

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

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 of 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

Tuesday 17th October *Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	The O'Sullivan Family
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Wednesday 18th October *Feast of St. Luke Evangelist*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	L.I.S.C.F.
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Thursday 19th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	9.30am	Mass	Special Intention
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Friday 20th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ellen Barton Anniversary
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Saturday 21st October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Sunday 22nd October *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Philip Coffey Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg 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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15th October 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Food for Thought

Jesus' parable today reminds us once again about God's invitation. The Lord invites everyone, but we must choose whether we accept the invitation or turn away from His loving offer. At the wedding feast in today's Gospel, we hear that some people are too busy to accept the invitation, others were not interested, and then someone goes to the wedding reception but doesn't bother to dress properly and is thrown out. TV and media constantly tell us what the latest fashions and trends are - how we should look - the right clothes to wear etc! Yet what the Lord wants us to be clothed in, so that we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven is the beautiful clothes of forgiveness, patience, love, justice and peace – not rags of jealousy, gossip, selfishness, hatefulness etc! Every time we respond to the Lord's call in our daily lives we say 'yes' to His invitation. It might not involve a big feast or dancing, but every act of kindness will be safely gathered in as He leads us safely home to the Kingdom of Heaven:

and what a banquet awaits for those who follow Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose
have died

Joseph Greenhalgh
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
John Mulligan**

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 and Wednesday. It will be led
by members of the Legion of Mary.

Weekday Mass

A reminder that this week Mass on Thursday
and Friday will be at **9.30am.**

Baptism

Congratulations to the parents of
Erik Oskar Shuttleworth & Dolly Ada Hough
who celebrate the Sacrament of
Baptism this weekend.
May they grow in the love of the Lord.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations
to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. The
appeal will remain open for the next
couple of weeks.

Together, we are supporting local
experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get
help to families and communities when
they need it most. It's not too late to give
using the QR code or online at
cafod.org.uk. We are also looking for
people to help CAFOD, the Church's
Overseas Aid Agency, occasionally here
in the parish. To find out more, please
contact Ged Edwards on 07779 804241
or gedwards@cafod.org.uk.



CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Family of Parishes

There are currently 104 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese. Four years ago
when we experienced many changes in our parish, we were told that in 25
years there would be 50 priests in the diocese. At a recent deanery meeting,
Fr. Phil Inch informed us that those figures have changed and now in
15 years there will 37 priests in the diocese!!!

The Pastoral Plan produced by the Archdiocese after Synod 2020 presents a
vision for the way forward. At the heart of this vision is a commitment to
create within Deaneries '**Families of Parishes**' which will work more closely
together.

There will have to be changes in the ways we work with this new concept but
we should not become despondent about the future of the Church, as
always, it is being led by the Holy Spirit and that is something that should
give us hope and encouragement!!!

November Pius List

Please take an envelope from the
back of church and write the
names of your deceased loved
ones. Please include a donation.
The names will be placed on the
altar during November and
remembered at every Mass.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for **World Missions**

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp
will shine at
Sacred Heart Church for
Prisoners
At St Joseph's for
Prisoners Families

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.

Children's Corner

What happens when you get into the
bath?

The phone rings!

What is the tastiest tourist attraction in
France?

The Trifle Tower!

