

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 28th January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kitty Clark Anniversary
Sunday 29th January 2023 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Sanal Simon R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen Noon
Tuesday 31st January 2023 Memorial of St John Bosco, priest & Doctor			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Nolan
Wednesday 1st February 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Nora Higgins
Thursday 2nd February 2023 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	McHugh & Gallagher Families
Friday 3rd February 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Terry Malley

Saturday 28th January 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Tony Maxwell R.I.P.
Sunday 29th January 2023 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alan & Alicia Cox R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Bridget Rooney 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"

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



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29th January 2023
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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

Everyone wants to be happy but the real question is how we achieve happiness! In today's Gospel Jesus gives us very clear guidelines to help us. During the course of his public ministry, Jesus undoubtedly repeated himself over and over again trying to help us to find real happiness. The

Beatitudes show us the way to real happiness. They open a path for each follower of Christ and are stepping-stones on the way to the Kingdom of God. Sometimes they are hard to follow, but they are also very beautiful. The Beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How

can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Yet poverty of spirit finds joy in knowing that God is the greatest treasure possible - hunger of spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word. The Lord reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. He promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and

hardships we can expect in this world.

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
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

Joyce Worden

We received some sad news last Wednesday: Joyce Worden has died. We offer our prayers and condolences to Deacon Bernard Worden and his family at this time. May Joyce rest in God's peace and love.

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.

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. The website for registration closes on the 17th 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.



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Margaret Joyce Worden
Fr. Dave Melly
Agnes Smith (Winstanley)
Wayne Stephen Hackett

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, a 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 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.

Modern Day Beatitudes

You're blessed when you hit rock bottom. Because then you can rely on God

You're blessed when you mourn. That means you feel compassion and empathy for others. You begin to understand that we are all one.

You're blessed when you are humble and authentic. That is worth way more than fleeting power and material possessions.

You're blessed when you hunger and thirst after spiritual things instead of worldly things. You will feel full instead of empty.

You're blessed when you express kindness. You will receive kindness in return.

You're blessed when you allow God's presence and goodness to fill your mind, heart and soul. Then you will see God in the outside world.

You are blessed if you live in peace and create peace. Then you will understand what it means to be a child of God. You are fulfilling God's dream for world peace.

You're blessed when people make fun of you or ridicule you for my sake. That means you struck a nerve. Well done! Many of my followers have experienced this. You are in good company.

You're blessed if you are persecuted because of your relationship with God. God knows and sees everything. God will reward you for your faithfulness.

Car Park at St Joseph's Church

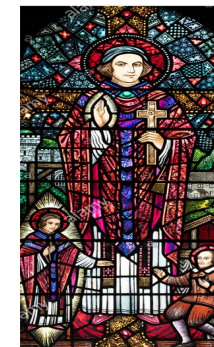
Apologies for those parishioners who are struggling to find a parking place on St Joseph's Church Car Park. Other organisations are parking there without permission. I am looking at ways to alleviate this problem.

Children's Corner

Two hedgehogs are crossing the road by a zebra crossing.

One says, "Don't cross here!"

The other one says, "Why not?"
The first one says, "Look what happened to this zebra!"



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Retired Priests** and at St Joseph's Church for **Priests of the Archdiocese**