

Services, Mass Times and Intentions Fourth Sunday Year B

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Kitty & Ernest Clarke R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	James Cunliffe R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Stanley Kevin Dootson R.I.P.
In private	Tuesday		Kathy Rigby & Marion Higgins R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12.00pm	Kennedy Family
St Joseph's	Christmas	5.00pm	John Thompson R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Eve	6.30pm	Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Masses	8.00pm	Winston Joseph Sarsfield R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Christmas	8.30am	Mark Prescott Anniversary
St Joseph's	Day	10.00am	Tony Unsworth R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Masses	11.30am	Dcn. Tony Arrowsmith
Sacred Heart	Saturday	12.00pm	Marie Hindley Gordon L.D.

Feast of the Holy Family Year B

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Jeffry David Allinson R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	David Nicholson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Brian Ogden R.I.P.



Sanctuary Lamp

This week our
Sanctuary Lamps will shine
for....

Flower Memorial Names

at St Joseph's

and

Homeless People

at Sacred Heart

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B 20th December 2020



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Food for the Journey

Over the last few weeks, we have heard Gospels which have spoken of the one who was to come. Today's Gospel is the same - again we hear words of promise - that He is coming - but not yet! Do you believe in the promises of God? Mary did, and believed - even when she didn't fully understand! I'm sure that there were many questions Mary could have asked, yet her mind was on the light that shone within her! The words of the angel Gabriel to Mary are among the best known and most loved in the history of the world, many of us have heard them spoken by children in Nativity plays etc. This is often delightful - but we run the risk of losing the power of what the angel was actually announcing! Mary's response to the Word of God delivered by the angel was not prompted by doubt - but by wonderment! Mary's unconditional yes and her words, "*I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me*" gives us a good insight of who she is. She is a true hearer and welcomer of the Word of God and immediately responds with faith and trust. If everyone trusted and responded as Mary did, who knows what joy the world would know! How we praise Him for Mary's 'yes', for in the birth of her child lies the hope of the world! Her child would show us real love – a love that forgives – shares and accompanies - a love that gives us hope. Praise Him!

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. Including: Dennis O'Halleran...also those who have died recently, Pat Clarke, Jess Peter Grundy, Freda Fletcher, Winifred Smith, Betty Sweeney, Mary Thompson, Agnes Whalley and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time...may the peace of our Risen Lord enfold us all.

Funerals this week

Tuesday Patricia Louise Clarke Howe Bridge and Leigh Cemetery
Please keep Patricia's family in your prayers. We pray: Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES 2020 Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission

The total raised in the Parish during the year is £3,007.

Many thanks to all of you who have managed to make your donations through the churches and the parish office. Anyone who has outstanding donations or boxes that need emptying can be taken to both churches. Any further donations can be placed in an envelope but please mark it Red Mission Boxes and your name and put it in collection baskets.

Missio 2021 Calendars available at the back of both churches please take one. St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish contacts: Paul Unsworth at St Joseph's and Pat Keegan at Sacred Heart

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Thursday: First Masses of Christmas
Friday: Nativity of the Lord
Saturday: Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr
Next Sun: Feast of the Holy Family

Numbers at Mass

4.30pm 48
9.30am 76
11.00am 53

Collection £1,027.00

FINANCES

Christmas Collection

The Christmas day collection goes to St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish funds. I take an annual salary of £10,500 (not from each church).

Thanks for your continued kindness and thanks to all those who have sent in their offertory collections saved up over these last few months.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Due to social distancing measures we are limited to the number of people we can safely accommodate in each church this year, approximately 105 at St Joseph's and 75 at Sacred Heart. To book a place, please contact the Parish office and state the Mass you would like to attend and the number of places you require (1, 2 5 etc). The Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve

St Joseph's: 5.00pm (Fully Booked) and 6.30pm (93)

Sacred Heart: 8.00pm (56)

Christmas Day

St Joseph's: 8.30am (46) and 10.00am (49)

Sacred Heart: 11.30am (36)

In the brackets are the number of people who have booked so far.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, presents and all your goodness!
Thank you for the vast work done by so many of you to ensure that Sacred Heart and St Joseph's is a powerful experience of the goodness of God especially at this time of Pandemic. I know God will bless you abundantly and I pray that the wonder of God becoming one of us at Christmas helps us to become even more like Him!

"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May the Holy Spirit guide you,
on the path to follow His way."

Fr. Kieran

Children's Corner

Why do dragons sleep during the day? So they can fight knights.

Why did the chef get sent to prison?

Because he beat the eggs and whipped the cream.

How do you catch a squirrel? Climb a tree and act like a nut.

