

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 4th December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	1.30pm	Baptism	Arthur Retford
St. Joseph's	4:30 pm	Mass	McArt, McCaffery & McHugh Families
Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	11:00 am	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Edward Cooke and Aldie Travis
Tuesday 7th December 2021 Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Thanksgiving Mass for Ruth's exam success
Wednesday 8th December 2021 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception			
St. Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	Phyllis Bailey Anniversary
Thursday 9th December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Thanksgiving for Joseph's exam success
Friday 10th December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Funeral	Christine Marie Berry
St Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	Jeffrey David Allinson Anniversary
Saturday 11th December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	1.30pm	Baptism	Eleanor Mundy
St. Joseph's	4:30 pm	Mass	Doris & Eric Pendlebury R.I.P.
Sunday 12th December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	Teresa Lily Farrimond Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	12:30pm	Baptism	Oliver Fairhurst

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



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5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

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Food for Thought

The challenge in the Word of God today is 'to change'. Before any real change can take place in our spiritual development, we have to come to the point of recognising where we are, and wanting it to be better. All of us can carry clutter that needs sorting and the Word of God today helps to nudge us into urgent action, recognising that if we really want to change, we have many opportunities to do so! God comes and knocks at the door of our hearts all the time, nudging us to change. As John the Baptist told the people in his day, so he tells us today. He makes the same call to us. Either repent and turn more to the Lord or walk away and follow other paths.

The choice belongs to us. We can view repentance in two ways. Looking backwards it can be a question of making up for what has been done in the past. Looking forwards it can be getting the matter sorted out and making sure that, as far as possible we try not to make the same mistakes in the future.

When we were baptised we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and when we were confirmed we became more aware that He is our helper and Guide; this is our greatest gift! Be assured as St Paul says.... the one who began this good work in you will complete it! Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, Christine Marie Berry and those who's 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

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of **Freddie Alexander Smith, Oliver Max Waterworth and Henry Thomas Roberts** who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. May they grow in the love of the Lord.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Sarah and Stephen Crook** who were married last Saturday at St Joseph's Church. May the God of love continue to bless them as they begin their married life together.

Year of St Joseph

The Year of St Joseph will end on Wednesday the 8th of December, the Immaculate Conception. This weekend at all 3 Masses there will be prayer cards available to mark the end of the Year of St Joseph which was dedicated by Pope Francis for this and great and important saint.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Donations for the Christmas Flowers can still be made. The money received provides flowers in church not just for Christmas but also throughout the year. All the flowers on the sanctuary will be in memory of loved ones who have died. Over the Christmas Period the Sanctuary Lamp will also be dedicated to family and friends who have died.

Ofsted Inspection at Twelve Apostles' School

Congratulation to Twelve Apostles School, Mrs Newton, the Headteacher, the Staff, Children and Governors who were visited by Ofsted on 13th and 14th October 2021. The inspection was thorough, intense and challenging as expected. I am delighted to now be able to share the news that Twelve Apostles has retained its outstanding grade in all areas. I would like to thank Mrs Newton, the Staff, Children and Governors for their continued hard work. If you would like to read the report, please visit the school web.

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.

Pastoral Plan

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:

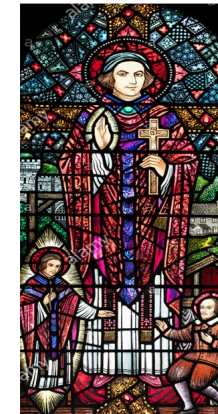
- ♦ Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree
- ♦ Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJJQT09> . Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

Children's Corner

What has ears but cannot hear?
A cornfield.

What did the left eye say to the right eye?
Between us, something smells.

What did one plate say to the other plate?
Dinner is on me.



St Edmund Arrowsmith

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....
Victims of covid-19
at Sacred Heart
and
James Fitzsimons
at St Joseph's