

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Barry Scotson Anniversary

Tuesday 10th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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Wednesday 11th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		No Mass
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Thursday 12th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
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Friday 13th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	James Barton R.I.P.
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Saturday 14th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brian Keavney Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 15th October *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Patrick & Deirdre Costello R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Erik Oskar Shuttleworth & Dolly Ada Hough

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



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8th October 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Food for Thought

Today St Paul offers us a clear and simple way of living - filling our minds and hearts with all that is true, noble, good, pure - everything that is worthy of honour and praise. We know that's not easy - human nature can often be overwhelmed by anger, revenge etc. It takes practice to grow in love - in fact, it takes a lifetime! Jesus has strong words to say in the Gospel today, and we can often think that these words are directed to others, but we must also realize that the Gospel is written for us in our day too. Both the first Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. We are all invited to work in the Lord's vineyard - but the Lord doesn't force anyone - He only invites! We are the tenants in the vineyard and it's our job to produce as much fruit as we can! He wants to see us make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us so that we can grow as his children. Our response must be free and given out of love. Separated from the Lord we can't do much, but united with Him, we will bear much fruit. The beauty of any flower - the tastiness of the best fruit - is as nothing compared to the fragrance and taste of His love when we cooperate with Him because He has planted himself deep within us. and that is what can make us fruitful for the Lord.

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.

October: The month of the Holy Rosary

This week the Rosary will be prayed after
Mass on Tuesday. It will be led by members of
the Legion of Mary.

Mother's Prayers Meeting

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

A reminder that 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.

Laudate Deum

Responding to Pope Francis' call to all people of
goodwill on the climate crisis CAFOD are hosting
an online event on Thursday 12 October at 7pm
to reflect on what Pope Francis' *Laudate
Deum* means for us. Pope Francis' *Laudate
Deum* is a follow up to encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.
For more info www.cafod.org.uk

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



This weekend we welcome Steve and Alison Burrowes will be speaking on
behalf of CAFOD at our three Parish Masses.
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.
The Harvest Appeal Collection will remain open for the next few weeks.

Prisoners Sunday

Today is a National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families and
those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice
system. The number of people in prison in England & Wales is increasing. In our
communities there are more children and families who have a loved one in prison
and who may be struggling with stigma, isolation and perhaps hardship, as a result.
Pact is the national Catholic charity working to support prisoners, people with
convictions, and children and families.

The Rosary The Gospel on a string

The word rosary comes from the Latin "rosarium," meaning a garden or garland of
roses. The first recorded use of the English word rosary goes back to 1597, but the
practice of using beads for the repetition of prayer to aid contemplation goes back
to the earliest days of the Church. At that time, monks and friars would recite all
150 Psalms as part of their daily prayers and devotions. They would count out 150
pebbles from a pouch to keep track. Over time the laity began using string with
knots in it, which eventually evolved into using pieces of wood. During the Middle
Ages, agriculture metaphor was common. Writing often drew comparisons to
ploughing a field, and collecting prayers was seen as growing a garden or arranging
a bouquet. In the most literal sense, the rosary is a "garden" or "bouquet" of
prayers.

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

Where do you get frogs' eggs?
In a spawn shop!

Teacher: "What's a Polygon?"
Pupil: "An empty parrot's cage."

