

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 26th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Vincent Ganley, Anniversary, Pious List
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### Sunday 27th November *First Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Thomas Waters, Anniversary, Pious List
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Phil Mannion, R.I.P. Pious List
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### Tuesday 29th November *Weekday of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Donna Hill, Pious List
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### Wednesday 30th November *Feast of St Andrew, Apostle*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		<b>No Mass</b>
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### Thursday 1st December *Weekday of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Karen Toolan Anniversary
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### Friday 2nd December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Theresa & John Ryder
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### Saturday 3rd December 2022 *Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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### Sunday 4th December 2022 *Second Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Vernon Byrne, Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Caitlin Bradbury, Norah & John Heneghan, Philomena Gaughan
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Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Renaë Emilee Pennington, Alice-Willow Maureen Bolton
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### 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  
Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth

### 27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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St Joseph's Church  
Mather Lane  
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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

Today we begin a new cycle of Gospel Readings as we enter into the wonderful season of Advent. Advent is an opportunity and invitation for spiritual renewal..... a time to renew our relationship with God. We need to prepare! In today's Gospel Jesus makes his point in straightforward language - "stay awake" - As Christians we are the ones left in charge. Our responsibility is to stay awake - even when others seem to be sleeping (or shopping) - so that we are ready to welcome Christ into the world when He comes. May the Word of God today help us to see that we need to stay awake and keep our eye on the prize - Jesus himself. May we be ready to meet Him face to face - whenever and however that will be. So, 'Stay Awake'..... 'Prepare'..... as we allow the Word of God to guide us and mould us as we await the wonders of Christmas. In all the places we go...in all the people we meet...in all the situations we find ourselves in ..is there some darkness you can brighten with your Christ -Light?

Praise Him!



## 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)

May the Lord embrace them with love.

**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**  
Windermere Road, Leigh WN7 1UX

**Open Day**  
on **Wednesday 30th November**  
9.30—11.30am

1.30pm - 3.30pm

4.00pm - 7.00pm

All are welcome

## Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses. You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altar during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided
- ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
- ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked '**Christmas Memorial**'.  
**Please note the deadline date is the 12th December.**

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Josephine Crook  
George Kings  
John Terence Mee,

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

## POPE FRANCIS

### DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

*For Volunteer not-for-profits organisations*

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

## LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next gathering and Mass will be on **Sunday 11th December 2022**  
**All Saints Anfield**

Please let Canon Stephen Maloney if you are able to attend. There will be a social gathering after Mass. Mass will begin at 2.00pm. For more information, please contact:  
[frsmaloney@aol.co.uk](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.co.uk)

## Advent

Today the Church begins the new Liturgical year. We embrace this season that prepares us for Christmas – when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and we look forward in hope to His second coming at the end of time. Joyful expectation is the attitude the Holy Spirit invites us to enter into, bringing Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace to guide us through this time of grace.

## Our Hope

Here in the silence, waiting for dawn  
A new life is stirring, a baby soon to be born.  
The light of His beauty enfolding my heart  
How do I thank Him? Well Advent's a start!  
It's hard to believe He was given for me,  
To open our hearts to set souls free.  
All through Advent, we will sing your praise,  
And follow you Lord to the end of our days.

## 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.

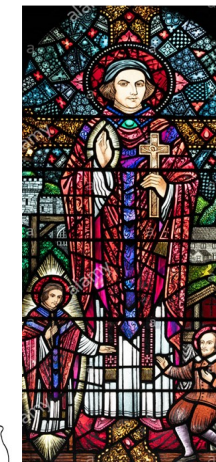
## Children's Corner

How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair?  
Eclipse it!

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

Why is Cinderella so bad at soccer?

Because she always runs away from the ball!



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **The People of Ukraine** and at St Joseph's Church for **The Holy Souls**