

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 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

Tuesday 18th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon	SH	Celebration of the Word & Communion	
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Wednesday 19th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon	StJ	Funeral Mass	Patricia Hughes
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Thursday 20th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00noon	SH	Mass	Catherine Ellis L.D.
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Friday 21st February Weekday in Ordinary Time

1.00pm	StJ	Funeral Mass	Catherine Ellis
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23rd February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	George Cartledge
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Kath Parr R.I.P.
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Morris Critchley R.I.P.



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Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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St Joseph's

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Our Lady of the Rosary

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME YEAR



Reflect

In today's Gospel we hear that it is not enough to do the bare minimum required of us. Jesus teaches us that we should go beyond the letter of the law in the way that we interact with others. All our interactions should be grounded in love of God and love of all people.

Pray

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.
Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.
Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.
Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.
Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

Psalm 119 vv33-37

Act

Certain laws seem to be inscribed in the human heart. When we encounter these there is a sense of rightness about it. What are the laws inscribed in your heart? What are the fundamental principles that you think are true and will always be true? This week be true to that innermost understanding of the law that comes from the heart of God.

(Adapted from 'Pray As You Go' Saturday 15 Sunday 16th February)

Challenge

A couple of weeks ago, on a clear January night, in a remote area with very little light pollution I looked up to the sky and saw myriads of stars and planets gleaming in the night and the Milky Way winding its path through the universe. Yet an estimated 85% of the UK population has never seen the Milky Way due to the rapid rise of light pollution. Dark skies are integral to the tranquillity and distinctiveness of our landscapes. They are important to our wellbeing, and for the feeding, breeding and pollinating habits of nocturnal animals. How can you reduce the amount of light pollution you cause?

This weekend, we welcome Fr . John Butchard & Fr Joel Marto

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THIS WEEK

John Atherton, Pat Atherton, Phyllis Bailey, Morris Critchley, Monica Davies, Catherine Ellis, Kevin Fleming, Pat Hughes, Margaret Kelley, Tom & Betty Kennedy, May Malley, Richard Mercer, Danny Smith, Deceased Members of Wilcock & Birchall Families

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the Sanctuary Lamp at St Joseph's will burn in remembrance of: Philip John Aldred, Kathleen & Vincent Unsworth 8th - 15th February 15th - 22nd February Eveline Donohue, Margaret Warren

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Ellis, Patricia Hughes.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord....

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND LIST

Please remember in your prayers:
Winifred Beattie, George Cartledge, Edward Conway, Maurice Cunliffe, Sr. Teresa Frost, Peter Galloway, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Josie Howes, Kitty Jones, Gerald Warren

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,590.95
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

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 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Cards and small gifts are now available on the table at the back of Sacred Heart Church.

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.

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

PARISH TRIP TO STRATFORD.

Many thanks to all those who have already booked places on the Parish day-trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon on June 4th. Tickets are for theatre are now completely SOLD OUT. There are still a handful of places on the coach for those who are not bothered about going to the theatre – if you do then please leave your name and contact number for Fr.Paul at St.Richard's and you will be put on a reserve list. We will share further details concerning transport and pick-up times and places after Easter. The cost for the coach will be £10 per person

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 6th March 2020

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers.

Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sr. Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sr. Concilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without your support, her brilliant work couldn't continue, there just wouldn't be enough funding to support it. We urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sr. Concilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love.

On Friday 6th March would consider eating a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sr. Concilia to continue her life saving work?

Through CAFOD's global Church family, your support can reach the ends of the earth.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the porch and give whatever you can. Thank you.