

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Theresa Casey R.I.P.
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Tony Ashcroft R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Paul & Mary Caren

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	Saturday	4.30pm	Rita Vint Anniversary
St Joseph's	Sunday	9.30am	Brenda Southern
Sacred Heart	Sunday	11.00am	Fr Philip Mannion

Children's Corner

Two hedgehogs are crossing the road by a zebra crossing.

One says, "Don't cross here!"

The other one says, "Why not?"

The first one says, "Look what happened to this zebra!"

"Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?"

"The food is good, but there's no atmosphere."



St Edmund Arrowsmith



Sanctuary Lamp

Next week our

Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

The People of Afghanistan

at Sacred Heart

And

Pope Francis at St Joseph's

The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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15th August 2021

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Food for the Journey

Both the First Reading and the Gospel today are about choices. There are many people in our world today who choose to worship power, money, fame, self-interest etc. yet the Word of God today challenges us to ponder on*What are our values? What's important to us? What path do we choose?* Some of the choices we make in life are fairly unimportant. It will probably make little difference whether we choose vanilla ice cream or strawberry.... pink flowers or yellow..... red wine or white etc. But the really important decision that drives everything else we do is.... do we follow the Lord and put Him first? Many of Jesus' followers left him when they misunderstood his teaching on the Eucharist and chose to walk away. Jesus said to the Twelve in the Gospel today, "*Do you want to go away too?*" Peter's choice was based on a personal relationship with the Lord. Peter believed in the words that Jesus spoke. He accepted that Jesus was the Son of God. He chose to follow the Lord even when he didn't understand! In the end our response, like Peter's, has to be personal - to walk away - **or** to stay and walk more deeply into the way of His love! This is the challenge of the Gospel today - because the decisions we make today can determine our tomorrow! 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, Ron Standish, Alice Sharkey, and those who's anniversary is at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

There will be a Funeral Service for **Alice Sharkey** at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 12.15pm

Please keep her family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

Kieran Halliwell R.I.P.

I have some very sad news to share with you. Mary and Bob Halliwell's son, Kieran has died in a climbing accident in the West of Ireland. He was just 35 years old. I ask you to please pray for Mary and Bob and their daughters, Bernadette, Catherine, and Rachel and for Kieran, their son and brother, that he will rest forever in God's eternal life and love.

Liturgical Week

Today: **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Tuesday: **Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**
Thursday: **Memorial Of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God**
Friday: **Memorial of St Monica**
Saturday: **Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**
Sunday: **Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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, those who pay by: standing order, online, and text-giving. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has joined his voice to Bishops across North and South America to urge people to get jabbed against Covid-19. Pope Francis launches a powerful appeal for people to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines, calling it "an act of love." He added that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love.

To find out more please visit:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html>

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.

The Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate Rachel and Rob who received this great Sacrament at St Joseph's on Friday....May they always remain in God's unconditional love.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith

There is a pilgrimage to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith, our Parish Patron Saint, on Sunday 29th August 3pm at St Oswald's & St Edmund Arrowsmith Church, Ashton in Makerfield.

Celebrating 'IGNATIUS 500'

From May 2021 – July 2022: The worldwide Ignatian family commemorates the 500th anniversary of the transformation in the life of St Ignatius of Loyola that resulted in his conversion and led to the foundation of the Jesuit order. The Jesuit General, Fr Arturo Sosa SJ has written a book, titled "Walking with Ignatius" which has been released by Messenger Publications.

Please note there will be no daily Mass at Sacred Heart and St Joseph's for the next two weeks.