

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Sydney Fletcher R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Joseph Brian Meekin Anniversary
In Private	Tuesday		Brenda Southern R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12 noon	Kath Trundle R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12 noon	Sheila O'Grady Birthday Memorial
In Private	Friday		James Hurst Birthday Memorial

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St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Ellen Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	David Warbis R.I.P.

Children's Corner

What is a tornado's favourite game to play?

Twister.

How does the moon cut his hair?

Eclipse it.

How do you talk to a giant?

Use big words.



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....
Homeless People
at Sacred Heart
And
Children in Care
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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5th September 2021

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for the Journey

Have you been let down by people you trusted the most? Have you been the object of gossip or made fun of because of your beliefs? Are you suffering because of broken relationships? Do you feel upset because loved ones have drifted from the Church? Do you feel really worried about our world? Then, the Lord has a message for you in today's Gospel - Ephphatha - be opened and let me bring you healing. The Lord told the deaf man to 'be opened' - and at that moment his ears were opened and his tongue loosened. Jesus took him aside privately and showed him both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. We too are called to treat each other with that same kindness and compassion. Is your tongue loosened enough to tell others of the love of God? Can you open the eyes of those who can't see what they're missing? May our eyes always be open to everything beautiful and "The One" who made it so.....but also to see the suffering of others and those in need. May our mouths be open to sing psalms and to tell others about the wonders of God - and have the courage to speak against untruth and injustice. May our ears always be open to listen to what the Spirit is saying to us - and may our hearts always be open to His love forgiveness and healing. 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, and those who's anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Liturgical Week

Today: **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wednesday: **Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday: **Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr**

Sunday: **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those Year 6 children from Sacred Heart School who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. During the Saturdays of September and October our Year 6 and Year 5 children will be making their Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Kieran is now available before each weekday Mass to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament. He will celebrate the sacrament on the sanctuary.

Singing in our churches

After 18 months of us not being able to sing in church, this weekend we will sing again! Even though we still have to wear our facemasks, we will still make a wonderful, musical sound!!! Thanks be to God!!!

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.

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. Below are guidelines that we have received from the diocese to keep us all safe.

- Care Homes - follow whatever rules they have (some care homes are still not allowing ministers to go in yet)
- Collect the Blessed Sacrament after any of the Masses we have each week in either Church Wednesday - Sunday
- Only visit one person at a time (unless you are visiting a Care Home and they give you permission to see more than one person, with appropriate PPE)
- Purify the pyx before and after use
- Use hand gel immediately before giving Holy Communion
- Give Holy Communion from outside their door/window if possible but if they insist it's essential that you go in then please wear a face covering

Obviously do not keep the Blessed Sacrament in your home or carry it around with you other than to visit the sick and housebound

Bishop Tom Neylon

Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3rd September. The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination. There will be ordination cards available at your church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion for everyone in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. To see photographs of the ordination, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account:

www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.