

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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 of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Philip Coffey Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg R.I.P.

### Monday 23rd October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Successful Hernia Operation
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### Tuesday 24th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	L.I.S.C.F.
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### Wednesday 25th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Davison R.I.P.
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### Thursday 26th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Sanal Simon R.I.P.
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### Friday 27th October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's			No Mass
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### Saturday 28th October *Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.
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### Sunday 29th October *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thomas Ian Glendinning 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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**22nd October 2023**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Clergy Team:

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### Food for Thought

Most of us have been in one of those 'Catch 22' situations where you just can't win? That's what the Pharisee's tried to do with Jesus in today's Gospel. The Lord knew exactly what they were trying to do and completely avoided the confrontation they hoped for. His answer was not just clever - it had a very basic message that we often forget - God is in charge, not human beings! Today's Gospel is also about ingratitude. Jesus' enemies, having heard the good news about God's compassionate and reconciling love, weren't interested in it. All they thought about was their own power. Despite appearing to be in a no-win situation, Jesus masterfully points out that the whole of our lives belong to God and needs to be directed towards His glory. From the first reading we understand that we must give our whole selves to God. The psalm echoes this "**Give the Lord glory and honour**" and St Paul speaks of how "**God loves you and you have been chosen**". Our faith is shown by our works in the power of the Holy Spirit. Caesar's image was on the coin, but through our Baptism we have the image of God stamped in our souls and He will help us!

Praise 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 with-  
in Deaneries '**Families of Parishes**' which  
will work more closely together.

### World Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday, is our chance to be united with Catholics all  
over the world in prayer, friendship and support. We share in the work of the  
missionaries and the young churches as they share their faith and give life,  
often in difficult and dangerous circumstances.

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

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has invited everyone to a day of prayer,  
fasting, and penance for peace. On **Friday, 27 October**, he is  
encouraging people of different Christian denominations,  
other religions, and all those who advocate for peace to  
participate as they see fit. The central event will be an hour  
of prayer at **6 PM** in St. Peter's Square, with the goal of  
invoking peace for the world.



### 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.

### Weekday Mass

A reminder that this week there will be  
Mass on Monday at St Joseph's Church but  
no Mass on Friday.

Loving Father,  
May hatred be turned into love,  
fear to trust,  
despair to hope,  
oppression to freedom,  
occupation to liberation,  
that violent encounters  
may be replaced  
by loving embraces,  
and peace and justice  
could be experienced by all.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp  
will shine at  
Sacred Heart Church for  
**Vincent Ganley**  
At St Joseph's for  
**Innocent victims in Palestine**  
and Israel

### Children's Corner

Teacher: "What is a polygon?"  
Pupil: "An empty parrots cage!"

Where do you buy chess sets?  
A pawn shop!

