

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 4th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Tony Maxwell R.I.P.
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### Sunday 5th February 2023 *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Alan & Alicia Cox R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Bridget Rooney R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Walter Glyn Robert Shepherd
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### Monday 6th February *Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*

St Joseph's	10.00am	School Mass	Twelve Apostles School
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St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Mary Griffin Get Well
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### Tuesday 7th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
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### Wednesday 8th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Cunningham Family
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### Thursday 9th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Agnes Smith
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### Friday 10th February 2023 *Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin*

St Joseph's	10.00am	School Mass	St Joseph's School
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St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Bernard Roberts R.I.P.
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### Saturday 11th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Fred Barns Anniversary
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### Sunday 12th February 2023 *Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ted Devine R.I.P.
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Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	The Mullaney Family
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### 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  
Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1YE

Parish  
Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth

### 5th February 2023 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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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

In today's Gospel Jesus offers two simple - but very powerful - images of what we are called to be - salt of earth and light to the world. Anyone who has had to go on a low-salt diet knows the difference it makes to a meal! The job of salt is not really to be tasted itself - but to bring out the other flavours in the meal. The same thing happens with light - the job of light is not to draw attention to itself - it's there to allow people to see things that would otherwise be hidden in the darkness. Like salt, we are not to overwhelm people - but to bring out the goodness in them. Like light, we are called to allow the Light of God to shine through us - not so that we blind people - but so that they can see the light of the Lord. This is something we are all called to do - however imperfectly! The little flavour we can bring - the small light we can offer to those we come into contact with can and does make a difference to the world. Just as Jesus is the light to the world, so His church is to be a light in a world of darkness. May we be 'salt' and 'light' among the people we meet every day, and in the humdrum ordinary situations that occur in our day to day lives, so that others may taste and see that the Lord is good. May we be rooted in God so that we don't lose our flavour of saltiness and brightness!

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.

## 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 continued prayers for Dean, who is still in a critical condition in hospital. We place him and his family into the arms of Our loving Father.

Fr. Kieran

## World Day of Prayer Unity Service, 2023: The Gift of Taiwan

This year's World Day of Prayer Unity Service will take place on **Friday 3rd March at St Thomas and All Saints Church 3 Kenwood Avenue, Leigh WN7 2LN at 7.00pm.** All women, men and young people are most welcome.

For those who enjoy singing there is a singer's practice at St Thomas & All Saints, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm – 8.15pm.

## 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](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The website for registration closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of Theo Kenneth Monks & Cillian Thomas Cope, who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. May they grow in the love of the Lord.

## Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is:

*"All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church".*

Let us walk together, pray together and work together

*We must overcome...all forms of racism. The problem of intolerance should be dealt with as a whole: every time a minority is persecuted and marginalized...the good of the whole society is in danger.* **Pope Francis**

## Pope Francis

Exhausted from his pilgrimage of peace to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, the Papa returns to Rome this Sunday inviting us to join him in praying for peace for these great countries! May the seeds of hope sprinkled on those lands during his visit produce a great harvest of peace! We also join with Pope Francis in praying for peace in Ukraine, Myanmar, between Israelis and Palestinians and wherever there is violence in our troubled world

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next gathering and Mass will be on Sunday 26th February 2023 at St Bede's, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL. Please do let Canon Stephen Maloney know if you are able to attend. There will be a social gathering after Mass. Mass will begin at 2.00pm.

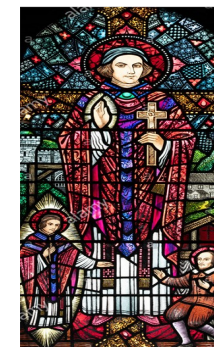
For more information, please contact: Canon Stephen Maloney [frsmaloney@aol.co.uk](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.co.uk).



## Children's Corner

**What did the policeman say to his belly button?**  
*You're under a vest!*

**Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?**  
*Because it's pointless.*



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention** and at St Joseph's Church for **Pope Francis**