

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Sunday 26th December 2021 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	David Nicholson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Peggy Sharrock R.I.P.
Thursday 30th December 2021 <i>Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave</i>			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Funeral Service	Teresa Mullaney
Saturday 1st January 2022 <i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>			
St. Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd December 2022 <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	Jeffry David Allinson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John & Norah Henneghan, Anniversary Caitlin Bradbury 21st Birthday Memorial



The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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Feast of the Holy Family**

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Food for Thought

To see a newborn baby wins the heart and love of anyone with human feelings, but the baby we think of in the manger gives us hope. In the darkness of our world, His light shines. He is the answer to today's problems. Instead of violence He comes in gentleness encouraging us to hold out the hand of reconciliation, to help one another, to work for peace. Christmas is a time for us to focus on the meaning and the mystery of the Word made flesh. This is the message of Christmas - that God, out of love for the human race became one of us to draw us into his family - showing us how to live in love, with Him – and through Him.

This weekend we celebrate the gift of the Holy Family. It's a time when we can reflect on our own families and our wider family - the Church. We know that Mary and Joseph lived together in love, growing together in faith, hope, and trust in spite of the difficulties they faced. Let these be our goals - in our homes - in our families - our places of work - and in our Church family. If we follow their example the peace of Christ will remain in our hearts and in our families. As we approach a new year we thank the Lord for being with us through a very difficult year. May we keep loving one another despite our limits, so that our homes and our community becomes a beacon of faith, hope and love. Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died, Teresa Mullaney, Vincent Littler, Thomas Langen, Elizabeth Benson, John (Jack) Kelly and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Vera Seventi, Carol Greenhalgh, Phil & Rita Coffee, Craig Hardman, Catherine Peaty, and Kitty Jones. May the Lord embrace them with His unconditional love

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today: Feast of the Holy Family
Monday: Feast of St John
Tuesday: Feast of the Innocents
Wednesday: Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Sunday: Second Sunday after Christmas

Finances

The Christmas day collection goes to St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish funds. Thanks for your continued kindness to the Parish.

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Full message is on the Leigh Deanery Website:
www.leighdeanery.co.uk

Parish Office

Last Wednesday Jacqui fell and so is unable to work in the Parish office. We keep her in our thoughts and pray that she makes a speedy recovery.

The Light of Christmas shines all the brighter amid the darkness of the Pandemic. The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love

Pope Francis

Pope Francis December Prayer Intention

Intention for Evangelization: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You

Thank you to all who have worked so hard over the last year to make Sacred Heart and St Joseph's the wonderful gift of God that it is to so many! May He pour out his blessings upon you!

Thank you as always for your prayers, cards and gifts and your support throughout the year! Be assured of my love and prayers for each one of you!

Fr Kieran

THANK YOU

Many thanks to **MOSSES GARDEN CENTRE** for the beautiful Christmas trees they have kindly donated to our Parish and for their generous support and donations of plants throughout the year.



The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating. Hundreds of thousands of Afghans fled their homes, compounding an existing crisis following periods of drought and decades of conflict. As winter approaches, millions of people face hunger and extreme poverty. To find out more or donate go to: cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis.

Children's Corner

What do you get when you cross a Christmas Tree with an Apple?

A Pineapple!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Snowflakes!



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Dcn. Tony Arrowsmith at Sacred Heart

And

Deceased Members of the Worden Family at St Joseph's

St Edmund Arrowsmith

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