

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 3rd September 2022 *Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Beckie Ross sick
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### Sunday 4th September 2022 *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Len Pritchard Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Brenda Southern R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Isaac Darren Hope & Tommy Andrew France

### Tuesday 6th September 2022 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Neil Anthony Fox
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### Wednesday 7th September 2022 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Margaret Rose Williams
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### Thursday 8th September 2022 *Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Sheila O'Grady Birthday Memorial
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### Friday 9th September 2022 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Winifred Peters
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### Saturday 10th September *Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris Pendlebury Anniversary
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### Sunday 11th September *Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ellen Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Monica Cosgrave 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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### 4th September 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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

The first reading today is a lesson on basic wisdom. Everything in this world is limited and passing. Very often we focus on things that we think will make us happy. We live in an age when we are told we can buy happiness. We can be pressurised to live beyond our means. Credit cards, or electronic money can help us to make decisions that are unwise and sometimes costly! We don't need to 'buy' real joy - it comes from the *closeness of God and from his presence* in our lives.

The Word of the Lord today tells us about other "costs" that are sometimes high. In today's Gospel Jesus uses strong language, making it clear that to be a follower of His will be costly, but our reward, which would make any necessary sacrifice a small price to pay - is eternal life. It's not always easy being a follower of the Lord, but by following Him we can belong to the Kingdom of God, where we will know enough love, peace, and happiness, to make any 'costs' worthwhile. So those difficult words in today's Gospel, really have a simple message..... turn away from all that keeps us from the Lord and - love all that brings us closer to Him!

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, Vik Batrak, Craig Hardman, Kitty Jones, Baby Roman Bleu Emery, Becki Ross and Doreen Hayes. May the Lord embrace them with love.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

## Governors of St Joseph's School

Vacancies has arisen at St Joseph's Primary School for two Foundation Governors (practicing Catholics) with an interest in working alongside other governors, the Headteacher and staff for the good of our young children. For more information, please contact Fr. Kieran or contact the school: 01942 606395.

## Schools

We hold in prayer all involved in our Schools as they reopen this week....and in a special way Sacred Heart, St Joseph's and Twelve Apostles Primary Schools and St Mary's High School....may this challenging year ahead be filled with many blessings!

*Brothers and sisters, let us walk without fear, in the certainty that the Lord accompanies us always. And let us stay awake lest we be asleep when the Lord passes by.*

*Pope Francis*

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially Margret Rose Williams, Valerie Marie Teresa Agius and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

## Pope Francis

At last Sunday's Angelus in Rome Pope Francis gave us this invitation.... 'let us persevere in our closeness and in prayer for the dear Ukrainian people who are experiencing immense cruelty'



## A Day of Prayer for Ukraine



The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on **Wednesday 14 September**. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

## DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with food and emergency medical assistance. Please pray for those affected. We will be holding an emergency collection at all Masses next weekend, or you can donate at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)



## Wedding

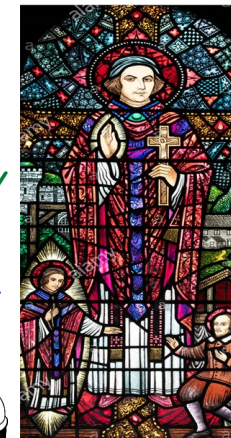
We congratulate Hannah and Stephan who received the beautiful Sacrament of Marriage at St Joseph's Church last Sunday ....may they always remain in God's love!

## Children's Corner

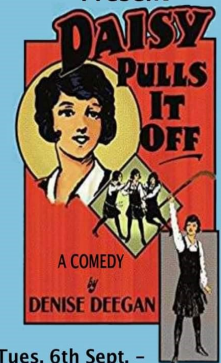
*What kind of exercise do lazy people do?  
Diddly-squats.*

*What did the pirate say on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday?  
Aye matey!*

*Where do you manufacture average things?  
A satisfactory.*



## ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS Present



Tues. 6th Sept. -  
Sat. 10th Sept - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St. Leigh WN7 2PR

Tickets: Adults £8. 16 years and under £5.  
Order online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
Or ring 07907 880308



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for The Ukrainian People at Sacred Heart Church and The Russian People at St Joseph's Church

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[www.leighdeanery.co.uk](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk)