

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Second Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Miriam Wilson Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Paul Hough Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Fr Michael Kenny R.I.P.
In Private	Tuesday		People of the Parish
St Joseph's	Wednesday	12.00pm	Pat Prescott Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Thursday	12.00pm	Special Intention (BF)
In Private	Friday		Jim Prescott Get Well

Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Get Well
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30pm	James & Lucy Jones Anniversary
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Frances Shortes

Children's Corner

How did the soggy
Easter Bunny dry
himself?
With a hare dryer!

How does the Easter
bunny stay in shape?
Lots of eggs-ercise!

A man was taken to
hospital after eating
daffodil bulbs.
Doctors say he's
recovering and
he'll be out in
the Spring.



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....
Peace in the World
at Sacred Heart
and
Paul Hough
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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11th April 2021

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HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued the following statement on the death of The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

'I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip and for Her Majesty the Queen and all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow.

'We give thanks for Prince Philip's life of loyal public service to our country, the support he has faithfully given to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family and his presence among us for so many years.

'May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.'

The Archbishop will celebrate Mass for the repose of the soul of HRH Prince Philip at 4.00 pm tomorrow, Saturday 10 April, in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

At this time numbers remain restricted at the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Doris Collier and all those whose anniversary is at this time may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

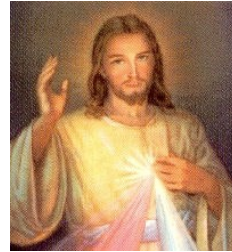
We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.

Including: Craig Hardman & Dennis O'Halleran

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Day of Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday: Third 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.

GIFT AID

We are hoping to give out the Gift Aid Envelopes over the next few weeks. If you are a Gift Aider and no longer pay tax, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Offertory Envelopes

A big thank you to all of you continuing to push your envelopes through the presbytery doors. We still have bills to pay, so many thanks for recognising this. If you are coming to Mass could you please place your envelopes as you enter church this would be a

Parish Office

Please note that the days when the Parish Office is now open are: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am — 2.00pm.**

*Jesus loves me, this I know
the Easter story tells me so.
He died for me to bear my sin
He opened heaven to let me in.*

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Have you ever doubted? Most people have – yet there is a difference between honest and dishonest doubters. Some people just **do not** want to believe in God, others want to believe but sometimes struggle when life challenges them. Today when someone is sceptical, we call that person a doubting Thomas. In reality Thomas was a follower of the Lord and at times would have shown great faith – yet he is always remembered for doubting. Maybe he handled his grief by simple denial! In today's Gospel we find the first disciples dispirited after the death of Jesus and were probably terrified about what was going to happen to them. When Jesus appeared to them the first thing He gave them was the gift of His peace. Peace means different things to different people. For someone suffering from arthritis or some other painful illness, one or two hours without pain could be peace, for others just having a break from the hustle and bustle of family life is peace. But, the peace that Jesus gives is a peace that gives long-term happiness - a peace that frees hearts full of fear, anxiety and worry. A peace that brings serenity of mind..... simplicity of heart - and tranquility of the soul - a peace that builds bridges of trust and allows us to walk together to the Father. This final gift that Jesus leaves for his disciples is a peace that can be found even in the midst of turmoil. If we keep His word, He will make His home in us and whenever we hit stormy waters we will be blessed with His peace. The Lord didn't abandon Thomas for not believing, He came back to Him and offered Thomas a glimpse of what Resurrection means. He doesn't condemn Thomas' failure to believe - but recognises his deep human need to see - to touch - to hear - in order to believe. Today the Lord tells us *'Happy are those who have not seen yet believe'*. Yes Lord, we believe – and may our faith affect our lives and those we come into contact with!

