

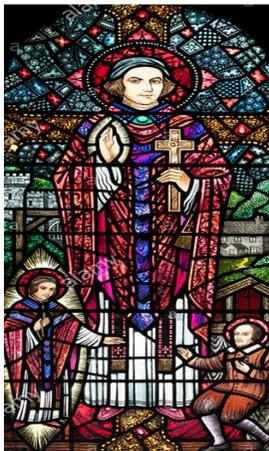
Services, Mass Times and Intentions

First Sunday of Advent Year B

In private	Saturday	Margaret Newby Anniversary
In private	Sunday	Steven Naylor Anniversary
In private	Tuesday	Teresa, Theresa, Thomas & Margaret
In private	Wednesday	Jimmy Maxwell Anniversary
In private	Thursday	Kitty & Earnest Clarke
In private	Friday	Howard Finch R.I.P.

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Jeffry David Allinson Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Ronald Joseph Kenwright & David Philip Jones
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Tony Unsworth R.I.P.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Children in Care

at St Joseph's

and

People in Care Homes

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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First Sunday of Advent Year B 29th November 2020

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Food for the journey!

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a new liturgical year. The challenge of Advent is how do we spend our lives while waiting for the “days that are coming.”? I think the answer is given to us in the second reading. St Paul is so clear that we should thank God for all the graces that we have received and He will keep us steady. How the world needs this reassurance at this difficult time! During the next few weeks you will hear many people say “I’ll be glad when Christmas is over”! The relentless pressures to spend, spend, spend, can feel overwhelming. Lots of people feel the pressure of trying to get everything ready for Christmas. We are God’s people and we will only have peace and happiness if Christ is at the centre of our busy lives. When we are called to meet the Lord, we don’t want to be unfamiliar to Him---or He to us. Much better if we can walk with the presence of a long-time friend. Advent calls us to reflect on that friendship and to nurture it! This Advent, be expectant that God will renew, refresh and invigorate your relationship with Him. May the Word of God today help us to see that we need to stay awake and keep our eye on the prize – Jesus himself. May we be ready to meet Him face to face – whenever and however that will be! **Stay Awake’.....**

‘Prepare’..... ‘Rejoice’ as we allow the Word of God to guide us and mould us as we await the wonders of Christmas. Praise Him!

Communal celebration of Mass returns Alleluia!

From next weekend 5th/6th December, the Second Sunday of Advent, our churches will reopen for the celebration of Mass.

4.30pm Saturday Mass at St Joseph's Church

9.30pm Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church

11.00am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Please adhere to the steward's instructions as we try and keep everyone safe. Further information will be given in the next couple of weeks regarding Christmas Masses.

Funerals this Week

Wednesday **Joseph Winston Sarsfield** Howe Bridge Crem. and Leigh Cem.

Please keep his family in your prayers. For Joseph we pray: Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

This year's Christmas Flower Memorial at St Joseph's which displays the names of loved ones on Our Lady's Altar will sadly not take place this year, due to the current Pandemic. But if you would still like to contribute to the flowers, you can still make a donation but please do not include any names. All the flowers on the Altar over Christmas and throughout the year will be the tribute, also the Sanctuary Lamp will burn over the Christmas period for all your loved ones.

ADVENT COLLECTION FOR THE S.V.P.

All of us have been effected by the current Covid-19 Pandemic some more than others. A lot of people are struggling financially due to the current economical situation. The S.V.P. are continuing to provide help and support to those who are in most need and especially at Christmas.

In Advent we are having had a collection for the S.V.P. Baskets will be available at the back of both churches for you to give whatever you can. Please put your donation into an envelope marked S.V.P. alternately you can drop it off at either at the presbytery at Sacred Heart or St Joseph's. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 you are doing it for someone else.

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today	First Sunday of Advent
Mon	Feast of St Andrew, Apostle
Thur	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest
Sat	Memorial of St John Almond, priest & Martyr
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

Children's Corner

Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honey combs!

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator!

Why did the man run around his bed? Because he was trying to catch up on his sleep!



Why did the teddy bear say "no" to dessert? Because she was stuffed.

Finance

You can still bring your offertory collection with you as you come to church for private prayer, baskets for your offerings are available at the entrance at both churches, you can also put it through the letterbox. Please make cheques payable to the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith. Many thanks for your generosity.