces

These are safe places you can visit to stay warm and see a friendly face, free of charge. Each warm, space is slightly different in what they offer, but you will be met with a warm welcome in each of them.

Bookcycle, Spinning Gate, Leigh  
Mon-Sat 10.00am - 4.30pm

Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link  
27 Charles Leigh Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Leigh Town Hall  
Tues - Sat 10am - 4pm

## Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## S.V.P. Collection

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the St Vincent de Paul Collection. A very generous £774.67 was raised.

## Feast of the Epiphany

Friday is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day of obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's Church and 10.00am Mass on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at Sacred Heart Church. I am very grateful to Fr. Paul Seddon who will celebrate both Masses.

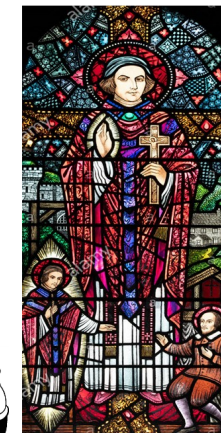
## Children's Corner

Why is Cinderella so bad at playing football?

She runs away from the ball.

What's a really sad strawberry called?

A blueberry



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for A blessed and peaceful New Year for all and at St Joseph's Church for A blessed and peaceful New Year for all