

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 16th September *Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Betty Kennedy, Anniversary
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### Sunday 17th September *Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary Taylor, R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Ayana Jade Turner & Olivia Lilly Drake
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### Tuesday 19th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A School	9.30am	Mass	Mass of Welcome
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Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Grainey
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### Wednesday 20th September *Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Martyr & Companions*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	L.I.S.C.F.
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### Thursday 21st September *Feast of St Matthew Apostle*

Sacred Heart	10.30am	Funeral Service	Denis James Brown
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Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Mass	Mass of Welcome
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### Friday 22nd September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.15am	Mass	Mass of Welcome
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St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Albert Barker
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### Saturday 23rd September *Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Mary Gibbon, R.I.P.
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### Sunday 25th September *Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	J.B. Griffin, Birthday memorial
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg, R.I.P.
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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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**17th September 2023**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Food for Thought

Today's Gospel starts with a straight question from Peter – how many times are we to forgive? It is an interesting question for us all, because forgiving those who have hurt us is not easy. Sometimes the bigger the hurt the more difficult it can be to forgive, but Jesus tells us very clearly in today's Gospel that we must forgive. Jesus tells us that forgiveness is the door that leads to reconciliation.... that leads us to peace. Sometimes the hurt is so painful that we can't manage to forgive by ourselves.....but there is no relationship... .. no hurt so painful..... no heart so wounded that cannot be healed by the grace of God. St Paul tells us, how we live our lives, whether in love and forgiveness, or anger and resentment affects others.

When love operates – evil is turned to good, war is turned into peace – new beginnings can be made, and new life enjoyed. Where His love operates, we can recognise the presence of God in the face of every human being. God loves everyone equally and forgives those who ask for forgiveness – even those we find it hardest to love and forgive! As we are made in the Lord's image, let us try to live in His image! Imagine what the world would be like if everyone lived this way...no more wars...no more injustice.....no more destroying our planet. May our lives echo the words of today's Psalm...*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.* Remember, the first to apologise is the **bravest**..... the first to forgive is the **wisest**... the first to forgive is the **happiest!**

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose  
have died, especially:

**Kathleen Grainey**  
**Denis James Brown**  
**Albert Barker**  
**John Prince**

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 PeatSandra**  
**George Cartledge**  
**Pat Avery**

May the Risen Lord embrace



### 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.

### Children's Liturgy/Little Church

Children's Liturgy/Little Church begins  
this weekend. It was March 2020 since  
we last had this special time in our Mass,  
where our children learn about Jesus  
and the gospel at their own  
understanding.

I am very grateful to our existing and  
new catechists who have helped  
restart the Children's Liturgy/Little  
Church for all our young parishioners.

### John Prince R.I.P.

I was saddened and shocked to hear the  
news that John Prince had died. John was  
well known to everyone and he was very  
involved with St Joseph's Church, the  
Parish, the Deanery and the many other  
organisations that John was involved with.  
Please keep his wife, Christine and all his  
family in your prayers.

May John rest in Christ's everlasting peace.  
Amen.

John's Funeral Mass will take place on  
Friday 29th September at St Joseph's  
Church at 12.30pm

### Weekday Mass

From the week beginning the 25th  
September the midday Mass on Thursday  
and Friday will be at the earlier time of  
**10.00am.**

### Evangelii Gaudium/Home Mission Day

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel. Today offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35):

***"Hearts on fire, feet on the move".***

### St Joseph's Players present "I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE"

A time play by J.B. PRIESTLY.  
Directed by Barbara Mayers.

From Tuesday 26th September to  
Saturday 30th September.  
Commencing 7-30pm.

Advance Tickets available online:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players)  
Tickets £10 adults. 16yr & under £5  
Enquiries **07907880308**

### Forthcoming Second Collections

This Weekend:  
**16th/17th Sunday: Home Missions**  
23rd/24th September:  
St Vincent de Paul Society

### Polite Reminder

If you use the toilet at  
the back of church,  
could you please make  
sure that you turn the  
light off on exiting,  
Thank you.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp  
will shine at  
Sacred Heart Church for  
**Thanksgiving of the opening of  
the Church**  
At St Joseph's for  
**John Prince**

### Pope Francis'

### Prayer Intention for September

we pray for those persons living on the  
margins of society, in inhumane life  
conditions; may they not be overlooked by  
institutions and never considered of lesser  
importance.

### Children's Corner

What can you look through but cannot see?  
**A Book!**

What is dark but made by light?  
**A Shaddow!**

