

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

<b>Saturday 21st January 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.
<b>Tuesday 24th January 2023 Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 25th January 2023 The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</b>			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Irena Baczynshi
Sacred Heart	1.30pm	Funeral Service	Peter Richard McCrory
<b>Thursday 26th January 2023 Memorial of Saints Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b>			
Sacred Heart	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	Joyce Mary Rhoden
<b>Friday 27th January 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	10.00am	School Mass	Stephen Aspden and Angela Blenkinship
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Ellen & John Lynn
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Service	Gerald Patrick Galvin

<b>Saturday 28th January 2023 Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kitty Clark Anniversary
<b>Sunday 29th January 2023 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Sanal Simon R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Noon

### 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  
Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth

### 22nd January 2023 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Clergy Team:

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

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus calls the first disciples - ordinary men who responded to the Lord. When Jesus chose the first disciples, He wasn't looking for perfect people - He chose people who could be changed by His love. He knew their potential, and what they could do for His kingdom. Today Jesus calls us to be fishers of men, even though - like Peter we sometimes lack faith - like Andrew we have much to learn - like James and John we can be selfish - like Matthew we have a past - like Thomas we may have moments of doubt - yet if Jesus could use the apostles with their obvious weaknesses, He can also use us to be channels of His love. The choice of the Apostles gives hope to us, because if they could go on to accomplish great things, then so can we! Christianity is about light. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so His church is to be a light in a world that sometimes can seem very dark. As we go about our daily work maybe people will see in us a glimpse of light within - not perfectly, but enough to make a difference to our lives and theirs!

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,  
Sr. Megan  
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Gerald Patrick Galvin,**  
**Peter Richard McCrory,**  
**Joyce Mary Rhoden**  
**Agnes Smith (Winstanley)**

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

## Archbishop

**Emeritus Patrick Kelly**

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

## Prayers, please.

I ask for your prayers for Dean, young lad who is in a critical condition in hospital. We place him and his family into the arms of Our loving Father.

Fr. Kieran

## Pope Francis

Pope Francis asks us to accompany him in praying for peace in Ukraine and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He travels to the Central African nation at the end of January with leaders of the Anglican and Methodist Churches to witness to the Lord's message of peace for that war-torn land and its people who long for healing. For the people of Ukraine, Papa Francesco weeps. Pray with him for peace .

## 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.

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Archbishop Patrick Kelly** and at St Joseph's Church for **Speedy Recovery**

## 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.



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

## 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 are still available to purchase online. We will be selling tickets on the door however we cannot guarantee seat availability particularly at weekends.

## Persecuted Christians

**Open Doors** releases its annual World Watch List 2023 confirming that one out of every seven Christians in the world suffers high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

North Korea is first in the list -more than 360 million Christians suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith closely followed by Afghanistan - Nigeria - Myanmar Nigeria - Mozambique - and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

*We hold them in prayer, knowing how blest we are that we can freely practice our faith and come to celebrate the miracle of the Mass every day if we want, knowing that we are safe.*

## Children's Corner

Why can't you send a duck to space?  
Because the bill would be astronomical!

What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested?

They gave him a tough sentence!



## 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.