Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In Private	Saturday	Marie Dunn R.I.P.
In Private	Sunday	Laurence Hawkins R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday	People of the parish
In Private	Wednesday	Enid & Bill Worden R.I.P.
In Private	Thursday	David Warbis R.I.P.
In Private	Friday	Special Intention (AW)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Gerard Davey R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30pm	Stephen Aspden Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Special Intention (BF)

Children's Corner

How are false teeth like stars?

They come out at night!

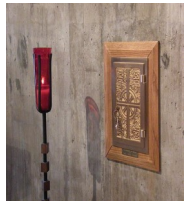
How can you tell a vampire has a cold?

They starts coffin.

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A stick.

St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our

Sanctuary Lamps will shine for….

Priests of the Deanery

at Sacred Heart

and

Marie Fitzsimons

at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph

Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road
Leigh WN7 1YE

Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

In today's Gospel Jesus compares his life and ours with a grain of wheat *planted by God.* Each grain of wheat must die to produce a harvest - so we too must die from the things that aren't of God to produce a harvest of love. Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty – every act of courage involves dying to cowardice – every act of love means dying to selfishness. Many people believe that when someone dies, their life has been lived and has ended. They have been born – they live - die - and then, that will be the end. As Christians, we believe that there is more to life - and death! In the word of God today Jesus talks to His disciples about His own approaching death and says "Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorfied." You may wonder what glory is there in suffering. He is about to be arrested, punished and killed, yet He talks about His glory. Jesus knows that suffering can make us deep in compassion and forgiveness and He was able to see beyond the clouds of pain and difficulties, because He knew that He came to save the world. He had a choice – to go ahead and take on the suffering, or to avoid it by opting out, in which case we would have no hope of being saved. We know what Jesus chose - love won, and He gave up His life, just so that we could be set free and live forever! We will experience suffering if we follow Him - but our reward will be eternal life. Whatever suffering we have to endure, be assured that the Lord's presence is with us always. Praise Him!

RECENTLY DECEASED

We hold in prayer all those who have died recently: Kathleen Joyce Butler, Patrick Joseph Cronin, Mary Talbot, Philip Mannion and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time...may the peace of Our Risen Lord Jesus enfold us all!

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Thursday: **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

Sunday: **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. Especially:

Craig Hardman &

Dennis O'Halleran

Funerals this week

Wednesday:	**Mary Talbot**	Howe Bridge Crem
Thursday:	**Kathleen Joyce Butler**	Howe Bridge Crem
Friday:	**Patrick Joseph Cronin**	Howe Bridge Crem

MASS ON THE PHONE

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.

Offertory Envelopes

A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. We still have bills to pay, so many thanks for recognising this.

GIFT AID

We are hoping to give out the Gift Aid Envelopes over the next few weeks. If you are a Gift Aider and no longer pay tax, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our Churches Reopening

We are blest that our churches can safely reopen next weekend. It can only happen of course because of the commitment and diligence of our stewards.....and of course your cooperation with all the safety measures we have in place. Thank you for your continuing support and help.

The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum - will obviously be very different this year, with much shorter services, no singing and limited numbers. But if you can't make it in person, please join us in prayer:-

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper - 7.30p.m. at Sacred Heart (no 'Watching' or Night Prayer in Church).

Good Friday –Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm at St Joseph's

Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil - 7.00pm. at St Joseph's

Easter Sunday - Mass 9.30 St Joseph and 11.00 at Sacred Heart

To attend these please book a place. Contact the Parish office and state the number of places you require. I would like to stress that we are limited to the number of people we can safely accommodate in each church, approximately 110 at St Joseph's and 80 at Sacred Heart.

Please note that if no one is there to take your call, **please leave a voicemail message** and someone will call you back. If you have booked a place and are not able to go, please phone the Parish Office and cancel so that it can be offered to someone else.

Remember there is no obligation to return yet.....only do so if you feel safe .....but know that each and every one of you will be at the centre of every Mass we celebrate.....none of you are forgotten, all of you cherished by the Lord through His Church!

Chrism Mass - Cathedral

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated this year on the Wednesday of Holy Week 31st March at 6pm and will be streamed online.

Parish Office

Please note that the days when the Parish Office are now open are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am — 2.00pm.