

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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

### Tuesday 20th December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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### Wednesday 21st December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson R.I.P.
St Joseph's	1.15pm	Funeral Service	Barbara McKenna

### Thursday 22nd December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving for Successful Surgery (PAK)
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### Friday 23rd December 2022 *Weekday of Advent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Deceased Members of the Kennedy Family
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### Saturday 24th December 2022 *Vigil of the Nativity*

St Joseph's	6.00pm	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
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### Sunday 25th December 2022 *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Phil Mannion 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  
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### 18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Clergy Team:

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#### Food for Thought



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

Most of us have dreams, yet we don't trust dreams for life-changing messages. The Word of God today tells us that Joseph did. Joseph was told in a dream the most mind-bending information about Mary. The news could not have been more shocking or more unreasonable, yet his response was to do as he was told. He responded with generosity...he responded with faith....he listened to the message from God ....he rose above his fear....he rose above his confusion. He did as the angel of the Lord told him to . His words are inspirational to all of us. They are simple words, yet behind them stands a wise and gentle man who inspires us to respond generously to every prompting of the Holy Spirit. When God intervenes in human history it's almost always in ways that make no sense at all to those involved. Through Joseph's yes - God opened a new path for him, a path of union, love and happiness. May our hearts be open to the generous and loving impulses and nudges that seem to come out of nowhere.

We may never know their overall effect in bringing others home this Christmas! We know that God is with us. The question is, are we with God?

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)  
Sr. Megan  
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Barbara McKenna,**  
**Mary Monica Harrison,**  
**Clarice Keavny**

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

### Nugent Care

There will be 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.



### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve Mass 6.00pm St Joseph's Church**  
**Children's Mass**

**Christmas Day Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Church**

**Christmas Day Mass 11.00am Sacred Heart Church**

### Christmas Peace and Blessings

Fr Kieran would like to say a very big thank you to all of you for your kindness and support during this year. Especially to all those who do so much in our two churches. Thank you to everyone who in any small way contributes to the life of our Parish. Your help and support is much appreciated.

### 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)



### 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 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

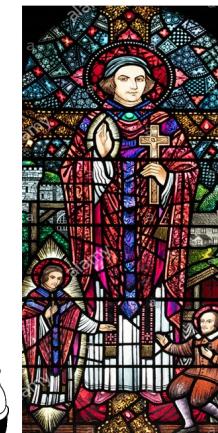
### Children's Corner

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
Snowflakes

What do you call a reindeer with bad manners?  
A RUDE-olph!

What does an elf study in school?  
The elfabet

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  
A Christmas Quacker



### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for Refugees

and

at St Joseph's Church for The people of the Holy Land