

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 22nd April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.30am	XII Apostles	First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Judith Charity R.I.P.

Sunday 23rd April *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

Monday 24th April Solemnity of *St. George, Martyr*

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Amy Mary Helm
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Tuesday 25th April *St Mark, Evangelist*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Kathleen Daniels
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Wednesday 26th April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Mary Taylor
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Thursday 27th April *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	9.30am		Sacred Heart School Easter Mass
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish

Friday 28th April *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Moran R.I.P.
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Saturday 29th April *Feast of St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor*

Sacred Heart	10.30am	Mass	First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eric Pendlebury Anniversary

Sunday 30th April *Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irene Tyrer R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Joan Ganley Anniversary

Newsletter for the Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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23rd April 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



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Food for Thought

In today's Gospel we can sense the disappointment, disillusionment, discouragement and despair that the disciples must have felt as they travelled along the road to Emmaus. The events of the last few days had left them downcast and confused. Although they didn't recognise Jesus when He joined them, they poured out their story to someone who seemed willing to listen. They tell the stranger all about their hopes and their disappointments. They had been witnesses to all those things that had happened in Jerusalem. Yet, they were not able to recognize Jesus when they met Him. Can you imagine Jesus walking along the road with His despondent and confused disciples sharing their troubles? What a lesson for us - when our Emmaus Road seems filled with discouragement, doubt or disappointment, and despair fills our lives, Jesus is the unseen "stranger" walking alongside us, listening to us - walking with us - bringing healing and hope. As Pope Francis once said ... *"We need a church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment and despair"...*

He will show us the path of life and the fullness of the Joy of knowing Him.....because He is Risen!

Alleluia!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Amy Mary Helm

Kathleen Daniels

Roy Foxcroft

Margaret Fallon

John Wilfred Burton

Anthony Short

Winn Connor

Gerald Harris

Anthony Baron

Mary Dare

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

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.

Gluten-free Altar Bread

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

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.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Year 4 children from Twelve Apostles who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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.

Second Collection

Next Week's Retiring Collection is for the **Priests Training Fund**

'Looking at life and faith as we grow older.'

A chance to share stories of our lives' journey. It's at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 26th April, 3rd; 10th and 17th May between 10.30 am – 11.45 am followed by Mass at 12 noon.'

Resurrection Stories

What do the Gospels say about the Resurrection Stories? Fr Chris Thomas will be sharing on that theme at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 3rd; 10th; 17th and 24th May from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. The talks are also available via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Masses at the Cathedral

Mass for King Charles III Friday 5th May at 5pm on the eve of his coronation.

Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the retirement of Bishop Tom Williams on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm.

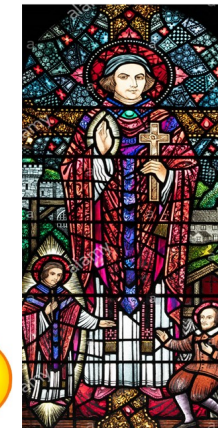
All are welcome.

Children's Corner

What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?
A tuba toothpaste.

Why are fish so smart?
Because they live in schools!

What did 0 say to 8?
Nice belt!



GUIDE 2 HELP!!

If you are struggling with the cost of living, Short of money, No-where to live, Need to source additional food Need help to sort out debt Need help with healthcare Come and meet the agencies and people who can help Friday 28th April 10am to 4pm at Bridgewater Medical Centre, Henry St, Leigh WN7 2PE

Divorced? Separated?

Meet in a small group for a gentle day of accurate information, non-intrusive support and confidential encouragement. Saturday 13th May 2023, 10am to 4pm at the Irenaeus Centre, Great George's Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Free, but donations welcome. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, or to make a booking (essential), please contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine

at Sacred Heart Church for

Children in Care

at St Joseph's Church for
Terry Donohue