

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



**Sacred Heart Church**  
Walmesley Road  
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**7th May 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

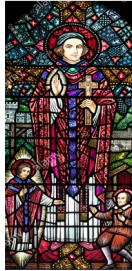


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## **Food for Thought**

In his farewell to His disciples, Jesus' consoling words are beautiful ....***Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still, and trust in me.*** Those words are meant for us as well. As much as we try to avoid it, we all inevitably encounter troubles and trials - sometimes more than we think we can handle! Small things and really big things tend to pile up and deeply affect us, and that can affect the choices we make. Often these troubling feelings can challenge our faith and sadness can make it difficult to hear the Good News that Jesus' resurrection brings us. Life may or may not get better here as we journey on earth, but we can know that God's home awaits us. Jesus tells today that *He is the Way, the Truth and the Life* - and by passing through death into new life He has prepared the way for us. We don't know what heaven is like, none of us have been there - but Jesus' image of many mansions fills us with hope that we will see our loved ones again. Whatever Heaven is like, it's a place that has been prepared for us with such love. Following the Lord is our true aim and purpose in life – it's what we were created for – and what we strive for - because through Him we come into the presence of God our Father forever! Praise Him!



### **Recently Deceased**

We pray for those whose  
have died, especially:

**John Wilfred Burton**

**Anthony Short**

**Anthony Baron**

**Mary Dare**

**Paul Unsworth**

**Joseph Cain**

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.

### **Paul Unsworth R.I.P.**

I heard the sad and shocking news on Friday morning that Paul Unsworth has died. Paul was very involved with the Parish finances over the years. He has been a great help to this Parish. I ask you to please keep in your prayers his wife, Anne and all their family. May Paul rest in Christ's everlasting peace. Amen.

### **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."

### **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.**

### **Visiting the Sick and Housebound**

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to him or contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.



### **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.

### **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.

### **Mass Intentions**

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one, please give at least 3 months notice at St Joseph's Church and 1 month notice at Sacred Heart Church.

### **Children's Corner**

**Where do rabbits go after they get married? On a bunny-moon!**

**What sound do hedgehogs make when they hug? Ouch!**

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



### **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.

### **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 **The Pope's Intentions**

at  
St Joseph's Church for **Wedding Anniversary**

# Mass Times, Services and Intentions

## 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*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Patrick O'Rourke Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Caitlin Bradbury, Philomena Gaughan, Kathleen Ruane

## Tuesday 9th May *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	11.25am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (AW)
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Rosary	

## Wednesday 10th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Mary Dare
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## Thursday 11th May *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Wilfred Burton R.I.P.
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## Friday 12th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Anthony Barron
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## Saturday 13th May *Feast of the Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ The King*

St Joseph's	10.30am	St Joseph's	First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish

## Sunday 14th May *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine Sim R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Win Connor R.I.P.