

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 4th November *Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Dolores Warhurst R.I.P. Pius List
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Sunday 5th November *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Allinson Anniversary Pius List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Nora & Jack Pearson R.I.P. Pius List
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Kaleb Michael Fleming

Tuesday 7th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart			No Mass
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Wednesday 8th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's			No Mass
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Thursday 9th November *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Sacred Heart			No Mass
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Friday 10th November *Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor*

St Joseph's			No Mass
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Saturday 11th November *Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen McArt R.I.P. & Pius List
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Sunday 12th November *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Wojtek Bucior Anniversary & Pius List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Anthony Michael Successful Operation

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



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5th November 2023
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Food for Thought

There are no favourites in the eyes of God. This is something that the Pharisees had forgotten and so the Lord had to remind them. They probably thought that they were great! The world may consider people great for a variety of reasons – power – wealth – success etc, but the Lord tells us we need to be great in something else.....humility and service. True humility is trusting in God with simplicity of heart and recognising our need of His forgiveness. Once we are in that position of knowing our need of God, we are open to receive His healing love – and He will work marvels through us. His hands will become our hands...His feet will become our feet and His love will flow into others as we serve Him! Our faith demands love – and what love demands is humility.....service....and love - quietly working to build the Kingdom of God – loving the Lord in simple humility and childlike trust – that's what's really great! In our changing world, these virtues still shine out from the cross.

Praise Him!



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Office Hours:
Mon, Wed & Fri
9.30am—4.00pm

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died

Doreen Baddeley (nee Galvin) 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:

**Jim Reynolds,
Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Catherine Peat
Sandra Smith
George Cartledge
Pat Avery
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael**

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

If you would like Fr. Kieran to visit a family member who is sick and housebound, please speak to him or contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.

Baptisms

Congratulations to **Kaleb Michael Fleming** and his family who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at Sacred Heart Church. May he grow in the love of the Lord.

Family of Parishes

There are currently 104 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese. Four years ago when we experienced many changes in our parish, we were told that in 25 years there would be 50 priests in the diocese. At a recent deanery meeting, Fr. Phil Inch informed us that those figures have changed and now in **15 years there will 37 priests in the diocese!!!**

The Pastoral Plan produced by the Archdiocese after Synod 2020 presents a vision for the way forward. At the heart of this vision is a commitment to create within Deaneries '**Families of Parishes**' which will work more closely together.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation **will not** be available before the 4.30pm Mass.



Food Bank Collection

We will be holding Food Bank Collections at both churches from the 25th November to 6th December.

The Food Bank at Atherton have asked for any non perishable food items (except beans & pasta) and toiletries. Items can be brought to all Masses or dropped off at St Joseph's Church Monday, Wednesday & Friday. The Food Bank service is in great demand at this time. For more details about the Food Bank, visit www.trusselltrust.org

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Mass of Remembrance

This year's Mass of Remembrance will take place on Wednesday 29th November 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. This Mass is for those loved ones who have died between November 2022 and October 2023.

Letters of invitation will be sent out in the next few weeks.

**May they all rest in God's eternal peace.
Amen.**

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Innocent victims in Palestine and Israel**
At St Joseph's for **Innocent victims of the Ukraine war**

The Kingdom grows mysteriously;
its power is hidden in a small seed that is filled with victorious vitality.
When times are dark, we need to trust in God's quiet but powerful action, and remain anchored in His faithfulness.
Pope Francis



Children's Corner

Why did the jelly wobble?
Because it saw the milk shake!

When is a lightbulb upset?
When it's put out!

