

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Vinnie Johnson Birthday Memorial
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Brenda Southern R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Pat & Bernard Heneghan R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday		People of the Parish
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	John Pendlebury Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	Fr Jim Matthews R.I.P.
In Private	Friday		James Hunt Birthday Memorial

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Tarry Malley Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	David Nicholson Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Special Intention

Children's Corner

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.

What did the little corn say to the mama corn?

Where is pop corn?



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our

Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

People suffering from Depression

at Sacred Heart

And

Catherine Bailey

at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for the Journey

Any small act of kindness - any act of love - anything good we offer God to use, however small it may seem to be - is gathered up, blessed and used beyond anything we could ask or imagine! That's what happened in today's Gospel! Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt when Jesus gave the instruction for the feeding of so many people from so little - five loaves and two fish? Did they feel like saying, "Lord healing the sick is one thing but feeding five thousand men and several thousand women and children with so little is asking for the impossible?" The disciples had one vision of the situation - and as always - Jesus had a different vision! The disciples were putting a limit on what to expect, Jesus had no limits! We can be a bit like the disciples and put limits on what we can do. Great evil and great good do not happen out of the blue, both can begin in small ways. Some people think - I'm too old to change - I know I can be grumpy - selfish - or gossip etc. but I'm set in my ways and that's just who I am? Yet, St Paul tells us today to put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in goodness and truth. So how do we put on our new self and what help can we get from God to do this? In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the answer and makes a claim which only God can make. He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger, thirst, and longing, in other words - Jesus *brings us life*. As we listen to this Gospel, we are not only remembering a spectacular miracle of the past, but hearing a miracle that symbolizes what is happening right now in this very Mass as He feeds us with His Body. Be gently held as you receive the Lord at Mass today and know that this is the food we need for life's journey! Praise Him!!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Carol Greenhalgh, Craig Hardman & Dennis O'Halleran

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died and those who's anniversary is at this time, , may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Liturgical Week

Today: **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: **Memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne**

Thursday: **Memorial of St Martha**

Saturday: **Memorial of St Ignatious Loyola, Priest, Founder of the Jesuits**

Sunday: **Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Offertory Collection

As you come into church, please place your offering in the baskets provided A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Foundation Governors

We are looking for new Foundation Governors for our three primary schools: two at Sacred Heart, three at St Joseph's and one at Twelve Apostles. This role would be ideal for anyone interested in making a difference to the lives of young people in our parish and promoting the distinctive nature of a Catholic School. This is a voluntary role and any practising Catholic over the age of 18 would be eligible.

If you would be interested or require more information about the role please contact: Fr. Kieran 01942 731679

For more information you use the link below

[Liverpool Archdiocese | Department of Schools and Colleges \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Synod 2020 Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.

We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Archbishop Malcolm, Fr Philip and Fr Matthew

Easing of restrictions

This will happen slowly and carefully at both churches. Guided by the facts about the Pandemic and a primary desire to keep you safe, I will err on the side of caution. Thanks for your continued cooperation and thanks to our stewards for their caring-generosity

It is still **mandatory** to wear masks in church apart from those who are exempt.

Fr. Kieran