



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

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**The Feast of the Transfiguration of
the Lord**

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Food for Thought

When we see someone happy, we often say that they were 'beaming'. Some joy they experienced left them radiant in some way, if only for a short while. Maybe that's how the disciples felt on the mountain top. What a special time of grace for Peter, James and John to see Jesus' transfiguration. They saw Jesus as they had never seen him before, transfigured, his clothes dazzling white. Although the disciples thought they knew Jesus well, they probably went about their daily routines without a thought about the divinity that surrounded them. It's a bit like that for us too. Are we really aware of the power that surrounds us and helps us? This is what today's Gospel is all about - transforming ourselves so that we can see Jesus more clearly. Just like the disciples we get glimpses of God in many ways. The glory of God is all around us and available to us. Sometimes we just don't look for it, or maybe we've honestly forgotten how to look. We get glimpses of God when a passage from scripture touches our hearts more than ever before.... when certain music can move us to tears..... when we see the goodness of God in others. But whatever we glimpse here on earth, it's nothing compared to what awaits for those who believe! May we be encouraged, knowing that the resurrected Christ is with us throughout our journey of life, whether we are in darkness, or whether we are on the mountain top, He journeys with us.

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, 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**

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

Sanctuary Lamps

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

Sandra

And at St Joseph's Church for
People displaced through war

**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.

Baptisms

We welcome

**Harriet Joyce Whalley
&**

Alice Margaret Webster
into God's family as they celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Baptism at St Joseph's Church. We hold these little ones and their families in our love and prayers.

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 5th August Weekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis R.I.P.
Sunday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Francis Tesmer Anniversary
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Teresa Cooney Anniversary
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Harriet Whalley & Alice Webster
Tuesday 8th August Memorial of St Dominic, Priest			
SH Hall	12.00pm	Mass	Jeff O'Brien (Get well)
Wednesday 9th August Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, ODC			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Coffey & Gregson Families
Thursday 10th August St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr			
SH Hall	12.00pm	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.
Friday 11th August Memorial of St. St Clare, Virgin			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Saturday 12th August Weekday in Ordinary Time 18			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Josephine & Albert Sankey Anni
Sunday 13th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Laurence, Bridget & Tom Ward & Family & Special Intention
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Bridget Rooney R.I.P.

Sacred Heart Church Update

The third and final treatment has now been completed. The 11.00am Mass at will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church next Sunday (**13th August**) and I will continue to review the situation to see if it is safe enough to reopen the church.

The Weekday Mass will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

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

What happened to the optician who fell into the lens grinder?

He made a spectacle of himself!

What is the definition of wind?

Air in a hurry!

