

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 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.

Tuesday 25th February Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon	SH	Mass	Annie & Samuel Spibey
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Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday

9.30am	12 A School	Mass	Toby Peters
12.00noon	StJ	Mass	The Kendrick Family
7.00pm	SH	Mass	Richard Mercer Sick

Thursday 27th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am	SH	Funeral Service	Edward Darbyshire
12.00noon	SH	Mass	May Lynch

Friday 28th February Friday after Ash Wednesday

12.00noon	StJ	Mass	Thomas McCulloch Anniversary
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Saturday 29th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am	SH	Exposition & Reconciliation	
12.00 noon	SH	Mass	Catherine Ellis

1st March 1st Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	Maurice McCarthy RIP
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Deceased Members of the Yates Family
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Annie Green Birthday memorial



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## Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

### Churches:

Sacred Heart  
St Joseph's

### Former Churches:

Twelve Apostles  
Our Lady of the Rosary

### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest:  
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

23rd February 2020



### Reflect

In [today's](#) Gospel Jesus calls us to reach out in love to all, even those who may be considered to be our enemy.

### Pray

Teach me, O Lord, to love others as you love all people. To make time for those who are time poor; to see beyond the exterior armour to the inner person within; to nourish those who hunger both physically and spiritually. Show me your path, O Lord.

### Act

Its easy to love members of our family or people close to us, but how do we love those whom we do not know, those who irritate us, those who disgust us? And yet Jesus calls us to love all we encounter, even those whom have been marginalized. It seems to be an impossible challenge, but it is in the act of striving that we can reach our goal.

### Challenge

How's the recycling going? Did you know that Wigan came 68th in the 2018/19 overall performance league table for recycling? Even a small increase in effort from everybody could improve that result....

## SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection will be for Zoe's Place. Zoe's Place is a hospice for children aged 0 to 5 suffering from severe life-limiting or life-threatening disorders. It provides palliative and terminal care for up to six children at any one time. An offshoot of the prolife national charity Life ('Zoe' a Greek word for 'life'), it is run by Zoe's Place Trust, a separate registered charity. There are two other Zoe's Places - in Middlesbrough and Coventry. Zoe's Liverpool was the first baby hospice in the world and is situated in the former Sisters of Mercy convent in West Derby.

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## PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Tony Ashcroft, John Atherton, Pat Atherton, Theresa & Thomas Beads, Marie Evans, Peter & Irene James, Marlene O'Neill, Bridie Phillips, Kevin Quin, John Warburton, Miriam Margaret Wilson, Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Thanksgiving to St Jude

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

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

The Sanctuary Lamps at Sacred Heart will burn for the People 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

Edward Darbyshire  
Eternal rest grant unto him....

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Herat every Thursday after midday Mass  
St Joseph's Wednesday evenings 7.00pm beginning 4th March

### 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 £1,442.90  
Many thanks for your continued generosity

### THANK YOU

We are very grateful to the Ukrainian Community for their donation of £200 for the use of Sacred Heart Church and facilities.

### GIFT AID

Thank you to all those parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid. A total of £18,445.42 was claimed back from the Tax Man for the year 2018/19, which is a much needed boost to Parish Finances. If you are a Tax Payer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid if you have not already done so. 25p in every £1 that you donate can be claimed back from the Inland Revenue at no extra cost to yourself. If you have signed up for Gift Aid and any of your circumstances have changed, please let the Gift Aid Team know as soon as possible by contacting the Parish Office.

### Lent "CAFÉ" Meetings at Sacred Heart Hindley Green

During Lent there will be a series of CAFÉ Meetings at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green. The meetings are designed to help us think about our faith during Lent and involve discussion groups, DVD presentations, and prayer. They will take place in the meeting room at Sacred Heart on the following Saturday afternoons at 2.00pm – March 14th, March 21st, March 28th – with the final session taking place on Sunday April 3rd at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

## 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'

### FIRST COMMUNION

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER –** Prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe  
**Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk**  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March

ALL WELCOME – MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

### 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.

### Coronavirus

Parishioners have asked what we need to do in our parishes. Here are some guidelines as given by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales:

- Anyone who has cold or flu symptoms should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand. (This is good practice every 'flu' season.)
- Ensure Ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. (This is done at every Mass.)
- There is no need, as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.