

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### 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.

### Tuesday 16th May *Weekday of Easter*

Sacred Heart	11.25am	Exposition	
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Brenda Southern
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Rosary	

### Wednesday 17th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	11.25am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	LISCF
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Vigil Mass	Patrick O'Rourke

### Thursday 18th May *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Brian Dunn R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	John Wilfred Burton

### Friday 19th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	1.00pm	Funeral Mass	Paul Unsworth
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### Saturday 20th May *Weekday of Easter*

St Joseph's	10.30am	St Joseph's	First Holy Communion Mass
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Gerald & Hilda Grady R.I.P.

### Sunday 21st May *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Margaret Fallon R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Olivia Dean & Freddie Sinar

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



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**14th May 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### Clergy Team:

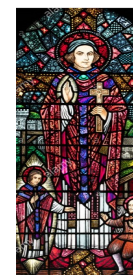
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9.30am—4.00pm



### Food for Thought

When we feel sad and alone, maybe through illness or the pain of bereavement, we may find that it's hard to feel that God is with us. Yet, He walks with us always and will never abandon us! In today's Gospel Jesus echoes that love saying.... *"I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you"*. It's a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life to know that love. Today we hear how Jesus prepared His disciples for the day when He would no longer be with them in a physical sense. We all know that one of the hardest things to do is to part from those we love, so Jesus gave His disciples - and us - a promise. He tells us that He is always with us – in a powerful way – through His Spirit. It's a great comfort to all of us who believe. If we follow Him we are able to enter into the divine life of Jesus and we will be known and loved by God. We will be in God – and God will be in us. This is an extraordinary privilege! Yet, such is the promise made by Jesus to His friends. What a friend we have!!

Praise Him!!



### Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**John Wilfred Burton**  
**Anthony Short**  
**Paul Unsworth**  
**Kevin Fahy**  
**Mary Gibbon**

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 Nex Week

Next week's Second Collection will be for  
World Communication's Day

### 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."

### Mass Intentions

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

### 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.

### 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 7.00pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.**

### Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayer meeting Monday 15th May, 10.30 am in St Joseph's Presbytery. All mother's and Grandmother are welcome.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of  
**Alex Jax Gibbons & Florence Ruth Monks** who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. May they grow in the love of the Lord.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Year 4 children from St Joseph's School, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep their families in your prayers.

### SanctuarLamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for  
**King Charles III**  
at  
St Joseph's Church for  
**John Donohue**

### 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.

### The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There are two Parish Masses: Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church  
10.00am Mass on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church

### Come and See Day

Saturday 3rd June  
10.00am—4.00pm  
'Called to be a Spiritual Church'  
Keynote Speaker  
Mary Hardiman.

Mary is a retired teacher who now works as a trauma informed therapist, offering counselling to men in prison. She is involved with Lifelines, a charity that supports men and women on Death Row in America  
The Come and See Day takes place at  
The Irenaeus Centre  
32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD  
Book in at [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)  
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### Children's Corner

"Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?"  
"The food is good, but there's no atmosphere."

What did the little corn say to the mama corn?

Where is pop corn?

