

## Services, Mass Times and Intentions

### Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	People of the Praish
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Francis Tesmer Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Deceased members of the Brady Family
In Private	Tuesday		People of the Parish
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	Campbell and Boone Families
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	Teresa Maddalera R.I.P.
In Private	Friday		Fr Philip Mannion R.I.P.

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	David Warbis R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Teresa & Thomas Beades
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	60th Birthday

### Children's Corner

What's a pirate's favorite letter?  
Rrrrrrr!

What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?  
A tuba toothpaste.

Why are fish so smart?  
Because they live in schools!

What did 0 say to 8?  
Nice belt!



St Edmund Arrowsmith



### Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our  
Sanctuary Lamps will  
shine for....  
The People of Turkey  
at Sacred Heart  
And  
The work of CAFOD  
at St Joseph's

## The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church  
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8th August 2021

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### Food for the Journey

The Word from God in today's second reading tell us not to have grudges against anyone- or lose our temper – or allow any kind of spitefulness. This can be hard enough in a human family - but can be just as difficult in a parish! There is probably no other group which has such a diversity of people than a parish community. There are people from all walks of life and income brackets – all ages - from babes in arms – to the oldest members. There are people of different ethnic origins and cultures - others who can trace a family line back to the foundation of the parish – and others who have just joined our community. For such a varied group of people to grow in harmony does indeed require help from the Lord! As Christians we are called to be imitators of God - His beloved children. Over the last two weeks we have heard how Jesus gives us the gift of himself – “the Bread of Life”. This is echoed in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us that He is the living bread which has come down from heaven. When we eat this bread He becomes part of us and that helps us to become one with Him. If we take refuge in Him – if we taste and see that the Lord is good - then we will be patient instead of losing our temper – we will be more loving instead of being spiteful - and we will be able to readily forgive as God forgives us. May we always feed on the divine food that comes to us from Heaven. 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, Sydney Fletcher, 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:**        **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Monday:**     **Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, ODC Patron of Europe**  
**Tuesday:**    **Feast of St Lawrence Deacon and Martyr**  
**Wednesday:** **Memorial of St Clare**  
**Saturday:**   **Memorial of St Maxamillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**  
**Sunday:**      **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 spend 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

### First Holy Communion

For those families whose child has been baptised Catholic, are in Year 4, 5 or 6, do not attend a Catholic School but who live in the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith and want them to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### Pope Francis Prayer intention for August: The Church

*Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel*