

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	David Philip Jones Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Ellen Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	David Warbis R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday		People of the Parish
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	Betty Kennedy Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	LISCF
St Joseph's	Friday	12 noon	Theresa Casey R.I.P.

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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

Children's Corner

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

You rocket!

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8, 9

What is a witch's favourite subject in school?

Spelling!



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our

Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Broken Families
at Sacred Heart

And

Ellen Squires
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church
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12th September 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for the Journey

In today's Gospel Jesus asks the question, "Who do you say I am?" What if he asked **you** that question? Do you answer it differently at different times in your life? It's easier to be faith filled when everything is going ok – yet when the storms of life hit, that's when we really need to rely on His power to help us through. We hear how Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Messiah but then tries to steer Jesus away from a ministry of suffering. Jesus rebuked him and pointed out that his mission would include persecution and suffering. **'Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'**. Some people don't experience persecution - most of us can go to church unhindered - but, for others, the choice to become and remain a Christian can lead to great suffering – in some cases even torture and death. For those of us who don't suffer persecution, the words of Jesus may seem less relevant. However, lots of people can relate to suffering - illness or disability - addiction - an unhappy family-life - bereavement – financial worries – loved ones rejecting the Lord – the worry of climate change –the pandemic - the list goes on! We know it's not always easy being a follower of the Lord, as the costs are sometimes high, but by following Him we can belong to the Kingdom of God – where there will be enough love, peace and happiness to make any suffering worthwhile! 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, Kieran Halliwell, Bernard Aspden, Joseph Atkinson, Clemence Margaret Ralph 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 at St Joseph's Church

on Tuesday 14th September at 1.00pm for **Kieran James Halliwell**

Liturgical Week

- Today:** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Monday:** **Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Doctor**
- Tuesday:** **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Wednesday:** **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**
- Thursday:** **Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs**
- Sunday:** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the second group of Year 6 children from Sacred Heart School who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

Baptism

We welcome into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Olivia Mae Davis and Sjiorra Elizabeth Hall



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.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here:

<https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

Bishop Tom Neylon

Ordination cards are now available, just one per family.

Forthcoming Collections

Today - Catholic Education Service

Next Week - Home Missions

Friday 1st October—CAFOD Family Fast Day

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.