

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gerald Turton
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### Tuesday 3rd October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention for a Speedy Recovery for Sharon & all caring for her
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### Wednesday 4th October *Memorial of St Francis of Assisi*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
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### Thursday 5th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am		No Mass
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### Friday 6th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Reginal Squires Birthday Memorial
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### Saturday 7th October *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Doris Pendlebury Birthday Memorial
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### Sunday 8th October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday of ~Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth & Kevin O'Rourke
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Barry Scotson Anniversary
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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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**1st October 2023**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Food for Thought

The situation Jesus describes in today's Gospel is one that we're all familiar with. He tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. We have all met people who say they will do something and then we find that they have not – and those who initially may be against an idea or refuse a request, then have a change of heart and get on with it. The Word of the Lord reminds us today not to get too complacent. It challenges us to change - to grow - to make the right choices and not just pay lip service. Jesus makes his point clear - good intentions are not enough - and promises don't count unless they are followed through with actions, after all actions speak louder than words! Fear, distress...politics... financial hardships... separation from loved ones.... sickness.... bereavement etc. are all things that can overwhelm us and sometimes because we can't think clearly, we can make the wrong choices. But even if we get things wrong and make foolish choices – God always gives us the opportunity to put things right again. We are never too old - or too set in our ways - or too busy to take God up on His offer of help. How the Lord waits for us! He is always beside us to help, but He respects our freedom. May the word of today's Psalm help to guide us ... Lord make me know your ways, for you are God my saviour. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble on the right path.

Praise Him!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose  
have died  
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 Peat  
Sandra  
George Cartledge  
Pat Avery  
James Allen  
Kathleen Holland**

May the Risen Lord embrace  
them with love.

### LGBT+ Mass

The next gathering for LGBT+ Catho-  
lics 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.

### October: The month of the Holy Rosary

At the heart of every mystery of the Rosary is  
Jesus. As we pray, we walk through His entire  
life. We begin with His conception and early  
years, travel through His public ministry, watch  
with horror the brutal end of His life, and end  
in awe at the heavenly events that followed His  
death.

The Rosary will be prayed after Mass on  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the month  
of October. It will be led by the Legion of Mary.

### Mother's Prayers Meeting

The next Mother's Prayers Meeting will take  
place on Monday 9th October at 10.30 in the  
St Joseph's Presbytery.  
All Mothers and Grandmothers are welcome.

### 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.

### 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.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may  
adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle  
at every level, and allow herself to be  
guided by the Holy Spirit towards the  
peripheries of the world.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 6 October – Harvest Appeal Collection at Mass



With CAFOD's support, Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets help to where  
it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village after it  
had been destroyed by flooding, Meera found life-saving support for her  
children.

Please donate with a CAFOD Fast Day envelope, QR code or online at  
[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) so more families can get the expert help they need. The following  
weekend at all three Masses, Steve and Alison Burrowes will be speaking on behalf  
of CAFOD.

We are also looking to set up a small group to help CAFOD occasionally in our  
Parish, we have already 3 members. Please contact the parish office for more  
details or contact Ged Edwards on 07779 804241 or [gedwards@cafod.org.uk](mailto:gedwards@cafod.org.uk).

### The Church of St Mary of the Isle of Man

Pope Francis has granted cathedral status to the church of Saint Mary of the Isle based in  
Douglas in the Isle of Man. The announcement comes following Douglas being awarded city  
status as part of the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The  
Church will be a co-cathedral for the Archdiocese of Liverpool alongside the Metropolitan  
Cathedral of Christ the King.

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, said:**

*"It is with great joy that St Mary of the Isle has been granted cathedral status. The  
Isle of Man is a significant part of our archdiocese, it constitutes one third of its land  
mass and the island's Catholic community has increasing diversity with parishioners  
coming from many different parts of the world."*

### Weekday Mass

Due to Clergy Safe-guarding training on Wednesday and the Annual Celebration of  
Priesthood on Thursday at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool, I will not be  
able to celebrate Mass this week on both these days.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp  
will shine at  
Sacred Heart Church for  
**Children in Care**  
At St Joseph's for  
**Children in abusive families**

### Children's Corner

Why was Cinderella dropped from the  
netball team?  
She kept running away from the ball!

What is above an admiral?  
His hat!

