

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

<b>Saturday 27th November 2021</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>			
St. Joseph's	1.30pm	Wedding	Sarah Plimley & Stephen Crook
St. Joseph's	4:30 pm	Mass	John Garvey Anniversary. & Pious List
<b>Sunday 28th November</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	Marlene O'Neill R.I.P. & Pious List
Sacred Heart	11:00 am	Mass	Special Intention & Pious List
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Freddie Alexander Smith
St. Joseph's	2.30pm	Baptism	Henry Roberts & Oliver Waterworth
<b>Tuesday 30th November 2021</b> <i>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle</i>			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Thanksgiving for Daniel starting St Mary's school
<b>Wednesday 1st December 2021</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>			
St. Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	Theresa Casey R.I.P
<b>Thursday 2nd December 2021</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Mary Ellen O'Donnell
<b>Friday 3rd December 2021</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>			
St. Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	People of the Parish
St. Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral	Margaret Ellen Sharrock
<b>Saturday 4th December 2021</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>			
St. Joseph's	1.30pm	Baptism	Arthur Retford
St. Joseph's	4:30 pm	Mass	McArt, McCaffery & McHugh Families
<b>Sunday 5th December 2021</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson
Sacred Heart	12:30pm	Baptism	Edward Cooke and Aldie Travis

## The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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**28th November 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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## Pastoral Plan

On this 1st weekend of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, we are delighted to be able to receive the pastoral plan. As the Archbishop has said: "This is to chart the way forward for the archdiocese in the years to come." The Plan will be available online at: <https://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk/> or you can arrange to purchase it from Pauline Books and Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool at a cost of £2 per copy.

There is a summary document for you at Mass this weekend and a postcard for you to take home containing some of the key words from the plan and details of how to access the pastoral plan online.

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

- ◆ Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland
- ◆ Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree
- ◆ Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJJQT09> .  
Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died, Margaret (Peggy) Sharrock, Terrance John Halliday, Derrick Jolley and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

## Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Carol Greenhalgh, Phil & Rita Coffee, Craig Hardman, Catherine Peaty, Teresa Mullaney (nee Kinsella) and Kitty Jones. May the Lord embrace them with His unconditional love

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Because of the continued Pandemic and the reduced seating capacity in both churches, I will not be able to celebrate the annual children's first Mass of Christmas at St Joseph's Church. Families, however, are still invited to attend one of the five Christmas Masses.

The Mass times are as follows:

**Christmas Eve:** St Joseph's: 6.00pm and Sacred Heart: 8.00pm

**Christmas Day:** St Joseph's: 8.30am and 9.45am and Sacred Heart: 11.15am

Please note that even though the capacity in both churches has increased since last Christmas, we are still limited to the number of people that we can accommodate safely.

## Year of St Joseph

The Year of St Joseph will end on Wednesday the 8th of December, the Immaculate Conception. Next weekend at all 3 Masses we will mark this.

### Archdiocese Pastoral Department

**Advent Reflections:** The department invite you to a Zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm.

Please register for your Zoom link on:

<https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

### Collection

This weekend's collection will be the third and final week for the S.V.P. Many thanks for your generosity.

## JOB VACANCY

Parish Administrator (Admin & Finance) Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette Parish (based at St Marie's Presbytery, Almond Brook Road, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0TB) 12 hours per week. To apply, visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

## Food for Thought!

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a new liturgical year. The challenge of Advent is how do we spend our lives while waiting for the days that are coming? The Gospel today is quite clear...Stay Awake!

Advent is an invitation to spiritual renewal.....a time to renew our relationship with God. When we are called to meet the Lord, we don't want to be unfamiliar to Him - or He to us. Much better if we can walk with the presence of a long- time friend.

Advent calls us to reflect on that friendship and to nurture it! During the next few weeks you will hear many people say "I'll be glad when Christmas is over"! The relentless pressure to spend, spend, spend can feel overwhelming. Lots of people feel the pressure of trying to get everything ready for Christmas. Yes, there are lots of things to be done but we will only have peace and happiness if Christ is at the centre of our busy lives.

This Advent be expectant that the Lord will renew, refresh and invigorate your relationship with Him. Bring your hopes, joys, worries and sadness as you come to the miracle of the Mass - and the light of Christ will help you to stay awake and alert to His presence in our lives. One of the best ways of making sure we stay ready is by keeping our eyes open - our spiritual eyes, and more importantly, our hearts, so that we can walk in the light of the Lord! May we be ready to meet Him face to face –whenever and however that will be! Praise Him!

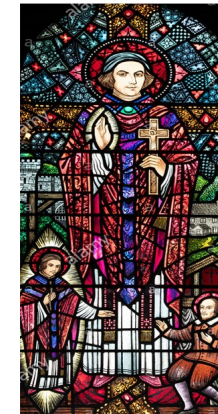
### Children's Corner

What is a little bear with no teeth is called?

A gummy bear.

Why is Cinderella so bad at playing football?

She runs away from the ball.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

### Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Migrants

at Sacred Heart

and

Deceased Members of the Worden Family

at St Joseph's