

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Terry Malley Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	David Nicholson Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Special Intention
In Private	Tuesday		Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	Frances & James Clarke Birthday
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	Bessie Woods & Brenda Jones
In Private	Friday		David Warbis R.I.P.

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St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Francis Tesmer Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Deceased members of the Brady Family

Children's Corner

What do you call a duck that loves making jokes?

A wise-quacker!

Why was the broom late for school?

It overswept!

Where do polar bears keep their money?

In a snow bank!



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....
Victims of Covid-19
at Sacred Heart
And
Stephen Hampson
at St Joseph's



The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph

1st August 2021

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Food for the Journey

We all know that when we feel really hungry we can get irritable and short tempered! We all have bodies which run on the fuel of food. But it's not only the body that gets hungry - the heart and the spirit can get hungry too. Often in his preaching Jesus used images of food, particularly bread, to emphasise our need for spiritual as well as physical nourishment. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the 'bread of life' and He can satisfy the deepest hunger and thirst. There can be so much that falls apart in our lives, even though we sometimes pretend otherwise, and that's why we must accept the real food God sends us. The God who watched over Israel in the desert is the same God who comes again now into our lives. We aren't asked to fully understand the Eucharist. Our faith only asks that we are faithful in receiving what the Lord offers to us. 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, Thomas McLoughlin, Christine Shovelton and those who's anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

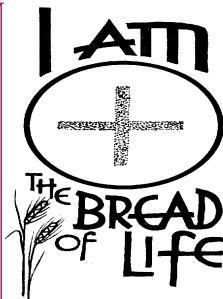
Liturgical Week

Today: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St John Vianney Priest

Friday: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday: Nineteenth 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.

MASS INTENTIONS/SANCTUARY LAMPS

If you would like a Mass Intention or a Sanctuary Lamp you can write your intentions out, pop it into an envelope enclosing cheque or cash, and put it through the letterbox at the Parish Office or hand it to Fr Kieran or one of the Stewards and remember to add following information...

The preferred Church

Sanctuary Lamp or Mass intention

Date preferred (Please note that the date you may want is not always available but will put it in at the nearest available date)

Name of person for intention

(Please print their name clearly)

The easing of restrictions

Since the easing of all restrictions on the 19th of July, I have received several requests from different groups and individuals wishing to reuse St Joseph's Parish Hall, the Solidarity Hall (the Mather Room) and Sacred Heart Parish Hall. It has been nearly 18 months since these halls have been used. There has been a significant amount of money spent on the rewiring of St Joseph's Parish Hall and I am eager to open these halls once again to generate income to pay for the ongoing costs especially the rewiring that was done in 2020.

But after careful consideration, and the fact that we are still in this Pandemic, I have decided to keep the halls closed until I see a fitting time when they can be reopened safely. As Parish Priest, I have the responsibility of making sure that everyone is kept safe when using any church building.

My top priority is both our churches, where we continue to celebrate our Mass together, and the celebration of the other Sacraments. In September and October, I hope to begin to celebrate with the children from our three primary schools the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I have begun once again to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism (there are 40 families waiting for this sacrament), and I hope to reintroduce the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as in due course our ministry to the sick and housebound. The second priority is the halls.

I know some of you will be disappointed by this news but as always, my main concern throughout this pandemic is for everyone's safety. As soon as I feel that it is safe to do so, I will open our halls for the use of everyone.

Fr. Kieran

CONGRATULATIONS TO Patrick and Rose who celebrated their wedding at St Joseph's last Saturday. May God bless their marriage and grant them a long and happy life together.