



**Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph**

Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road

13th August 2023

St Joseph's Church
Mather Lane

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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Food for Thought

If we want to hear God speaking to us in our big and noisy world, we sometimes need to find quiet time alone with Him. Today's first reading tells us how Elijah thought he would experience God in a strong heavy wind, or in an earthquake or fire. Instead He found God in a gentle breeze.....a tiny whispering sound. However, the Gospel today tells us how Peter and the disciples were able to hear Jesus' voice in the loudness of the storm. How reassuring amidst the raging storm to hear the words that Jesus spoke. "Courage...it is I, do not be afraid." For many people who are encountering a storm in their lives, these words bring comfort. There are times for all of us when our faith seems strong and we feel we can do anything - but the fact remains that, when the storms hit and the doubts set in, we can feel that we are sinking beneath the waves. When that happens remember the Lord's words ...Courage....do not be afraid. Take time to listen for the 'tiny whispering sound' and the still small voice of calm that is always with us.

Praise Him!

**Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand
of St. Edmund Arrowsmith**

There will be a pilgrimage Mass on Sunday 27th August beginning at 3pm at the shrine of St Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Oswald Church, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Feast of the Assumption

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at midday and 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church.

Sacred Heart Church Update

I am hoping to reopen Sacred Heart Church on Sunday the 3rd September.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Teresa Patrica Young

Kathleen Loughlin

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

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
Sean Fleming, Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones, Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes, Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn, Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly,
Catherine Peaty, Sandra
George Cartledge**

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for
All Families
and
All Religious

Pope Francis'

**Prayer Intention for August
For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 12th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Josephine & Albert Sankey Anni
Sunday 13th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Laurence, Bridget & Tom Ward & Family & Special Intention
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Bridget Rooney R.I.P.
Tuesday 15th August <i>Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Maureen Midgley R.I.P.
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass	Annie Nora Gannon
Wednesday 16th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
SH Hall	12.00pm	Mass	David Hughes R.I.P.
Thursday 17th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
SH Hall	12.00pm	Mass	Marie Louise Aznar R.I.P.
Friday 18th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Monica Davies, Birthday Memorial & Family
Saturday 19th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Wedding Service	Layton Carr and Rachael Nutter
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Paul Unsworth R.I.P.
Sunday 20th August <i>Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Karen Roberts R.I.P.
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Alice Wilcock Anniversary
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Nika Barton-Rigby & Ruby May Peters

Travel to Lourdes for the

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Northern Star Travel are offering the opportunity to visit Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. From 4th – 9th Dec. 2023 A six day, five night Pilgrimage including return flights from Manchester and five nights full board starts at £579 for someone sharing and £714 for a single room. For further details pick up a poster from the porch or ring 0161 773 2115.

Children's Corner

Why is a cricket batsman like a coward?

Because he's scared of a duck!

How do you start a jelly race?

Get set!



Whatever the result may be on Saturday. We congratulate Leigh Leopards for getting to the final of the Challenge Cup after a 52 year wait!!! It is great for all their fans and the town!!! Well Done!!!