

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 15th April *Easter Octave*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Mary & Martin Burke
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### Sunday 16th April *Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Eileen & Albert Boardman Anniversary
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Francis Shorties Anniversary
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St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Brodie Buxton & Noah Joseph Pilling
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### Tuesday 18th April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Mary Brenda McNamara
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Sacred Heart	12.00pm		<b>No Mass</b>
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### Wednesday 19th April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	12.00pm		<b>No Mass</b>
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### Thursday 20th April *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Helen Bradley R.I.P.
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### Friday 21st April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Twelve Apostles School Mass
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St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Nolan (nee Burke)
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### Saturday 22nd April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.30am	XII Apostles	First Holy Communion Mass
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St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Judith Charity R.I.P.
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### Sunday 23rd April *Third Sunday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Mary & Alf Keavney R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Sheila Agnes Marsh Birthday Memorial
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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  
Leigh WN7 1YE

Parish  
Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth

**16th April 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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### Food for Thought

How many of us have longed for someone who has died to say just one more word, or share one more embrace? How upsetting it would be if people around us claimed that they had seen the one we love - but, because we hadn't happened to be present, that glimpse - that moment of knowing they are still alive had been denied us. Maybe that's why Thomas doubted! But, Jesus **did** return and offered Thomas a glimpse of what Resurrection means. He doesn't condemn Thomas' failure to believe - but recognises his deep human need to see - to touch - to hear - in order to believe. Jesus understood that many like Thomas would hear the story of the Resurrection and be filled with doubt. Today the Lord tells us ..... 'Happy are those who have not seen yet believe'. Yes Lord, we believe - and may our faith in the Risen Lord affect our lives and those we come into contact with! Praise Him!

**"Happy are those who have not seen yet believe".**



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,  
Sr. Megan  
Nellie Flynn  
Mary Barnes  
Archbishop Patrick Kelly

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

## Baptism

We welcome **Brodie Buxton & Noah Joseph Pilling** who will receive this gift from Heaven at St Joseph's Church on Sunday. We hold these little ones and their families in our love and prayer.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Amy Mary Helm**  
**Kathleen Daniels**  
**Roy Foxcroft**  
**Fr. Michael O'Dowd**  
**Fr. Vin McShane**  
**Margaret Fallon**  
**John Wilfred Burton**  
**Anthony Short**

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

## 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.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April

### For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Feast of Divine Mercy

The hour of grace will be held on Sunday (16th April) at Holy Family Church, Boothstown beginning with the Chaplet at 3.00pm with Adoration. Confessions will be available through the hour which will conclude with Benediction.

## Thank You

Dean Ellison and his family would like to thank you all for your prayers. Dean is making a great progress after his recent accident.

"Jesus does not give up, he does not get tired of us, he is not afraid of our crises, our weaknesses. He always comes back: When the doors are closed, he comes back; when we are in doubt, he comes back. When, like Thomas, we need to encounter him and to touch him up close, he comes back".

*Pope Francis*

## MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be meeting at St Joseph's Presbytery on Monday 17th April at 10.30am. All Mothers and grandmothers are welcome.

## Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, as this is a way of increasing our income without having to ask people for more money (when we are all suffering from the cost of living crisis). For every £1 you give 25p extra can be claimed back from the government. This is great way of boosting our Parish Finances. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## Children's Corner

**What kind of fish only swims at night?**

A starfish

**What do you call a dog who does magic tricks?**

A labracadabrador



## Gluten-free Altar Bread

If you require a Gluten-free altar bread, please speak to the sacristan before the beginning of Mass

## The Cat and The Canary

St Joseph's Players next production, a comedy melodrama, by John Willard, directed by Donna Wood.

From Tuesday 18th April to Saturday 22nd April. Curtain 7.30pm  
Tickets Adults £10  
16 years and under £5  
Available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
For enquiries phone 07907 880 308

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine

at Sacred Heart Church for

**Pope Francis**

at St Joseph's Church for  
**Wedding Anniversary**