

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 18th February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.
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### Sunday 19th February 2023 *Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Jack Gough Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Agnes Smith R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptism	Renaë Emilee Pennington & Matthew Anthony Entwistle

### Tuesday 21st February 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's		Funeral Service	Kathleen Ashbrook
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Mary Blake

### Wednesday 22nd February 2023 *Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Marlene & Martin O'Neill R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	7.00pm	Mass	Danny Chambers R.I.P.

### Thursday 23rd February 2023 *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

Sacred Heart		Mass	Vincent Johnson
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### Friday 24th February 2023 *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's		Mass	Angela Blenkinship R.I.P.
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### Saturday 25th February 2023 *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Enid Kenwright R.I.P.
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### Sunday 26th February 2023 *First Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine Mary Sim (nee Hewitt)
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

### 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

### 19th February 2023 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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Deacon: Dcn. Dennis Vint

#### Parish Office

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St Joseph's Church  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR

Opening Hours  
Mon and Fri  
9.30am - 11.30am  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wed 9.30- 11.30

### Food for Thought

It's very easy to get on with people we like. If our friends need our help, we are glad to be able to lend a hand - offer a listening ear - share our time, or give some useful advice. In contrast, we are not quite so kind to the people we dislike or to those who have hurt us. We all have small hurts and have ways of dealing with them, - but the big hurts and wounds that don't heal fast take longer, and, in some cases, the scars can last a lifetime. Today's Gospel is quite a tough one, because we like to get our own back if we have been hurt. Yet, Jesus tells us that the only way forward is forgiveness and love. Loving those who have hurt us, means first and foremost forgiving them - after all, God loves the very ones that ignore, reject, and scorn Him! Love and forgiveness can overcome hatred - by transforming it. If we don't forgive, we are not free, because forgiveness is freedom. It's often easier to create division than it is to create unity. It can be very easy to join in gossip, or be critical of others, rather than to see the good in them. As we listen to the Word of God today, we ask Him to give us the courage, faith, and hope to embrace this Gospel and live it here and now, in this community of faith. Let suffering soften rather than harden our souls, so that we truly become God's temple, showing that the Spirit of God is alive and active in us, helping us to follow the Lord's example of compassion and love. 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  
Nellie Flynn  
Mary Barnes

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## 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.

## Christmas Candles

The candles that have not been collected will be lit at the Masses this weekend

## 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.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Kathleen Ashbrook**  
**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

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 3rd March

There are CAFOD envelopes in the porch and prayer cards, If you are a tax-payer, please take an envelope and gift aid your donation

## CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## Stations of the Cross

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

## 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).

## First Holy Communions

I am grateful to our three parish schools who have begun the preparation for our Year 4 children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. For parents whose children are in Year 4 or above and attend a non-Catholic primary school and wish to receive these sacraments please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

## Thank you

Dcn. Bernard and Family would like to thank all those who sent Mass cards and Sympathy cards in memory of Joyce.

## Children's Corner

How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair?  
Eclipse it!

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  
Because chickens didn't exist yet!



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **The Aid Workers in Syria & Turkey** and at St Joseph's Church for **The people of Syria and Turkey**