

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Doris Pendlebury Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Kathleen & Francis James Duffy R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Teresa Cooney Anniversary
In Private	Tuesday		Thomas Grogan R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	Campbell & Boon Families
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	Kathleen Noon R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Friday	10.00am	People of the parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Teresa Grogan R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Elizabeth & Kevin O'Rourke Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	David Warbis Birthday Memorial

Children's Corner

Why did the pony get sent to his room?

He wouldn't stop horsing around!

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Because he was a little shellfish!



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....
Sick Children
at Sacred Heart
And
The Staff at Rainbow Ward, Wigan
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

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19th September 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for the Journey

In today's Gospel we hear how just after Jesus had told the disciples the most intimate facts of his life—that he must suffer in the hands of men – be put to death –and then rise again— the disciples started to argue about who was the greatest among them - a bit like children fighting for the best toy! But, aren't we sometimes a bit like the disciples? The appetite for glory and greatness is within us all and very often, as St James points out in today's reading, jealousy, envy and ambition are at the root of many of the troubles in any community. After hearing the disciples arguing, Jesus responds by actually bringing a real child before them! The image of a child is very powerful, because to be a follower of the Lord we must have childlike trust and humility. But, are we sometimes childish not childlike? What the Lord wants is for us to use our gifts for others - to welcome their needs, their vulnerabilities – to help them as we would help a child. If we welcome them with open arms, we will be welcoming Christ. In the eyes of the world people are often called 'great' when they are very rich, successful or powerful – but what's **really** 'great' in the eyes of God is our goodness. The times when we're happy and content – quietly working to build the Kingdom of God – loving the Lord in simple humility and childlike trust – that's what's really great!
Praise Him!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Carol Greenhalgh, Craig Hardman & Dennis O'Halleran

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, Joseph Atkinson, Margaret Ralph, Fr. Brendan Rice and those who's anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Funerals this week:

Funeral Service for **Joseph Atkinson** on Wednesday at St Joseph's Church 10.00am

Funeral Service for **Margaret Ralph** on Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church 2.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Kieran is now available before each weekday Mass to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament. He will celebrate the sacrament at the front of the church.

Liturgical Week

Today: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Martyr & Companions

Tuesday: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle

Thursday: Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Year 6 children from St Joseph's School who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers can now take Holy Communion to the sick & housebound who haven't been able to receive communion since lockdown. Please inform Jacqui at the Parish Office if you are willing to resume this important ministry.

Easing of Restrictions

Just a reminder that easing of restrictions will happen slowly and carefully at Sacred Heart and St Joseph's. Guided by the facts about the Pandemic and a primary desire to keep you safe, I will err on the side of caution. Thanks for your continued cooperation so that we can keep each other safe.....and to all our stewards for their caring-generosity.

How to become Climate ready

Event Invitation - Housing for the Future: How can the Northwest become more climate ready? Friday 24th September 18:30 – 20:30 on Zoom

Hope for the Future, an organisation that supports constituents to engage their MPs on environment issues, is holding an event '**Housing for the Future: How can the North West become Climate Ready?**' which will be held on Friday 24th September 2021, held online via Zoom. You can sign up for the event on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/housing-for-the-future-how-can-the-northwest-become-more-climate-ready-tickets-165745973669?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

CAFOD Go Green Family Fast Day Friday October 1st

CAFOD Family Fast Day is a day when we are asked to donate or go without some luxury or have a simple meal and give what we save to support CAFOD's work. CAFOD envelopes will be available at church next weekend and you can use these for your offerings or donate online through the CAFOD website or by text. More details next week.....

Home Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in our land. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Character and Faith Reference

For those people who require a character and faith reference for their job application, **please speak to Fr Kieran in good time beforehand.**

Church Gardens

We would like to put some spring bulbs in the gardens, to have a good display of spring flowers next year. If anyone is able to donate bulbs, they would be very welcome. Thank you.