

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 26th March 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Rev Deacon Alan Mee R.I.P.
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Sunday 27th March 2022 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Peter Wilkinson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Martin Corcoran R.I.P.

Tuesday 29th March 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Thanksgiving St Jude
Sacred Heart	2.00pm	Funeral	Bill Barker

Wednesday 30th March 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	11.00am		Exposition
St Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	Melvin & Kieran Moss
St Joseph's	12.30pm		Stations of the Cross

Thursday 31st March 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	11.00am		Exposition
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Tony Barret R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	12.30pm		Stations of the Cross

Friday 1st April 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	People of the Parish
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Saturday 2nd April 2022 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	William Fairclough Anniversary
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Sunday 3rd April 2022 *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

The Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith is part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool
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The Parish of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph



Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road

27th March 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Food for Thought

Just like the Prodigal son in today's Gospel, we too are Prodigal children. In many ways we too squander our inheritance! God our Father provides us with a wonderful world to live in, yet we pollute our waters – we poison its air - we don't always treat one another as we ought to – there are wars -famine etc. Many people turn away from God and follow other paths. Yet as soon as we acknowledge our wrongdoing, we have a Father who longs to be reunited with us and waits with open arms. There's an old saying "Sorrowful partings make for joyful reunions." It can be really painful to be separated from loved ones, home, family, and friends - and those who have experienced that pain know the joy of the homecoming and reunion! This is what reconciliation is about - a joyful re-union with God! Repentance is not about making ourselves miserable - but recognising our faults and failings and then marvelling that, in spite of them, our Father loves and forgives us and longs for us to come home. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to come home! As Pope Francis says – *Confession is not a judgment but a meeting with God – a meeting with the Lord who pardons you – hugs you – and rejoices!* How blest we are that we have a Father who loves us so much that He says, "*all I have is yours!*" *May we always accept His forgiveness so that we can be a sign of the Father's loving embrace to others. Praise Him!*

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, Bill Barker, Josephine Sankey, Monica Keaveny those who have died in Ukraine and those who's anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for **Peace in the Ukraine** at Sacred Heart and for **Stephen Aspden** at St Joseph's.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life and prayer and action.

The War in Ukraine

This week's Holy Hour will be on Wednesday at St Joseph's and on Thursday at Sacred Heart.

Walsingham 2022

Anyone going to Walsingham on Easter Monday, can you please pay your balance as soon as possible. Thank you. Therese Thompson

Happy Mother's Day

We praise the Lord for our Mums today in a special way...especially Our Blessed Lady, who is the greatest Mum of them all!!!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Jim Reynolds, Vera Seventi, Carol Greenhalgh, Brendan Fleming, Sean Fleming, Vik Batrak, Craig Hardman, Ted Dedeive, Catherine Peaty, and Kitty Jones. May the Lord embrace them with His unconditional love

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Fr Kieran is available after weekday Mass to celebrate this liberating Sacrament.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meet every Thursday at 10.15am at the back of Sacred Heart Church. Any new members are more than welcome to join.

Second Collection

Please note that the Second collection this weekend will be for will be for Nugent Care our official Archdiocesan caring service. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our founder, Fr. James Nugent.

The Act of Consecration for Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This was prayed for by Pope Francis and across the world on the Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord. A copy of his prayer can be found on the Deanery website: www.leighdeanery.co.uk

Ukraine Archdiocese Appeal

Due to the overwhelming generosity from our parishes, parishioners and community, all of our parish centres and St Margaret Clitherow Centre are now at capacity with donations of goods. Therefore we are bringing the cut-off date for donations forward and we are now unable to accept any further donations of goods (apart from any donations of medical supplies as these are in urgent demand). Thank you again for all of your continued support. We are truly thankful for the wealth of goodwill and generosity shown by people across the archdiocese. We have received over £44,000 of donations for the appeal, a figure that is rising on a daily basis.

Lizzie Horridge, the Archdiocese Communications Manager writes:

This Saturday (26 March) two vans will leave the Archdiocese of Liverpool to head to the Polish border loaded with aid for the people of Ukraine.

We would ask if everyone can keep the drivers in their prayers.

The goods will be collected by Bishop Gregory Komar, and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine. Bishop Gregory is the auxiliary bishop of the diocese and has a close association with the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Just a reminder that
clocks go
forward this
weekend.



St Joseph's Players

St Joseph's Players are putting on two plays at East Leigh Labour Club on the 27th, 28th and 29th April at 7.30pm. For more information please visit their website: stjosephsplayers.co.uk



Catholic Women International Synod Survey

Catholic Women Speak is an international forum for dialogue, theological discussion and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church. They have produced a survey for the synod link below: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/>