

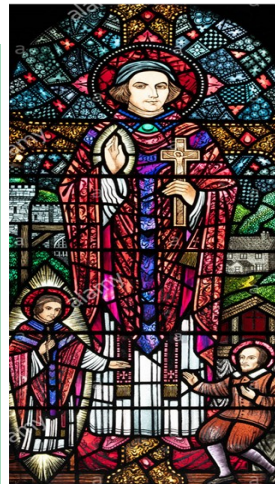
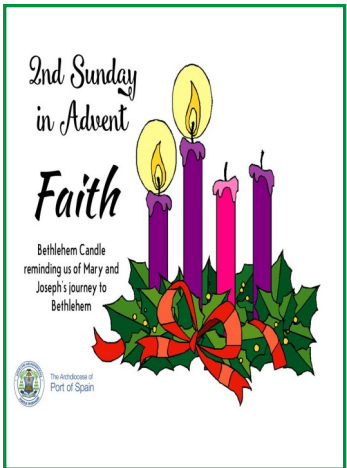
Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King Year A

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Jeffry David Allinson Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Ronald Joseph Kenwrite & David Philip Jones
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Tony Unsworth R.I.P.
In private	Tuesday		Michael Zdan R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12.00pm	Kath Trundle
In Private	Thursday		Kardinal Marian Jaworski R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Friday	12.00pm	John & Theresa Ryder

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Kathleen & Francis James Duffy R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Jean Woods
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Anne Marie Ogden R.I.P.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

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

James Fitzsimons

at St Joseph's

and

James Worden

at Sacred Heart

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church
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Second Sunday of Advent Year B 6th December 2020

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Food for the journey!

In today's first reading we hear the words "Console my people, console them." In the events of this pandemic year, who doesn't long for consolation? As Christians our consolation is in the love and forgiveness of the Lord - and love as we know, always wants to share itself. That's why John the Baptist's life was fuelled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus. In today's Gospel his cry from the heart calls for life-altering change. Before any real change can take place in our spiritual development, we have to come to the point of recognising where we are and wanting it to be better. St Paul's advice to us today is 'try your best to live your lives without spot or stain so that He will find you at peace'. All of us can carry clutter that needs sorting, and the Word of God today helps to nudge us into urgent action. God comes and knocks at the door of our hearts all the time, nudging us to change from intolerance to tolerance - from despair to hope - from fearing Him to loving Him. When we were baptised we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and when we were confirmed we became more aware that He is our helper and Guide - our greatest gift! May this gift burn brightly in our hearts. The Lord is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit, so that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and love. His Word has power to change and transform our lives, so that we, like John the Baptist, may be lights pointing others to the Lord and filling them with Advent hope.

Praise Him!!

For our sisters and brothers who are sick and housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. Including: Dennis O'Halleran.

For those who have died

Joseph Winston Sarsfield, Georgina Smith, Patricia Ann Burgess, Martin Patrick Loftus, Enid Worden

Also those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time...may the peace of our Risen Lord enfold us all.

If you would like your name including on the sick list, or you know someone who would, please inform the parish office. You must get permission from the person concerned if

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LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Second Sunday of Advent

Mon: Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Tue: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sun: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Finance

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Gift Aid envelopes and church offerings. It is truly appreciated in these times of hardship

Children's Corner

What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A palm tree!

Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
Because he felt crummy.

Why was the baby strawberry crying?
Because her parents were in a jam.



Funerals this week

Wednesday Georgina Smith Howebridge Crem.

Thursday Patricia Ann Burgess Howebridge Crem.

Thursday Martin Patrick Loftus Howebridge Crem.

Please keep their family in your prayers. For Georgina, Patricia and Martin we pray: Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

This year because of the Pandemic and because of the reduced seating capacity and social distancing measures in our churches, I will not be able to celebrate the annual children's first Mass of Christmas at St Joseph's Church. Families, however, are still invited to attend one of the **six** Christmas Masses.

The Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve

St Joseph's: 5.00pm and 6.30p.m

Sacred Heart: 8.00pm

Christmas Day

St Joseph's: 8.30am and 10.00am

Sacred Heart: 11.30am

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). I would like to stress that we are limited to the number of people we can safely accommodate in each church, approximately 100 at St Joseph's and 75 at Sacred Heart. If capacity has been reached at a particular Mass, you will be offered a place at one of the other Masses. Please note that if no one is there to take your call, **please leave a voicemail message** and someone will call you back. If you have booked a place and are not able to go, please phone the Parish Office and **cancel** so that it can be offered to someone else. Thank you. Fr. Kieran