

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 29th April *Feast of St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor*

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|--------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Sacred Heart | 10.30am | Sacred Heart | 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 |

### Tuesday 2nd May *Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor*

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| Sacred Heart | 12.00pm | Mass | Agnes Sheila Marsh Birthday Memorial |
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### Wednesday 3rd May *Feast of SS Philip & James, Apostles*

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| St Joseph's | 12.00pm | Mass | Reginald Squires Anniversary |
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### Thursday 4th May *Feast of the English Martyrs*

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| Sacred Heart | 12.00pm |  | <b>No Mass</b> |
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### Friday 5th May *Weekday of Easter*

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| St Joseph's | 12.00pm | Funeral Mass | Margaret Fallon |
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### Saturday 6th May *Weekday of Easter*

|              |         |              |                                      |
|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sacred Heart | 10.30am | Sacred Heart | First Holy Communion Mass            |
| St Joseph's  | 4.30pm  | Mass         | Albert & Eileen Boardman Anniversary |

### Sunday 7th May *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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|--------------|---------|----------|---|
| St Joseph's  | 9.30am  | Mass     | Patrick O'Rourke Birthday Memorial                  |
| Sacred Heart | 11.00am | Mass     | Caitlin Bradbury, Philomena Gaughan, Kathleen Ruane |
| Sacred Heart | 12.30pm | Baptisms | Alex Jax Gibbons & Florence Ruth Monks              |

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



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**30th April 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### Clergy Team:

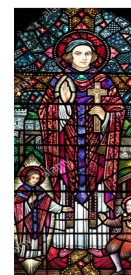
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### Food for Thought

Today's Psalm begins with these reassuring words...**"The Lord is my shepherd"** and ends **"Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."** Goodness and mercy are present in Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He takes the time to get to know His flock and he cares so much that he will even give his life for them. He calls each one by name to come closer to Him – the independent minded ones – the ones that go off and get lost – and the ones who recognise the peace and security that the Good Shepherd brings. Wise sheep not only listen to the Shepherd but follow him and his instructions. Many people can panic and scatter when things are tough, but as members of his flock, we are all called to imitate our Good Shepherd - if one of us strays, the rest of us gently call them home to the one true Shepherd! Do you know any lost sheep who have wandered away from celebrating Mass with us? Whether a person is faithful or goes astray, he will be surrounded by the love of the Good Shepherd. As the shepherd of our souls, he is with us always. Where ever we go we echo the prayer of St Patrick's to guide us ..... Christ before me..... Christ behind me..... Christ with me.

Praise Him!!

### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Roy Foxcroft**  
**Margaret Fallon**  
**John Wilfred Burton**  
**Anthony Short**  
**Winn Connor**  
**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.

### Second Collection

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

### 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 May For Church Movements and groups

"We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Year 4 children from Sacred Heart School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

### Children's Liturgy/Little Church

It is over three years since we have had Children's Liturgy/Little Church at our Sunday Masses. It is something that I am very keen to restart for all our young parishioners. There are, however, certain things that we must make sure are in place at each of our three parish Masses to enable us to have a safe and friendly place for our children. I am hoping that we can welcome back our children again in the near future. In the meantime, there will be a meeting for existing Children's Liturgy/Little Church Catechists and Safeguarding Co-ordinators on:

**Thursday 18th May on 7.00pm at  
St Joseph's Presbytery.**

### '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 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>; 10<sup>th</sup>; 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be Exposition before the midday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 11.25-11.55. It will not take place if there is a funeral on the day.

### Children's Corner

Why did Luke Skywalker always sleep with the light on?

He was afraid of the Darth.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary?  
A thesaurus.

What did one plate say to the other?  
Dinner is on me!



### 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.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today we are encouraged to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, Archbishop Malcolm will be Ordaining Hugh Donleavy as a Deacon in a little over a month at St Charles Church in Aigburth. This will hopefully be followed, by 3 more ordinations to the Diaconate in Oscott and the Venerable English College, Rome towards the end of the college academic year. If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director based at St Charles in Aigburth, by telephoning 0151727 2493 or emailing [r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk)

### May— the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday and Friday during the month of May. It will not take place if there is a funeral on that day.

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Children suffering abuse** at St Joseph's Church for **Gordon Bailey**