

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In Private	Saturday	Josephine Shovelton R.I.P.
In Private	Sunday	Allan Mathison R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday	Agnes Walley R.I.P.
In Private	Wednesday	Kath Trundle R.I.P.
In Private	Thursday	Mary Thompson R.I.P.
In Private	Friday	Freda Fletcher R.I.P.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In Private	Saturday	Phillip John Aldred Anniv.
In Private	Sunday	Jim Prescott (sick)



Children's Corner

Why couldn't the duck
pay for dinner?

Her bill was too big.

What kind of tree
fits in your
hand?

A palm tree.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will shine
for....
The Worden Family
at St Joseph's
and
All who have died of covid-19
at Sacred Heart

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Over the last two Sunday's we have heard how Jesus called his first disciples. Today we hear that Jesus continued on His way. His mission was proclaiming God's Kingdom, but this is to be done not just in words but in actions too. We also hear of the healing power of the Lord. When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. When Jesus healed - He spoke the Word of God as no one had spoken it before - when He commanded, even unclean spirits obeyed. The Lord wants to speak to each one of us individually, so that He can touch us with His healing love and power. Very often we can be hurt by the experiences we have in life....sickness...financial hardship.. broken relationships...bereavement ...worry etc. and also we can be hurt by other people. Their actions - what they say or do can really hurt us and sometimes, it can be as difficult to recover from these knocks as from a physical illness. All of us have wounds - spiritual wounds, sins, greed, hostility, jealousy, anger – yet Jesus is there to heal us. We are so blest as we have been given the gift of faith, and our faith is nourished by the Sacraments and by the Word of God. Whatever difficult situation we may find ourselves in, may we always echo the response of today's Psalm and listen to His voice, so we can hear His healing words! Praise Him!

Funerals this week

Please hold in prayer on Friday **Brenda Southern** whose funeral is at Howe Bridge Crem....may her loved ones experience the tender loving care of the Lord through His Body, the Church!

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, Brenda Southern

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday: St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday: Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MOTHER ELIZABETH PROUT

This week Holy See declared Mother Elizabeth Prout, foundress of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, to be Venerable. The Holy Father in an audience with the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints authorised the same Congregation to promulgate a decree recognising the heroic virtues of this Servant of God. Mother Elizabeth Prout is buried just down the road in St Helens at the shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Her cause for canonisation continues.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MASS

Even though our churches remain closed, I continue to celebrate Mass privately and I will hold you all in the Mass each day. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families at this time. Keep safe and God bless. Fr. Kieran

MASS ON THE PHONE

Since this Pandemic started I have been concerned for some of our parishioners who have no access to the internet and so are unable to watch online Mass. **Mass at Middlesbrough Cathedral** can now be accessed through your phone. The Mass is provided free of charge, except for the local phone charge. Phone: 01642 130 120 to be connected to the Mass for that week. You can listen at any time of day or night.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in [Fratelli Tutti](#) speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Lord Jesus , in your ministry
you were approached by people
of many different nations and cultures.
You listened to their cry for help,
treated them with love and compassion,
and brought them healing and wholeness.

In our own time may we provide
to all those who are suffering
the help that they need
and the care that they require.

May we respond to the Holy Spirit
to dream of a world made new
where the poor are not forgotten
but are given the opportunity
to live and flourish
with good health and equal prospects.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

“No one is born hating another person because of the colour of their skin, or their background, or their religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

[Nelson Mandela](#)