

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 1st April 2023 *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.

Tuesday 4th April *Weekday in Holy Week*

12A School	9.30am		Holy Week Mass
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Rev. Dcn. Tony Arrowsmith R.I.P.

Wednesday 5th April *Weekday in Holy Week*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Holy Thursday 6th April *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

St Joseph's	7.30pm	Mass	Thanksgiving D.A
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Good Friday 7th April *The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Sacred Heart	3.00pm		
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Holy Saturday 8th April *Easter Vigil*

Sacred Heart	11am		Polish Blessing of Baskets
St Joseph's	8.00pm	Mass	Paul Hough Anniversary

Easter Sunday 9th April

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Angela Blenkinship R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John Marsh R.I.P.

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



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

2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Food for Thought

The opening line of the Psalm for this Sunday is very moving. **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me."** When someone is going through a very difficult time and things are really tough, they may ask that question – but God is love and love never abandons anyone. God's love is so great that he takes on our human nature, and on the cross he bears our sins. The Word of God tells us that Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him -- betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion! The death would be terrible, and the suffering that would accompany it would be excruciating. As we read the account of the Passion, we may find it hard to understand why Jesus did not retaliate - or try to defend Himself. But Jesus knew that God was on the side of truth and love - and that those who suffer for truth are vindicated. Faced with the noise - the pain - the hatred, Jesus was able to go to the place within Him where peace reigned. This was the place where God dwelt - and no earthly power could stop it! We begin Holy Week praying that as a Church, we may go on loving... through insult and praise... through acceptance and rejection - in the sure knowledge that through His wounds we are healed. May we be united with Him in His suffering on the Cross knowing Resurrection and new life awaits.



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 Lord embrace them with love.

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 Wednesday at St Joseph's Church.

Altar Server's Practice for the Triduum

Altar servers from both churches are invited to come along to the following rehearsals:

Holy Thursday 11.00am at St Joseph's Church
Good Friday 1.00pm at Sacred Heart Church
Holy Saturday 1.30pm at St Joseph's Church

Leigh Churches

Good Friday Walk of Witness

11.00am Service at St Joseph's Church. Then walk through town centre to Library Square for an act of worship. Refreshments in St Mary's Parish Church afterwards. All are welcome

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Jean Lyon
Kathleen Daniels
Margaret Foster
Mary Brenda McNamara

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Mass of Christm

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

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of
Oscar Brian Riley-Taylor & Bliss Maxwell-Ogundu who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop Tom Williams

Bishop Tom Williams submitted his resignation from the Office of Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, following his 75th birthday. Bishop Tom said, 'I give thanks for the many blessings of my ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. I now look forward to focussing on and continuing that pastoral ministry as Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus.'

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 9.30pm
Concluding with Night Prayer

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
(Please note that this replaces the usual 4.30pm Mass)

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.

Polish Blessing of Baskets

The annual Polish Blessing of Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday at 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church.

Children's Corner

Why did the cell phone get glasses?

Because she lost all her contacts.



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
For enquiries phone 07907 880 308

CAFOD 5K Parish Walk

Grateful thanks to those who took part in the CAFOD 5K Parish Walk, and all the sponsors.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Communities suffering from War**

at St Joseph's Church for **Communities suffering from Oppression**