

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 18th December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	4:30 pm	Mass	James Hurst R.I.P.
Sunday 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	Sharon Charlesworth R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11:00 am	Mass	Philip Mannion R.I.P.
Tuesday 21st December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart			No Mass
Wednesday 22nd December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
St. Joseph's	12 noon	Mass	The Kennedy Family
Thursday 23rd December 2021 Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart	12 noon	Mass	Anastasia Costello (11 years old) R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	2.00pm	Funeral	Christopher Littlewood
Christmas Eve 24th December 2021 Vigil of the Nativity			
St. Joseph's	6.00pm	Mass	Kitty & Ernest Clarke
Sacred Heart	8.00pm	Mass	Billy O'Connell
Christmas Day 25th December 2021 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord			
St. Joseph's	8.30am	Mass	Robert & Agnes Kedward R.I.P.
St. Joseph's	9.45pm	Mass	Annie Butterworth Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.15am	Mass	Peter Galloway R.I.P.
Sunday 26th December 2021 Feast of the Holy Family			
St. Joseph's	9:30 am	Mass	David Nicholson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Peggy Sharrock R.I.P.

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19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Food for Thought

The Word of God today speaks of relationships. We hear of the relationship between Elizabeth, the child in her womb and the Holy Spirit. The relationship between Mary and Elizabeth and the joyful news they shared together. As human beings we all need relationships with others - and as we know some relationships may be extremely varied and difficult at times. Mary's relationship with God came first and whatever difficulties she faced, her joy was not diminished by her troubles - because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in Him. Mary shares her life by giving joy to her cousin Elizabeth - and for Elizabeth, this is one of the greatest gifts that she received throughout her life - to be greeted by the mother of the Lord. The joy continues as Elizabeth sees and hears the things Mary has done.

May we, like Mary, give birth to Christ - so we can give our own contribution of giving the flesh of faith to those we meet. Pope Francis says "Mary experienced the gift she received as a mission". This Christmas may we have the same mission to reach out with love to our friends and families and bring them home to a Church that rejoices with their presence! This could make such a difference for them this Christmas - for He is their refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms of love - peace - joy and forgiveness. Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have died, Francis Fletcher (who used to belong to St Joseph's Church) Teresa Mullaney, Christopher Littlewood, Vincent Littler, Anastasia Costello (11 years old) 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: Carol Greenhalgh, Phil & Rita Coffee, Craig Hardman, Catherine Peaty, (nee Kinsella) and Kitty Jones. May the Lord embrace them with His unconditional love

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of **Eleanor Genevieve Mundy** and **Olivia Rose Fairhurst**, who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. May they grow in the love of the Lord.

St Vincent de Paul Collection

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the S.V.P. collection which has made a total of £751.75. This generous amount will enable the S.V.P. to continue to help those who are in most need especially at this time of year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Donations for the Christmas Flowers can still be made. The money received provides flowers in church not just for Christmas but also throughout the year. All the flowers on the sanctuary will be in memory of loved ones who have died. Over the Christmas Period the Sanctuary Lamp will also be dedicated to family and friends who have died.

Finances

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

Thank You

Thank you for the vast work that is continued to be done by so many of you to ensure that Sacred Heart and St Joseph's is a powerful experience of the goodness of God especially at we continue through this Pandemic.

Fr. Kieran

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Because of the continued Pandemic and the reduced seating capacity in both churches, I will not be able to celebrate the annual children's first Mass of Christmas at St Joseph's Church. Families, however, are still invited to attend one of the five Christmas Masses.

The Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve: St Joseph's: 6.00pm and Sacred Heart: 8.00pm

Christmas Day: St Joseph's: 8.30am and 9.45am and Sacred Heart: 11.15am

Please note that even though the capacity in both churches has increased since last Christmas, we are still limited to the number of people that we can accommodate safely.

There are many more people who attend one of the Christmas Masses, so for those who regularly attend one of the three Sunday Masses, please come a bit early so that you will be able to get a seat.

Stewards will remain to assist parishioners in being seated as safely as possible, and directing people during Communion. Face masks will continue to be required to be worn unless you are medically exempt, please make sure your face mask covers both your nose and mouth as this is for your protection and also your fellow parishioners. Please sanitize hands as you come into church. Please remember that you do not feel well, do not attend Mass, the obligation remains suspended by the Bishop's Conference.

Children's Corner

What animal is always at a game of cricket?
bat.

What falls in winter but never gets hurt?
Snow.

How does the moon cut his hair?
Eclipse it.



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamps

will shine for....

Pope Francis
at Sacred Heart

and

at St Joseph's

Kitty & Trevor Jones &
Family

St Edmund Arrowsmith

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