

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

<b>Saturday 14th January Memorial of S Kentigern, Bishop</b>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Millie Gallagher R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 15th January 2023 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine Sim (Nee Hewitt) R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dorothy Fairhurst R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday 17th January 2023 Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot</b>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Annie Garvey Anniversary
<b>Wednesday 18th January 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Boon & Campbell Families
<b>Thursday 19th January 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
<b>Friday 20th January 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	10.00am	School Mass	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Joseph & Tony Shovelton Anniversary

<b>Saturday 21st January 2023 Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Phillip John Aldred Birthday Memorial
<b>Sunday 22nd January 2023 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine & Daniel Porter R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Vincent Littler R.I.P.

### Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

*"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"*

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



Sacred Heart Church  
Walmesley Road  
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Parish  
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Jacqui Unsworth

### 15th January 2023 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Clergy Team:

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#### Food for Thought

We all have our limitations of what we can or can't do! In today's Gospel we see how even John the Baptist was aware of his own limitations. He recognised that he could baptise with water – but only Jesus could baptise with the Holy Spirit. He knew that Jesus was the Chosen One of God and could take away the sin of the world. John knew that he was simply a messenger preparing a way for the Lord. We too have a mission like John. Our words can bring comfort and strength to those in need – we can share the Joy of the Gospel - we can be peacemakers! On this World Day of Prayer for Peace may each one of us spread the message of His peace and love to those we meet, wherever we are - in whatever way we can. Today we hear how St Paul greeted the Christians of Corinth with these words **"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace"**..... These words are echoed again for you, sisters and brothers of this Parish.

Praise Him!



St Joseph's Church  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR

Opening Hours  
Mon and Fri  
9.30am - 11.30am  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wed 9.30- 11.30

## 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  
Brendan Fleming,  
Sean Fleming,  
Craig Hardman,  
Kitty Jones,  
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,  
Doreen Hayes,  
Agnes Smith (Winstanley)  
Sr. Megan  
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## White Flower Appeal 2023

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding it's annual appeal this weekend **14th/15th January**. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's pills by post scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. APUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Gerald Patrick Galvin,  
Peter Richard McCrory,  
Joyce Mary Rhoden**

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

## Nugent Care

The Nugent Care Crib Collection will be open for the next two weeks for anyone wishing to donate.

## Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly

Please keep in your prayers Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, who continues each day on his journey of recovery.

## Christmas Flower Memorial

If you have contributed to the Christmas Flower Memorial, your candle will be available to collect from the main porch after Mass this week.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Kieran is available after each midday Mass and 3.45—4.15 before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

## Peace Sunday

The theme chosen for 2023 by Pope Francis is: **'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace.'**

Pope Francis says..... 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

## Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Performed by St Joseph's Players

Performances from 25th January - 4th February 2023 including Matinees

Ticket Prices £10 Adults - £5 for 16 years and under

All tickets £5 on the 1st Wed. Thur. Also 2nd Weds.

Tickets are now on sale. Ring enquires for group booking of 10 or more. [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or ring 07907 880308. Tickets will also be available from the

parish office on 20th January between the hours of 9.15-11.15. Cash purchases

are preferable but there is a card machine available. [www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk)



**Children's Corner**  
**Why did the chicken cross the playground?**  
To get to the other slide!

**Why did the actor fall through the floorboards?**  
They were going through a stage!

**Why did a scarecrow win a Nobel prize?**  
He was outstanding in his field!



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Children in Care** and

at St Joseph's Church for **Children who are Sick**