

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Pentecost Sunday

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Edith Smith Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Alan Ratcliffe Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Peter Galloway R.I.P.

Trinity Sunday

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Brenda Southern R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	David Warbis R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Caitlin Bradbury & Philomena Gough

Children's Corner

What does a spider's bride wear?

A webbing dress.

Where do cows go for entertainment?

The moooooo-vies!

What did one firefly say to the other?

You glow, girl!



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....
Peace in Israel
at Sacred Heart
and
Frances & James Clarke
at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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Food for the Journey

Every now and then most of us enjoy a 'pat on the back' and some encouraging words! Today we hear how Jesus goes beyond words to encourage the Apostles by breathing on them the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was life-changing for them. We were not around at that time - yet that same Spirit of the Lord is upon **us** every bit as much as it was upon the first disciples! That same Spirit hovered over the waters of **our** Baptism – and came upon us with renewed strength in Confirmation. So often we miss God's voice because we are not expecting to hear it! We can miss the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives because we are not expecting Him to act! When the Apostles received the Holy Spirit they spoke in tongues – they spoke in a new language. As we grow as Christians, we too can speak in a new language – the language of a deeper understanding of love – forgiveness – acceptance – wisdom. As we emerge from this life-changing pandemic we need the Holy Spirit in our lives more than anything. The spirit is peace when we feel restless – confidence when we feel discouraged - joy in sadness – the assurance of knowing He is with us at all times. Whatever the stormy currents of life are thrown at us – He reaches out with the anchor of hope. Let us pray today for ourselves and the entire Church that we may all be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we can use our gifts, making us sowers of goodness, and apostles of hope.
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 all those who have died, Gerald Warren, Mark Mullaney those whose anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Funerals this Week:

Tuesday Howe Bridge Crematorium 10.00am Mark Mullaney

Tuesday Howe Bridge Crematorium 2.00pm Gerald Warren

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

Wednesday: Memorial of St Philip Neri, priest

Thursday: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest

Sunday: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



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.

WELCOME

We extend a warm Parish welcome to **Father David Pember** who will be supplying for me for the next few weeks. I am very grateful to Fr. David who has agreed to come and celebrate Sunday Mass at our two churches. Please note there will be no weekday Masses while I am away.

S.P.U.C.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children are holding their annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks.

Donations can also be made online at www.spuc.org.uk/donate.

Forthcoming Collections

Society of St Vincent de Paul 5/6th & 12/13th June.

Day for Life 19th/20th June

Thank you for your generosity.

Virtual Mass

I am grateful to Mrs Ahmed, Miss Daley and Mrs Newton and our Key stage 2 children who have participated in a virtual Mass for each of the four year groups over the last four weeks. It has been a great way of coming together for the celebration of Mass. I am grateful to our headteachers, their staff and all our children for helping to make it possible.

SYNOD 2020

As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged. If you haven't seen them yet, please visit the Synod Recommendations Website (www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) there are also theological reflections on the topics.

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers in the coming weeks.

GLUTEN-FREE ALTAR BREAD

If you require a gluten-free altar bread, please let the stewards know when you arrive for Mass.