

## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

### Saturday 25th February 2023 *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Enid Kenwright R.I.P.
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### Sunday 26th February 2023 *First Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine Mary Sim (nee Hewitt)
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

### Monday 27th February *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.45pm	Funeral Service	Wayne Stephen Frasier Hackett
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### Tuesday 28th February 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm		No Mass
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### Wednesday 1st March 2023 *Feast of St David, Patron of Wales*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Valerie Hilton R.I.P.
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### Thursday 2nd March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	McArt Family
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### Friday 3rd March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	John Radley
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### Saturday 4th March 2023 *Weekday of Lent*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Annie Butterworth Anniversary
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### Sunday 5th March February 2023 *Second Sunday of Lent*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Philip Coffey Anniversary
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Albie Foster Lucey & Heidi Rose Blinkhorn

### Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we 'will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"

Archdiocese of Liverpool Registered Charity No.1199714

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



Sacred Heart Church  
Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1YE

Parish  
Administrator  
Jacqui Unsworth

### 26th February 2023 First Sunday of Lent

#### Clergy Team:

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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St Joseph's Church  
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Opening Hours  
Mon and Fri  
9.30am - 11.30am  
1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wed 9.30- 11.30

### Food for Thought

Very often when we are in the midst of difficult situations or even when we are surrounded by goodness and beauty, the devil tries to slip in and tempt us away from God. The battle against evil is a constant one. selfishness, greed, anger, jealousy, gossip etc. can always be lurking around in the background. Today we hear how Jesus resisted the temptations of the evil one in the desert, and we too are called to resist the temptations that we come across in our daily lives. For centuries the Church in her wisdom has recommended spiritual medicine during Lent to help us to get better, to bring us closer to Jesus and prepare us for our celebration at Easter. We have so many opportunities to be freed from darkness and filled with a rainbow of light during the coming weeks. So, how are we going to try to grow this Lent? How will we use this time to resist the temptations in our lives? Where do our priorities lie? What do we actually need - and how many of our "needs" are not essential? Sometimes the only way to find out is to try to live without them for a while - and Lent is the perfect time to do this! May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each one of us, knowing that temptation is never going to disappear, but neither will God. He is always and forever there to guide us!

Praise Him!

## 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,  
Mary Griffin  
Brendan Fleming,  
Sean Fleming,  
Craig Hardman,  
Kitty Jones,  
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,  
Doreen Hayes,  
Sr. Megan  
John Marsh  
Nellie Flynn  
Mary Barnes  
Archbishop Patrick Kelly  
Dean

May the Lord embrace them with love.

## World Day of Prayer Unity Service, 2023: The Gift of Taiwan

This year's World Day of Prayer Unity Service will take place on **Friday 3rd March at St Thomas and All Saints Church 3 Kenwood Avenue, Leigh WN7 2LN at 7.00pm.** All women, men and young people are most welcome.

For those who enjoy singing these is a singer's practice at St Thomas & All Saints, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm – 8.15pm.



## Confirmation

Any young person who is in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk). The website for registration closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament of Confirmation in RE classes.

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

**Wayne Stephen Hackett**  
**John Radley**  
**Theresa Kazan**  
**John Marsh**  
**Jack Worrall Higham**

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Kieran is available after each midday Mass and 3.45—4.15 before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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## CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the midday Mass on Tuesdays at Sacred Heart Church and after the midday Mass on Fridays at St Joseph's Church.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The second Collection next weekend will be for **CAFOD**

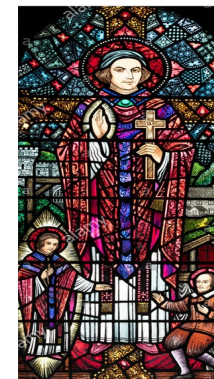
## Fund Raising Event

St Joseph's Players Present in concert  
**Great Manchester Police Band**  
At St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR  
On Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm Tickets £10  
Available on line: [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
Enquiries 07907 880308 (Office Hours)  
Refreshments / Bar Available

## Children's Corner

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary?  
**A thesaurus.**

Why did Luke Skywalker always sleep with the light on?  
**He was afraid of the Darth.**



## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **The Aid Workers in Syria & Turkey** and at St Joseph's Church for **The people of Syria and Turkey**