

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 25th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Steven Naylor, Birthday Memorial Pious List
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Sunday 26th November *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Teresa & John Ryder Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thomas Waters Anniversary Pious List

Tuesday 28th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		Celebration of the Word and Communion
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Wednesday 29th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition	
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Joseph Green Anniversary & Pious List
St Joseph's	1.15pm	Funeral Service	Violet Talbot
St Joseph's	7.00pm		Mass of Remembrance

Thursday 30th November *Feast of St Andrew*

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	John J. Govin R.I.P. Pious List
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Mass	James William Reynolds

Friday 1st December *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	The Worden Family
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Saturday 2nd December *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson Anniversary
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Sunday 3rd December *First Sunday of Advent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Enid Kenwright Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Arthur Williams R.I.P.

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



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26th November 2023
**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Universal King**

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Food for Thought

Today's Gospel reminds us once again about caring for each other. Jesus said...**"I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me."** Looking after those in need is 'Kingdom living'. Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, a beautiful Feast that reminds us once again about the choice of two kingdoms! The kingdom of light and goodness - and the kingdom of darkness. The choice is ours! There is great joy in finding the Kingdom, and there is great joy in trying to help to build it! On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we remember that for many generations our Church has been a place where the values of God's kingdom have been taught and lived out. May we continue to be a Church where all people, especially the most vulnerable, can feel welcomed and encouraged. As long as we try to do this, we will become a lighthouse for the world. As Christians we trust that in time the Lord will draw us all together – however far apart we are scattered, and at the end of time, the sheep who know the voice of the Lord will follow Him finally into the eternal pastures of heaven. May our example help others to come home to the Lord, where a beautiful welcome awaits them at Sacred Heart and St Joseph's!

Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died

Doreen Baddeley (nee Galvin)
Jim Reynolds
Joseph Tighe
Irene Marsh

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:

Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Catherine Peat
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
Pat Avery
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

Advent Service of Reconciliation Confesathon

Individual Confession will be held on
Saturday 9th December at St Joseph's Church

10.00am-11.00am Fr. Gordon Abbs
11.00am –11.50am Fr. Carl Mugan
12.30pm-1.30pm Fr. Kieran

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place during the Sacrament of Reconciliation
There will be Midday Mass

Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses. You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altar during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided
- ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
- ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked 'Christmas Memorial'.
Please note the deadline date is the 11th December.

Mass of Remembrance

This year's Mass of Remembrance will take place on Wednesday at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. This Mass is for those loved ones who have died between November 2022 and October 2023.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Food Bank Collection

We will be holding Food Bank Collections at both churches from the two weekends.

The Food Bank at Atherton have asked for any non perishable food items (except beans & pasta) and toiletries. Items can be brought to all Masses or dropped off at St Joseph's Church Monday, Wednesday & Friday. The Food Bank service is in great demand at this time. For more details about the Food Bank, visit www.trusselltrust.org

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next LGBTQ+ Family Mass will held at All Saints Church, Golborne on 10th December at 2.00pm. All are welcome especially family and extended family of the LGBTQ+ community. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

St Mary's High School Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at St Mary's High School are putting together a Christmas Party on Thursday 14th December 12.00pm—2.00pm for the Senior Citizens of the local parishes. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list in the porch and any specific dietary requirements.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Pope Francis** At St Joseph's for **Mary & Alf Keavney**

Youth Sunday

We praise the Lord for all our young people and the blessing they are to us! Today is **National Youth Sunday** and the Second Collection is to help to support the work of our Archdiocesan Youth Service Animate.

Christmas Concert

All Singers Great and Small present their **Christmas Concert** on Saturday 9th December at 7.00pm at St Thomas and All Saints Church, Kenwood Avenue, Leigh WN7 2LN £6, pay at the door, includes refreshment and raffle.

Confirmations

Congratulations to the 15 young people from our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Tom Neylon last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful celebration and I thank all those who contributed in making it so. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Altar Servers

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, our altar servers will be enrolled at all three Masses into the **Guild of St Stephen.**

Children's Corner

What is a budgie's favorite TV soap?
Coronation tweet!

When is a telephone cold?
When it goes Brrr-Brrr!

