

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 18th March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Clarice Keavney Birthday Memorial
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Sunday 19th March 2023 *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

Monday 20th March *Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Tom Brierly Anniversary
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Tuesday 21st March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	John Edward Marsh
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Wednesday 22nd March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Funeral Service	Jack Worrall Higham
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.

Thursday 23rd March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	11.00am	Funeral Service	Dylis Agius
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	McHugh, McArt, McCaffery, Slevin & Muran Families

Friday 24th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's		No Mass	No Mass
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Saturday 25th March *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Baptisms	Charlotte Lilly Hilton & Jacob Belski
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Valerie Hilton R.I.P.

Sunday 26th March *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Stephen Aspden Birthday memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Joseph Fallon Anniversary

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



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19th March 2023
Fourth 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

Imagine being born blind and living into adulthood without ever having seen light and colour. Then through some miraculous operation, doctors are able to give you sight! How wonderful! In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus gave sight to the blind man but more importantly his heart had been healed in addition to his eyes! This story isn't just about the cure of a blind man—it's about the blindness of those who think they can see but they can't. The man born blind has the openness of vision which allows him to recognise truth, righteousness, and goodness in Jesus. This wonderful story challenges us to "live as children of light." We can follow the path of darkness, sin and unbelief - or we can follow the light of God's forgiveness, grace and goodness. All of us can have moments of spiritual blindness but this season of Lent helps us to open ourselves to the light of the Lord. He enables us to see better, to give us more light, to forgive us, to free us from any darkness that is within. May we echo the words of that wonderful Hymn.....*Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.... I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*

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.

CAFOD Sponsored Walk

The CAFOD 5K Sponsored Walk, Saturday 25th March 2023, start from 2pm and return to St Joseph's car park The route along the canal, Warrington Rd direction, is safe and easy. All welcome, including wheels and dogs on leads.

The **Second Collection** this 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

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

John Marsh
Jack Worrall Higham
Dilys Agius
Jean Lyon
Kathleen Daniels

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.

The Solemnity of St Joseph

This year's feast day for St Joseph will be on **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.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Wednesday at St Joseph's Church and on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm at St Joseph's Church
Followed by watching in the Green Room till 10.00pm



Good Friday The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
8.00pm at St Joseph's Church



Mother's Day

We praise the Lord for our Mums today - those here with us on earth and those who are so close to us in heaven. We pray with Mary the greatest Mum of them all.....Ave Maria!

Afternoon Tea

St Joseph's Primary School would like to invite some of our elderly parishioners from St Joseph's Church to afternoon tea. This will be held in the school hall on Thursday 23rd March at 2.00pm.

Please put your name and contact number on the list as you leave church.

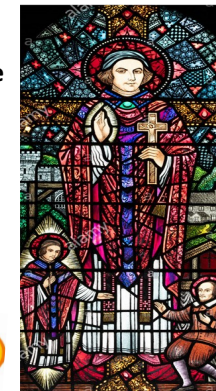
Children's Corner

What did the mama cow say to the calf?

It's pasture bedtime!

What did one plate say to the other?

Dinner is on me!



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Teachers** and at St Joseph's Church for **Governors**