

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 4th March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Annie Butterworth Anniversary
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### Sunday 5th March 2023 *Second Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Philip Coffey Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Albie Hugh Foster-Lucy & Heidi Rose Blinkhorn

### Tuesday 7th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the parish
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### Wednesday 8th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Phyllis Bailey 90 Birthday memorial
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### Thursday 9th March *Weekday of Lent*

12A School	9.30am	School Mass	John Thompson & Susan Twist
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Bridie Stephenson

### Friday 10th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Arnold & Andrea Southern Anniversary
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### Saturday 11th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Briget Rooney R.I.P.
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### Sunday 12th March *Third Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ted Devine R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Margaret Dootson 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"

Archdiocese of Liverpool Registered Charity No.1199714

## 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

### 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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Deacon: Dcn. Dennis Vint

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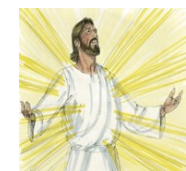
St Joseph's Church  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR

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

### Food for Thought

Sometimes it can take a long time to get to know a person, and even when we think we may really know them - they can do something that may surprise us. I think that might have happened to Peter, James and John on the mountain with Jesus. It took them a long time to really get to know Jesus and to understand His divinity. The Word of God today tells us that Peter, James, and John saw Jesus more clearly during the transfiguration. For us, we could say that's what Lent is all about - transforming ourselves so that we can see Jesus more clearly. Just like the disciples we get glimpses of God in many different ways. The glory of God is all around us and available to us. Sometimes we just don't look for it, or maybe we've honestly forgotten how to look. We get glimpses of God when a passage from scripture touches our hearts more than ever before.... when certain music can move us to tears..... when we see the goodness of God in others... creation etc! But whatever we glimpse here on earth, it's nothing compared to what awaits for those who believe! Enlightened by Him light may we take His light and shine this Lent -igniting little lights in people's hearts – being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope - knowing that He is with us whether we are in the valley of darkness, or if we are on the mountain top.

Praise Him!



## 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  
Dean

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Theresa Kazan**  
**John Marsh**  
**Jack Worrall Higham**  
**Dilys Agius**  
**Marie Louise Aznar**

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 March: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Fr Paul Seddon

After many years of being Parish Priest in the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow and more recently the Parish of St John Rigby, Fr. Paul has now been appointed as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart and St John Stone, Southport. His appointment will take place in April. Fr. Paul will be greatly missed by everyone.

Fr. Carl Mugan has been appointed as the new Parish Priest of St John Rigby. Please keep both Fr. Paul and Fr. Carl in your prayers.

## Confirmations 2023



Any young person who is in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The website for registration closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacra-

ment. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

## CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church and after the midday Mass on Friday at St Joseph's Church.

## Fund Raising Event

St Joseph's Players Present in concert  
**Great Manchester Police Band**  
At St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR  
On Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm Tickets £10  
Available on line: [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
Enquiries 07907 880308 (Office Hours)  
Refreshments / Bar Available

## CAFOD

The second Collection this weekend will be for **CAFOD**

## Children's Corner

What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested?  
They gave him a tough sentence!

What did the mama cow say to the calf?  
It's pasture bedtime!



## Afternoon Tea

St Joseph's Primary School would like to invite some of our elderly parishioners from St Joseph's Church to afternoon tea. This will be held in the school hall on Thursday 23rd March at 2.00pm.

## Lenten Alms

The collection will go to CAFOD for the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria.....also the people of Ukraine

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of Albie Foster-Lucy & Heidi Rose Blinkhorn who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today.

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Victims of Abuse** and at St Joseph's Church for **Pope Francis**