Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 2nd April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*William Fairclough Anniversary*
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*
Sacred Heart	*12.30pm*	*Baptism*	*Lexi May Heyes & Emily Rose Thomas*
Tuesday 5th April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
Sacred Heart	*12 noon*	*Mass*	*Frances Shortis Anniversary*
Wednesday 6th April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
St Joseph's	*11.00am*		*Exposition*
St Joseph's	*12 noon*	*Mass*	*Steven Naylor Anniversary*
St Joseph's	*12.30pm*		*Stations of the Cross*
St Joseph's	*2.00pm*	*Funeral Service*	*Josephine Sankey*
Thursday 7th April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
Sacred Heart	*11.00am*		*Exposition*
Sacred Heart	*12 noon*	*Mass*	*Brenda Southern R.I.P.*
Sacred Heart	*12.30pm*		*Stations of the Cross*
Friday 8th April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
St Joseph's	*12 noon*	*Funeral Mass*	*Monica Keavney*
Saturday 9th April 2022 Weekday of Lent			
St Joseph's	*4.30pm*	*Mass*	*Paul Hough Anniversary*
Sunday 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday			
St Joseph's	*9.30am*	*Mass*	*May Malley Anniversary*
Sacred Heart	*11.00am*	*Mass*	*John Hamer*

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Sacred Heart Church
Walmesley Road

3rd April 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Food for Thought

Last week we heard the extraordinary parable about the Prodigal Son - the father's love for his wayward child and how he rejoiced at the return of his son. Well, this week we have another story, about God's forgiveness in a real-life encounter with the woman caught in adultery. What a contrast between the cruelty of the scribes and Pharisees and the compassion of Jesus! The scribes and Pharisees are using the woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process! But Jesus is full of compassion. He does not condemn her - but restores her spiritually by forgiving her and then tries to help her by telling her not to sin again. His challenge involved a choice – either she could go back to her old ways or accept the new way of life and happiness with Him. Doesn't this tell us an awful lot about Jesus' attitude to the sinner? The Lord desires to heal and save **all** his people. He always leaves a door open for each one of us to come to Him and seek forgiveness and experience, in full, the love and mercy of God. As Pope Francis says.... *He has the ability to forget ... He kisses you..... He embraces you, and He says to you: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on try and sin no more"!* Praise Him!

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, Josephine Sankey, Winifred Webb, Monica Keaveny, Joseph Johnston, Joan Atkinson, Kyle Jowett, 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 **Ellen Squires** at St Joseph's.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April

For a health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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 Dedive, 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 10.00am at the back of Sacred Heart Church. Any new members are more than welcome to join.

Walsingham 2022

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 14th April 7.30pm at **St Joseph's Church,**
followed by Watching with the Lord until Night Prayer

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 15th April 3.00pm at **Sacred Heart Church**

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 16th April 8.30pm at **St Joseph's Church**

Easter Sunday – 9.30am Mass at **St Joseph's Church** and 11.00am Mass at **Sacred Heart Church**

Ukraine Appeal Update

After travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries; drivers from the Archdiocese have arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine. In terms of financial donations, we have now raised over £70,000 for the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal. Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

Thank you for your Generosity

We have sent off a cheque for £1400 from Sacred Heart and St Joseph's parishioners. Many thanks for all your kindness.

Foundation Governor at St Mary's High School

A vacancy has arisen at our High School for a Foundation Governor (a practicing Catholic with an interest in working alongside other governors and staff for the good of our young people). Please contact Pat Lloyd at the school on 01942 363306 if you are interested in this opportunity.

Parish Office

Please note that from this week onwards the Parish Office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Deanery Website:
www.leighdeanery.co.uk

The War in Ukraine

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

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/