

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	John Thompson Anniversary
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Freda Taylor Anniversary
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Jewel's 18th Birthday

Monday 10th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon	StJ	Funeral Mass	Daniel Harrison
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Tuesday 11th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon	SH	Mass	Special Intention (D.S.)
2.00pm	StJ	Funeral Service	Philip John Peacock

Wednesday 12th February

12.00 noon	StJ	Mass	Lily Ashworth Anniversary
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Thursday 13th February

12.00noon	SH	Celebration of the Word & Eucharist	
12.00noon	StJ	Funeral Mass	Norman Kelleher

Friday 14th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.30am	StJ	Funeral Service	Marie Florence Evans
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Saturday 15th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

11.00am	StJ	Exposition & Reconciliation	
12.00 noon	StJ	Mass	Maria & Michael McHugh snr., Michael McHugh jnr.

16th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	Special Intention R.B.
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Patrick & Deirdre Costello R.I.P.
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Richard Mercer sick



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Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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St Joseph's

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

9th February 2020

This weekend is Racial Justice weekend. We are asked to celebrate the contribution the Travelling Communities make to the Church in this country.



Reflect

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we have the power of the Holy Spirit within us to change lives. We are not here to passively observe life going on around us, but to effect change, to be a part of life, to improve life for all.

Pray

Lord help us to believe in our own goodness and to let the light of that goodness shine about us. On seeing this light, perhaps others will find their way out of the darkness and your name always will be glorified

Act & Challenge

The Church's commitment to social justice flows from the message given to us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities this commitment leads us to are expressed as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor, instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive & bear wrongs patiently. This week, take time to build some of these actions into your life, until they become second nature to you, so that your light of faith will really shine forth for others.

This weekend, Fr Paul (the elder) and I will celebrate the Sunday Masses in each other's parishes. He will come to Leigh and I will go to his Parish of St John Rigby.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Green, Michael Hutchence, Norman Kelleher, Richard Mercer, Steven Naylor, Special Intention (DS)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the Sanctuary Lamp at St Joseph's will burn in remembrance of :

The Sanctuary Lamps at Sacred Heart will burn for the Priests of the Pastoral Area

EXPOSITION

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30am to 11.55am every Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church and every Friday at St Joseph's Church, when there is midday Mass.

BAPTISMS

We welcome in Baptism Samuel Thomas Goulden, Naomi Charlotte Allsop & Lottie Willow Boardman. We wish them and their family every blessing as they start out on their journey of faith.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Ellis, Marie Florence Evans, Daniel Harrison, Patricia Hughes, Norman Kelleher, Philip John Peacock.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord....

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND LIST

Please remember in your prayers:

Winifred Beattie, George Cartledge, Edward Conway, Sr. Teresa Frost, Peter Galloway, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Josie Howes, Kitty Jones, Gerald Warren

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,593.40
CAFOD	£ 674.01
Crib Offerings Nugent	£ 427.67

Many thanks for your continued generosity

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH SVP

At all masses on the weekend of the 15th/16th February 2020 the SVP will be having its 1st collection of the year. At Christmas we raised over £400 to be used to support parishioners in our community. Please continue to be generous, as any little helps us to continue our work. Thank you, the SVP

MOTHERS' PRAYERS MEETING

Tuesday 11th February at 2pm in St Joseph's Presbytery . ALL Mothers and Grandmothers are very welcome to join us .

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

is being offered to anyone in Year 8 not already confirmed and attending a non-Catholic School. You can sign up for it and the preparation session on Saturday 29th February at Lowe House, St Helens via Eventbrite: Search for 'Animate Youth Ministries'

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady, Queens Drive, Wavertree, L15 6YQ.
Tuesday 11th February 7.30pm. Main celebrant Bishop Tom Williams

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Congratulations to Mary, Paula, Neville and St Joseph's Headteacher, Miss Michelle Daly for completing the Eucharistic Training Day last Saturday. They will be commissioned in the near future. I'm grateful to Fr. Paul Grady for running the course.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

Friday, 6th March at Sacred Heart Church, at 7.30pm.

In this service we are encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued Zimbabwe over many years. The women share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future and invite us to support them as they continue their journey towards full reconciliation.

If you love to sing why not be part of our choir?

Practices at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart on Mondays 17th February and 2nd March

Readers' practice: Monday 24th February at 7.30 at Sacred Heart.

ALL WELCOME – MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Mass Intentions for St Joseph and Sacred Heart churches

Just a reminder that if you would like a loved one to be prayed for on a particular date especially at one of the Sunday Masses, can you please try and give at least two months notice rather than just a couple of weeks, otherwise it may not be possible to pray for them on your preferred date.

ST JOSEPH'S CAR PARK

Due to the large amount of cars using the car park, and parishioners not being able to park, we have decided to lock it. The car park will be open at school times 8.30 - 9.30am & 3.00-4.00pm and opened 30 minutes before a service and locked 30 minutes after the service has finished. It will also be opened for events in the Main Hall. If you have any questions, please ring the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH TRIP TO STRATFORD.

We are planning a Parish day-trip to Stratford Upon Avon this year on June 4th. Departing at approximately 9.00am we will be heading to Stratford and setting off back home at about 6.30pm. (This is simply to avoid the build-up of traffic during rush hour) We have managed to book 30 seats to see "The Comedy of Errors" in the afternoon. Tickets are at various prices – either £13 or £18 – and are available on a very strictly FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. Also, there will be space on the coach for approximately 20 people to come along with us, who do not want to go to the theatre, but would like to enjoy a day out in Stratford. Hopefully we might have good weather in June! If you would like to go then please contact Fr.Paul (the Elder!) and either leave a message (don't forget to leave your contact number and the number of tickets you would like for the theatre) or email at paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk

RESTORED LIVES - RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

The Restored Lives Course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday 12th February at Holy Rosary, Aintree, Liverpool L10 2LG
The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.