

## Services, Mass Times and Intentions

### Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In Private	Saturday	John Thompson R.I.P.
In Private	Sunday	Kathleen Noon Birthday Memorial
In Private	Tuesday	Brenda Southern R.I.P.
In Private	Wednesday	David Warbis R.I.P.
In Private	Thursday	Shelagh Preston R.I.P.
In Private	Friday	Kevin Fleming Anniv.

### First Sunday of Lent

In Private	Saturday	Bernadette Duffy R.I.P.
In Private	Sunday	Thomas McCullough Anniv



### 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....

Deceased Members of the Yates Family at St Joseph's

and

All who have died from Covid-19

at Sacred Heart

## The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church  
Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1YE

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th February 2021

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
email: [k.ogrady@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:k.ogrady@rcaol.org.uk)  
Deacon: Dcn. Dennis Vint



St Joseph's Church  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR

Parish Office  
St Joseph's Presbytery  
Mather Lane  
Leigh WN7 2PR  
01942 673517

Parish Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth  
Parish Office Hour  
Mon – Fri 9.00 - 14.00  
[stedmund.leigh@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stedmund.leigh@rcaol.org.uk)

Deanery Website:  
[www.leighdeanery.co.uk](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk)

### FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

A man who had leprosy sought out Jesus. Breaching the safe distancing rule of 50 paces in order to get near to him, he invited Jesus to 'make him clean.' Jesus was 'moved with pity' and responded. But he gave a strict warning to say nothing to anyone. By healing this man Jesus risked attracting people interested only in his 'magical powers'—thereby compromising his main ministry.

But the man was overjoyed and proclaimed it freely – in spite of the warning given by Jesus.

Are there parallels here with the Covid-19 Pandemic? People wanting a cure; others breaching safe distancing; some doubting the science; others not observing basic instructions.

We ask God for many things and are perhaps disappointed that our prayers are not always answered in the way we requested. But we can assuredly ask for forgiveness of our failings and feel the healing touch of Jesus when we are in need of help.

We can be healers too by our actions in addressing the inequalities highlighted by this Pandemic - in the distribution of vaccines to poorer countries, for example. It is tempting to only think about our own situation, but we are one human family in a common home. How can we best reach out to others with love?

## LITURGICAL WEEK

**Today:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent

**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 Stradins, Mavis Louise Horrocks and all those whose anniversary is about this time. May the peace of our Risen Lord enfold us all.**

## 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.

## 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. This is particularly sad because it means that we cannot have Mass on **Ash Wednesday** which is next week, 17th February. Hopefully we will be able to resume Mass during the Lenten period so that we can celebrate Holy Week and Easter which we were not able to do last year.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families at this time.

Keep safe and God bless. Fr. Kieran

## Offertory Collection Envelopes

A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. We might not be open for Mass at the moment, but we still have bills to pay so many thanks for recognising this.

## Online Lenten Retreats

**Lenten Reflections:** are being held by Missio UK (Red Boxes) on each of the Fridays of Lent plus Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Each time of prayer and reflection will last about 20 mins and will be live streamed on their You Tube Channel 'MissioUK' if you're unable to watch at that specified time, it will be available to watch again whenever you have time.

**Stoneyhurst College Online Talks:** Continuing 25th February an online talk entitled: The Greatest Gift and led by Dr. Caroline Fairey and offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. They begin at 7:30pm. For info and registration, go onto: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

**Armchair Retreat:** Fr. Denis Blackledge is back with his Armchair Retreat. Each video is around 5 minutes long. His unique way of speaking allows you to feel like you're having a chat with an old friend, which makes him easy to listen to and very easy to understand his message. To listen please use the link below: [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats)

## CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 26th February

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lent challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day for 40? Days Find out more at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

**Your gift will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and provide other vital support. You can donate on line through the CAFOD website or wait until we back celebrating Mass together and use one of the CAFOD envelopes.**

**Mary's Meals:** have launched an emergency appeal for aid in Tigray, Ethiopia. The UN has described the situation as very severe with around 4.5 million people without food or basic supplies. Mary's Meals are established in Ethiopia, previously feeding 24,230 children in schools every day, though there are now many unaccompanied children who have lost their parents. If you would like to help get food to those in need you can donate using the following link: [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/donate-to-ethiopia](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/donate-to-ethiopia).