

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	David Nicholson Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Reginald Squires Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Dcn Tony Arrowsmith R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday		Praxedes R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12.00pm	Keith May Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12.00pm	Peter Galloway Anniversary
In Private	Friday		People of the Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Deceased Members of the Yates Family
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	David Warbis R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Joseph Brian Makin Anniversary

Children's Corner

What do you call a ghost's true love?

His ghoul-friend.

What's a banana peel's favourite type of shoe?

Slippers!

Where do polar bears keep their money?

In a snow bank!



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....
The Indian People
at Sacred Heart
and
Reginald Squires
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Food for the Journey

Remaining with Jesus is the key theme in the Word of God today. The vine is an image Jesus uses to help his followers to understand the closeness of His relationship with us. He wants us to see how important it is to be connected to him and to understand how we would wither and dry up if we break away from Him. Today Jesus tells us that He is the vine – we are the branches and His Father is the vine dresser.

It almost makes you feel like you're in a garden and we are - the garden of the Lord. Every so often, we need to allow God to prune our branches back, so that we can produce the fruit He wants us to bear. I'm sure that all of us at some times in our lives feel that we have 'dead wood' that we carry around with us e.g. - jealousy, anger, gossip, hurts etc. and we can use lots of energy in things that may not necessarily be very fruitful. When we invite God to prune away anything in our lives that's not of him - He comes closer to us, helping us so that we can bear the fruits of the Kingdom. We can't do that alone -to bear real fruit we must always remain connected to the vine – Jesus! New growth means new opportunities to show the power of God at work within us. Whatever wealth, power, fame etc. that this world can provide only sustains us for a time - the real fruit that lasts is the fruit of love, and the fruit of love brings joy.... peace..... patience.... kindness..... faithfulness..... gentleness and self-control. If we remain in His love we **will** be fruitful and the fruit of His love is there for all to see. Praise Him!!

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for all those who have died, Sharon Charlesworth, Roseanna Babester, Albert Boardman, John Peake and those whose anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Feast of SS Philip & James, Apostles

Tuesday: Feast of the English Martyrs

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter



MASS ON THE PHONE

Mass at Middlesbrough Cathedral can now be accessed through your phone. The Mass is provided free of charge, except for the local phone charge. Phone: 01642 130 120 to be connected to the Mass for that week. You can listen at any time of day or night.

GIFT AID

We are now in a new tax year and will soon be making the Gift Aid claim. Thank you to everyone who is registered for Gift Aid. The money we receive from the government is greatly needed, especially during this Pandemic. If you are registered for Gift Aid, but no longer pay tax, please let the parish office know as soon as possible. If you are a tax payer and have not registered for Gift Aid, please consider doing this as the parish can claim an extra 25p from the government for every pound that is given at no extra cost to the person who is giving the money. Also, if you would like to pay by Standing Order just let your bank know the Parish bank details: The Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith, Leigh, Account No. 51545205 Sort Code 40-29-12 Many thanks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

As you come into church, please place your offering in the baskets provided. A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SYNOD 2020

As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on Saturday 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged. If you haven't seen them yet, there are three places you can find them:

1. Printed in the edition of the Catholic Pic (www.catholicpic.co.uk)
2. On our Synod Recommendations Website (www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) alongside theological reflections on the topics
3. Printed in our Synod book Together on the Road which also includes resources for discernment and the theological reflections (available for £3 from Pauline Books and Media, and the Synod Office, email: synod2020@rcaol.co.uk, tel: 0151 486 1206).

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers.

[Praying the Rosary in May with Pope Francis](#)

Pope Francis asks us to join him, as Marian shrines throughout the world focus their prayer each day on an end to the pandemic (see Vatican News website for more info)

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Face Coverings must be used in Church (unless you are exempt.) Please ensure that the mask covers your nose as well as your mouth. This is for the sake of others.

Gardening at St Joseph's

We are looking for volunteers to look after the gardens at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday mornings from 9.30. If you have any spare time please come along. Thank you.