

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 20th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	John Garvey Anniversary
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Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Albert Boardman Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Winnie Gerald R.I.P.
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ole Ryan Hennifer & Margot Lily Ford

Tuesday 23rd April Solemnity of St George, Martyr Patron of England

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention (AW)
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Wednesday 24th April Weekday of Easter

St Josephs	12.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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Thursday 25th April Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention
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Friday 26th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am		No Mass
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Saturday 27th April Weekday of Easter

St Joseph's	10.30am	St J School	First Holy Communion
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Eric Pendlebury Anniversary

Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Hough Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish

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



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**21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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Food for thought

Lots of us have trouble remembering names! We may remember faces, but we sometimes struggle with names. The fact that the Lord calls each one of us by name indicates how thoroughly he knows us and how close he wants to be to each one of us. In the Good Shepherd's eyes, we are not anonymous parts of a nameless crowd – He knows everyone. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story.

In today's Gospel we hear the well-loved and treasured words of Jesus, describing himself as the Good Shepherd – the one who gathers his flock and looks after their needs. Imagine a world where everyone became 'Good Shepherds' and really cared, about our sisters and brothers who are hungry, homeless, mistreated, victimized, threatened, rejected? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental for everyone? We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls, so that they may have life and live it to the fullest. May we reach out to the lost sheep and build a community where we can help each other to grow in faith, hope and love. As the shepherd of our souls, He is with us always.

Praise Him!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Doreen Hayes,
Eileen Hynes
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Sandra Smith
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Anthony Michael
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods
Eileen Midgley
John Forde

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Pope Francis

April Prayer Intention For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died especially,
Joseph Collins, Barry Evans,
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 3.45—4.15 before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Pray in May/ Ethiopia Crisis Appeal

Mary's Meals, who provide school meals to over 2.4 million children every day, invite you to join their Pray in May campaign. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

We pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. We are hosting a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on Tuesday the 16th of May at 7pm, find out more at [Charity events | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/charity-events/)

Please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may> to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal by visiting <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia>

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics will take place on Sunday 28th April at St John Stone, Ainsdale, PR8 3RN. There will be Mass at 2.00pm followed by a social gathering.
All our welcome.

Vocations

On the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we are reminded of the importance of praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Good Shepherd Sunday we have much to celebrate because this academic year is a significant one for vocations to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. God willing, by the end of July, 5 men will have been ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

Fr Hugh Donleavy was ordained to the priesthood on 1 December at St Alban's Church in Warrington and plans are underway for the ordination of Deacons James Finnegan and Martin Fyles (from the Venerable English College, Rome), Peter Ross (from St Mary's College, Oscott) and Lister Tonge, (a former Anglican Minister). If all goes to plan, they will be ordained together in the Cathedral on 13th July.

There are currently three other men in formation for our Archdiocese in the Beda College, Rome and Allen Hall, London and two candidates currently involved in the process of applying to begin seminary in September. Usually, on the first Saturday of each month a group of men gather together to reflect on the priesthood and to discern whether this is God's calling for them. The road to the priesthood is long and these men need your continued prayer and the support you give to the Priest Training Fund collection that takes place today.

There is no one type of man that God is calling and our seminarians and discerners come from different backgrounds, have had a wide range of life experiences and cover a range of ages. Perhaps God is calling you!

If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest within our Archdiocese and are ready to explore this further and perhaps meet other men who are thinking about their vocation, please contact the Vocations' Director, either by telephoning the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More in Aigburth on 0151 727 2493 or email: vocations@rcaol.org.uk

This week's Second Collection is for the **Priest's Training Fund**

Children's Corner

What goes up and down at the same time?
Stairs!

What do you get if you cross a jeep with a dog?
A Land Rover



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
Deceased Deacons of the Parish
and at St Joseph's Church:
Deceased Parishioners