

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 15th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Thanksgiving, Golden Wedding
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Sunday 16th July *Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Pat Prescott Anniversary
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Vincent Littler R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Erin Rose & Owen Calton Wensley

Tuesday 18th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St J School	9.15am		Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	John Marsh R.I.P.
SH School	3.30pm		Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Wednesday 19th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Retirement Mass	Mrs Newton, Headteacher at Twelve Apostles Primary School

Thursday 20th July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A School	9.15am		Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Terry Lavery & Family

Friday 21st July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Mary Green Anni
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Saturday 22nd July *Feast of St Mary Magdalene*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Keith May Anniversary
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Sunday 23rd July *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Gerrard Poyner Anniversary
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	Joe & Freda Fletcher R.I.P.

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



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16th July 2023

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for Thought

In today's Gospel Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose
have died, especially:

Kathleen Alty
Karen Roberts
Margaret Weir
Peter Francis Berry

and those whose
anniversary occurs at this
time, may the peace of

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

May the Risen Lord embrace
them with love.

Baptism

Congratulations to the
parents of

Erin Rose &
Owen Calton Wensley
who celebrate the Sacrament
of Baptism this weekend.
May they grow in the love of
the Lord.



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,
transforming human relationships in a very deep
way and opening to the encounter with God and
all their brothers and sisters.

Catechist Meeting

There is a meeting for
Children's Liturgy/Little Church Catechists
on Thursday 7.00pm at
St Joseph's Presbytery.

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

We are currently advertising a number of
chaplains posts

A Maintenance Assistant - A Governance
Professional A Finance Business Partner.

If you're interested in working for the
Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date
list of vacancies available here:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

Second Collection

There will a second collection this weekend
for **Priests in Retirement.**

Sacred Heart Church Update

The roof void at Sacred Heart Church has now had two insecticidal ULV (ultra low volume) space sprays to kill any insects that may be still in this area. The sanctuary has also been treated. The beetles have now been identified as Mealworm Beetles. There is still another treatment to take place and with this in mind, I will continue to celebrate the 11.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church for this Sunday and next Sunday (23rd July). I will review it again next week to see if it is safe enough to reopen the church. The Weekday Mass will continue to be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Fr. Kieran

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22nd - 24th September '23
(Residential places available)

COME & SEE DAYS 2023

7th Oct: The Power of Love
led by Gerry O'Shaughnessy
11th Nov: The Power of the Spirit
led by Marie Byrne
2nd Dec: The Power of the Word
led by Michael Winstanley
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Before you speak,
think:
Is it necessary?
Is it true?
Is it kind?
Will it hurt anyone?
Will it improve the
silence?



Children's Corner

What is a snake's favorite subject in school?
History!

Which school supply is king of the classroom?
A Ruler!

What time would it be if Godzilla came to
school?
Time to run!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary
Lamp will shine
at Sacred Heart Church for
**People persecuted for
their religion**
And at St Joseph's Church
for
Catherine Bailey