

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 25th March 2023 *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 2023 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

### Monday 27th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	3.00pm	Funeral Service	Jean Lyon
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### Tuesday 28th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Dcn. Dennis Vint
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### Wednesday 29th March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	David Hughes R.I.P.
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### Thursday 30th March *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	John Nee Anniversary
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### Friday 31st March *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Ken Belshaw R.I.P.
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### Saturday 1st April *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	2.00pm	Baptisms	Oscar Brian Riley-Taylor & Bliss Maxwell-Ogundu
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish

### Sunday 2nd April *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Ellen Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Steven Naylor R.I.P.

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## 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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### 26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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St Joseph's Church  
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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

We live in a world where we see death all around us... people dying in acts of murder, abortion, hunger, and as we have recently seen the war in Ukraine, earthquakes, and famine. We all must face death - it's a reality of life on earth. Today's Gospel recounts one of the most dramatic stories from the life of Jesus - the raising of Lazarus from the dead and Jesus' power to conquer death. If Jesus can restore a body that had been in the tomb for four days, he can certainly heal the brokenness and wounds of our lives. In today's Gospel story of Lazarus, Jesus speaks one of the most powerful messages ever about resurrection. **"If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."** Do you believe that He is the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that He can mend any brokenness and wounds of your life? Do you believe that He not only offers you resurrection in the future but also the fullness of life now in the present?" He wants us to come out of any 'tomb' that we may be in. He keeps calling because He wants to bring us out into new life. Celebrate His healing forgiveness this Lent in the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. As today's psalm says - **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.** During this time of Lent may we accept Jesus' invitation, to be unbound and freed from anything in our lives that's not of Him!

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  
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May the Lord embrace them with love.

## CONFIRMATIONS 2023

The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year has officially closed. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able register online with the Archdiocese at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click on "Register For Confirmation". Please do so as soon as possible. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.

## Stations of the Cross

This week the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church and on Friday at St Joseph's Church.

## Gluten-free Altar Bread

If you require a Gluten-free altar bread, please speak to the sacristan before the beginning of Mass

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**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.

## Mass of Chrism

Wednesday 5th April at the Cathedral of Christ the King 7.30pm  
Celebrant:  
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of **Charlotte Lilly Hilton and Jacob Belski** who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. May they grow in the love of the Lord.

## 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

## Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, as this is a way of increasing our income without having to ask people for more money (when we are all suffering from the cost of living crisis). For every £1 you give 25p extra can be claimed back from the government. This is great way of boosting our Parish Finances. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## Children's Corner

Which fruit is a vampire's favorite?

Neck-tarine!

What has hundreds of ears but can't hear a thing?

A cornfield!



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## The Cat and The Canary

St Joseph's Players next production, a comedy melodrama, by John Willard, directed by Donna Wood.

From Tuesday 18th April to Saturday 22nd April. Curtain 7.30pm  
Tickets Adults £10  
16 years and under £5  
Available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
For enquiries phone 07907 880 308

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Refugees** and at St Joseph's Church for **Asylum Seekers**