

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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 24th September *Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	J.B. Griffin, Birthday memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Sheila O'Grady Anniversary

### Tuesday 26th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	LISCF
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### Wednesday 27th September *Memorial of St Vincent de Paul*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Eddie Unsworth R.I.P.
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### Thursday 28th September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Sanal Simon R.I.P.
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Mass	Year 7 Mass of Welcome

### Friday 29th September *Feast Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Rahael, Archangels*

St Joseph's	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	John Prince
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### Saturday 30th September *Memorial of St Jerome, Priest & Doctor*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Birthday Memorial
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### Sunday 1st October *Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Annie Garvey Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gerald Turton

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



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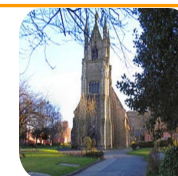
### Parish Office

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**24th September 2023**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Clergy Team:

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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**Deacon:** Dcn. Dennis Vint



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**Office Hours:**  
Mon, Wed & Fri  
9.30am—4.00pm



### Food for Thought

How many times have you heard a child say 'it's not fair'! Maybe as we listen to today's Gospel our first reaction might echo those words! But we are reminded that God doesn't think or act like we do! The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. We would probably think that people who worked longer deserved more, as we think of justice in terms of what is fair and what people deserve. God doesn't see it that way, and we often let God's generosity to others warp both our joy and our eyesight! God has no favourites – to Him we are all His children. Jesus told this parable to show how God's caring heart works, how He gives a depth of love to each one of us, especially to the ones who suffer and feel that they are left behind. Remember Jesus' words to the 'good thief' on the cross, at the last moments of his life the Lord told Him he would join Him in paradise. This is what the Lord is like, He will never be outdone in generosity. May we ponder on this Gospel and know that it's not about strict justice but about extreme generosity!

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:  
**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  
James Allen**

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

### LGBT+ Mass

The next gathering for LGBT+ Catholics will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at St Bede's Church in Appleton Village, Widnes. Mass will begin at 2.00pm, and all are welcome.



### 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

Just a reminder that Children's Liturgy/Little Church is for children who are in Reception to Year 6.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before the 4.30pm Mass.

### Weekday Mass

From the first week of October, Mass on Thursday and Friday will be at **10.00am** at Sacred Heart Church and **9.30am** at St Joseph's Church.

### In our Prayers

We pray for all our sick and housebound, and all who can't be with us in Church as we celebrate the Mass; remember you are held in our love and prayers during every Mass, you are still very much part of our Church family.

### 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.

### Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is for the **St Vincent de Paul Society**.

The members of the S.V.P. continue to help people who are experiencing financial difficulties at this time. Please give generously.



### 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**

### 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.

### Church Flowers

At the moment there are only two people who arrange the flowers in St Joseph's Church. I am appealing for more volunteers to help out. For more information contact the parish office.

### Rosary Sunday

The annual Rosary Sunday celebrations will be held at St Patrick's church in Wigan (WN1 3RZ) on Sunday 1st October at 2pm and will be led by Bishop Tom Williams. Refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards. All are welcome.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **The Flood victims in Libya**  
At St Joseph's for **Victims of the Earthquake in Morocco**

### Children's Corner

"Can you stand on your head?"  
"No, It's too high"

What do you call an insect that has just flown by?  
A flu bug!

