

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 1st July Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brian Keavney Anniversary
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Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Unsworth Birthday Memorial
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St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	S.N. (sick)
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St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ronnie Michael Reynolds & Theo Dominic Bradshaw
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Monday 3rd July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service	Philip McEntee
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Tuesday 4th July Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday 5th July Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Thursday 6th July Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 7th July Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	11.45am	Funeral Service	Lynne Catherine White
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No Mass

Saturday 8th July Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	The Lythgoe Family
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Sunday 10th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson Anniversary
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St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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2nd July 2023

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Food for Thought

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarises both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose
have died, especially:

Kathleen Alty
Karen Roberts
Dolores Mary Warwick
(nee Cain)

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
May the Risen Lord embrace
them with love.

Retiring Collection

The retiring collation this
weekend is on behalf of the St
Vincent de Paul Society.

Please be as generous as you
can. The S.V.P. help local
families in need.



Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a
family member who is sick and
housebound, please speak to him
or contact the Parish Office and a
visit will be arranged.

Pope Francis'

Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration
of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, trans-
forming human relationships in a very deep way
and opening to the encounter with God and all
their brothers and sisters.

St Joseph's Players Present.

FUNNY MONEY

an hilarious comedy by Ray Cooney Directed
by Paul Jameson.

From 11th July to 15th July Comm. at 7-30
pm.

Adults £10 16yrs & under £5

Advance tickets available from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players.

Or pay on the door on the night. Enquiries
ring:07907880308.

Scam warning from Merseyside Police

Merseyside Police has informed us about
an incident whereby a male has presented
himself as homeless to a church in South-
port and a member of the congregation
has given the man a large sum of money,
effectively falling for a scam.

Please see below a link to more infor-
mation on scams and fraud issues and
what to look out for:

[Think Jessica | Protecting elderly & vulner-
able people from scams](#)

If anyone notices anything suspicious like
the above then please call police on 101
(or if an emergency 999)

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Last weekend, Beavers and Cubs from 9th -15th Leigh Scout group camped at
Dunham Massey. We did various scouting activities having fun outside enjoying
nature, making new friends, team building, grass sledging and a campfire sing
along. We hiked to Dunham Massey hall, saw deer, and had ice cream!

If children want to join our scout group, we have places for boys and girls from 6
years (beavers), cubs (8 years) and scouts 10.5 years. We meet at Spinners Mill on
Thursday nights. If adults are interested too in becoming a leader or helper, please
get in touch. For more information, please contact
Jane Riley Group Scout Leader 07714 417 263.

Sacred Heart Church Update

The church will be closed for the next three Sundays and the 11.00am
Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's church, this Sunday, the 9th and
16th of July. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am. Weekday Mass will
be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, please check the newsletter.
Please note that there will be no exposition.

I apologise again for this inconvenience.

Fr. Kieran

Canon Brendan Alger R.I.P.

We learned this week of the sad new that Canon Brendan Alger had
passed away early Monday afternoon, after a long battle with
cancer. He was Parish Priest at St Joseph's from 1982 –1989.

May he rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamps

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

The Pope's Intentions

And at St Joseph's Church
for

Pope Francis

Children's Corner

What do you call an alligator who solves
mysteries?

An investigator!

Why is a snake difficult to fool?
You can't pull its leg!

