

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 10th December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris & Eric Pendlebury
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Sunday 11th December 2022 *Third Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Brenda Southern R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson Anniversary

Tuesday 13th December 2022 *Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion	
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Wednesday 14th December 2022 *Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Celebration of the Word & Communion	
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Thursday 15th December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Joseph Green Anniversary
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Friday 16th December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Enid Kenwright
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Saturday 17th December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Alan Ratcliffe Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 18th December 2022 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clarke R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Donna Hill

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



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11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

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Food for Thought

All farmers and gardeners who have lovingly planted seeds and crops have to learn how to be patient, knowing that the seeds and crops they have planted won't come up straight away. They have to be patient as they await the fruits of their labour. In today's reading St James looks to the prophets as an example of patience as he speaks of their patience in waiting for the coming of the Lord. Mary was patient too – patiently trusting in God, even when she didn't understand. At the foot of the cross Mary waited patiently. Patience has never been an easy virtue to have because we usually want things to happen quickly! I'm sure that John the Baptist wanted things to happen quickly as he languished in prison for speaking the truth! Yet even through the hard times, he believed in a God of truth - a God of justice and peace - a God who liberates and sets us free - a God who loves with a steadfast love. He believed in "Emmanuel" - a God who is with His people. The word of God today tells us of the promise of life in the city of God - of everlasting joy and gladness – where the eyes of the blind will be opened – the deaf, lame and dumb will be freed! If we really believe in the Lord's promise - we will live with a sense of joy – and then just like Mary we will be able to sing...*my soul rejoices in the Lord my God!* We will still face problems – but if we allow the Spirit within us to inspire and refresh us, we will find a deeper joy and inner peace.

This is a promise to hang on to as we wait in joyful hope this Advent!

Praise Him!!!



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Mather Lane
Leigh WN7 2PR

Opening Hours
Mon and Fri
9.30am - 11.30am
1.00pm - 3.00pm
Wed 9.30- 11.30

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,
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.

Sick and Housebound

If your there is someone in your family that would like a visit from Fr. Kieran please contact the Parish Office.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass 6.00pm St Joseph's Church

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Church

Christmas Day Mass 11.00am Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Flower Memorial

The Christmas Flower Memorial deadline is on Monday. If you are still wanting a candle lit for your loved one (s). Please put their names on a piece of paper, the name of the church where you would like the candle to be lit, put it in a envelope with a minimum donation of £5 and post through the letter box at St Joseph's Presbytery.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Kieran is available to celebrate this Sacrament after each weekday Mass. Please let him know before Mass that you wish to receive this Sacrament. This Sacrament is also available before Mass on Saturdays from 3.45pm - 4.15pm

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 or ring 07907 880308 www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk



POPE FRANCIS

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION For Volunteer not-for-profits organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

S.V.P. Christmas Collection

This weekend & next weekend the retiring collection will be on behalf of the S.V.P.

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

Turnpike Gallery, Leigh Library
Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Sat 9am - 2pm

Mother's Prayers

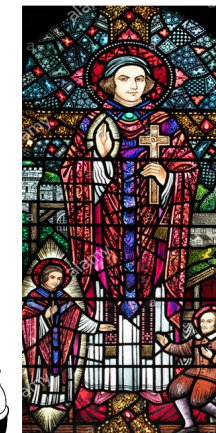
The next Mother's Prayer Meeting will be on Monday 12th December at 10.30am at St Joseph's Presbytery. All mums and grandmothers are welcome.

Children's Corner

What do you call a duck that loves making jokes?
A wise-quacker!

Why was the broom late for school?
It overswept!

Where do polar bears keep their money?
In a snow bank!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **All people suffering the effects of War**

and

at St Joseph's Church for **All people suffering from hunger**