

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 11th March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Bridget Rooney R.I.P.
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Sunday 12th March 2023 *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.

Monday 13th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Winifred & Sergius Nitich R.I.P.
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Tuesday 14th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	The Bozkurt Family & Families affected by earthquake in Turkey
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Wednesday 15th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's			No Mass
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Thursday 16th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart			No Mass
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Friday 17th March *Feast of St Patrick*

St Joseph's			No Mass
Sacred Heart	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	Teresa Kazan

Saturday 18th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Clarice Keavney Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 19th March *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Winifred Peters R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Special Intention (JM)
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Kira Parnanen & Jaxon Paul Southern

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
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12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

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

Food for Thought

To be loved by someone who knows us really well, all the good, and the bad, yet still loves us is a real gift! It's human nature to want to feel loved and accepted for who we are. Today's Gospel tells the story of a woman who was regarded as worthless by the standards of the Jewish society at that time - yet found love and acceptance from Jesus. When Jesus speaks to her, He starts a process that brings her from feeling worthless to being the evangelizer to her village. The woman at the well had her sins "washed away" by Jesus. The image of "living water" is used throughout scripture as a symbol of God's wisdom - a wisdom that gives life and blessing to all who receive it. Every time we turn to Him for forgiveness in the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation we drink at this spring of fresh water - this fountain of mercy and forgiveness. This time of Lent is a special season of grace in the Church - so if your life feels rather dry or empty, don't waste this Lent - keep close to the Lord and let Him fill you up with the living spiritual water that satisfies. May we allow the Lord to touch us - so that the wellsprings of His grace flow through us into others. 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.

Confirmations 2023

Please note that the deadline to register for Confirmation for any young person who is in year 8 closes on March 17th. The website for registration: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. 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.



The Solemnity of St Joseph

This year's feast day for St Joseph will be in **Monday 20th March**. I will celebrate midday Mass at St Joseph's Church on this day. We are very blessed to have a church named after this wonderful Saint.



The second Collection next weekend will be for the **Nugent Care Society**

Lenten Alms

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

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 Monday at St Joseph's Church and on Tuesday at Sacred Heart 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
Enquiries 07907 880308 (Office Hours)
Refreshments / Bar Available

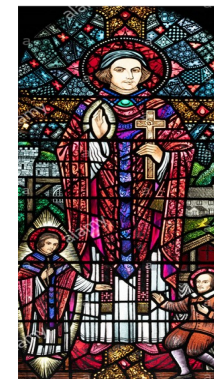
National Novena to St. Joseph

The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 11th -19th March at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. For those who are unable to attend but would like to join from home, Masses from St. Joseph's will be available to follow on zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena If you would like to send for a Novena Prayer booklet, please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or telephone 01628 673178 or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Children's Corner

What sound do hedgehogs make when they hug? Ouch!

Why do ducks make great detectives? They always quack the case.



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Dcn. Tony Arrowsmith** and at St Joseph's Church for **Joyce Worden**