

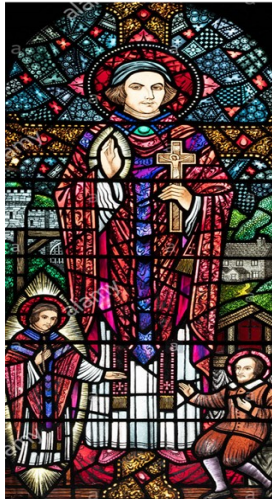
Services, Mass Times and Intentions

The Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Allan Mathison R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Edward Unsworth R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Enid Worden R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12noon	Tony Unsworth R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12noon	Peter Galloway R.I.P.

Second of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Bill Mort R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	The Byrne Family
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Enid Worden R.I.P.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will shine
for....
Flower Memorial Names
at St Joseph's
and
Deceased Priests & Deacons
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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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2021

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Food for thought

Today marks the formal end of our Christmas season after our powerful celebrations of the birth of Jesus. As we reflect on the Baptism of the Lord we are reminded once again of Jesus' humility. In asking John to baptise Him, Jesus is making a clear statement about the meaning of greatness, and the respect he has for the ministry of others. His own humility gave people the confidence to approach Him. Meeting Jesus, people learnt that God really loved and valued them. On this Feast Day we are also reminded of our own Baptism. Baptism is a Sacrament, and Sacraments are special moments – they are points where heaven and earth touch – a moment when God's full power flows over us. Baptism is a gift – It's a joy, and this gift enables us to live a life with Christ. Through each of the Sacraments the Lord renews us with His Spirit. He wants his joy to shine through us, so that others may see the goodness of God, and that God's favour rests on us too! As Christians we are witnesses to a world that desperately needs us. May his love and truth shine through us. May we see each other as God sees us, to care for each other as God cares for us. May we bear witness to our Baptism with our lives! Praise Him!

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. Including: Craig Hardman & Dennis O'Halleran...also those who have died recently, Kevin Thomas Brady, Murial Brownall, Thomas Coleman, Margaret Mary Gaskell, Laurence Hawkins, Margaret Mary Parkinson, Sheila Preston and David Warbis

Funerals this week

Monday Thomas Coleman Howe Bridge
Wednesday Kevin Thomas Brady

Please keep their families in your prayers. For Thomas and Kevin, we pray: Eternal rest...

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday: St Kentigern, Bishop
Sunday: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

CRIB APPEAL

There is still time to donate to the Crib Appeal. Please use the baskets in the main porch that are marked 'Crib Appeal'

The money raised is sent to Nugent Care. Nugent are a registered charity, caring, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their schools, care homes, and community and social work services.

Nugent House School-We are the North West's flagship school for children and young people aged 7-19 with emotional behaviour and mental health needs and young people from a variety of troubled backgrounds,

Nugent's Community Services have for many years been at the forefront of personalised, outcome focused support for volunteers, community groups, Deaf people, people who are hard of hearing and people who have learning disabilities..

Homes-Nugent's residential services provide secure, caring and supported living environments for children, young people, people with disabilities and the elderly.

Families-Services that support and develop families through adoption.

Thank you for your support

FINANCES

Thanks for your continued kindness and thanks to all those who have sent in their offertory collections saved up over these last few months.

COLLECTIONS

Christmas	27th December 2020	3rd January 2121
£1,740.33	£1,313.22	£369.88

NUMBERS AT MASS LAST SUNDAY

St Joseph's 4.30 61 St Joseph's 9.30 73 Sacred Heart 11.00 50

Covid-19 Lockdown

At the time of publication **Public Masses and Services** may continue in lockdown as advertised. The guidance is the same **but strongly to be adhered to: the social distancing rules, wearing face coverings** and the **use hand sanitisation** remain the same.

If you were previously shielding or are in a vulnerable category you are strongly advised to remain at home and participate in Mass via the internet.

- In the current lockdown weddings and baptisms are not permitted except in danger of death.
- The Sunday Obligation remains suspended by the Bishops Conference.

Please be assured of my prayers for you at this time. Keep safe and God bless. Fr. Kieran

Children's Corner



**Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?
I'll meet you at the corner!**

Q: Why are ghosts bad liars? Because you can see right through them!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire Frostbite!