



Newsletter for the Parish of

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

9th August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday 4.30pm Sunday 9.30am	Mary Keavney R.I.P. Paul Hough R.I.P.
Monday Feast St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr	
Tuesday, Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	
Wednesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	No public Mass
Thursday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday, Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Peter Galloway R.I.P.
Sunday, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Frances & James Clarke An- ni.

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

Also those who have recently died
Maureen Gore

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time...may the peace of our Risen Lord enfold us all.

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Saturday 1st - Friday 7th August

The Worden Family

The NHS & Carers



The Celebration of Mass in the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith

ATTENDING MASS

To book a place at either the 4.30pm or 9.30am Sunday Mass, please contact Jacqui either by email or phone from Wednesday to 3.00pm on Friday. We cannot take any bookings after those deadlines. If you so wish, you can turn up before Mass but if we reach our capacity, you will be turned away.

If you ring and do not receive a reply, please leave a message, we will ring you back to confirm your booking. Thank you.

FINANCES

Thanks to those who have sent in their offertory collections saved up over these last few months. If you haven't done so yet please bring it to whichever Mass you chose to come to or send through the post with a cheque made out to St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish. There is a basket to put your offerings in at the entrance of the Church, or you may wish to pay by Standing Order or by text?

The bank details are: HSBC 99-101 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 6PG sort code 40-29-12 account No. 51545205. Standing Order Mandates are now available. Also, There is the Archdiocesan online giving website, it can receive both one-off and regular monthly donations. Each parish has its own unique link on the website and a church photograph is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor. There is a Gift Aid option. The link to the page for St Edmund Arrowsmith's Parish is: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-edmund-arrowsmith-leigh>

If any parishioners would like support with this, please contact. kiely@rcaol.org.uk with name and telephone number and we will endeavour to call to assist as quickly as possible.

THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS

I am most grateful to all our stewards who have given their time to enable you to come to Mass; our church **would not** be able to open without them. They may ask you to do something you do not want to do or ask you to sit in a place you do not normally sit. Remember they have received their instructions directly from the guidelines issued by the Archdiocese. These are in place to keep us safe and well from Covid-19.

Fr Kieran

The Friends of the Holy Land is a charitable organisation established in the UK in 2009 to assist the Christians in the Holy Land. In so many ways they represent the continuing presence of Jesus in the land where he was born, lived and died.

Friends of the Holy Land was launched by Michael Whelan in 2009 following a pilgrimage in 2007 and with the personal support of the Archbishop of Birmingham, Vincent Nichols, now Cardinal, Archbishop of Westminster.

Since 2007 FHL has successfully funded the neediest Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, each year helping over 2,000 named Christians and raising over £4.5 million.

They are currently suffering greatly. We are sure that Christian communities around the world, acting together, can provide the moral support and practical assistance to enable them to rebuild their lives and provide the better future that they so earnestly seek. A lack of water is one of the major problems faced by the people of the West Bank. This is caused by the inefficiency of the distribution system and the management of the water network. As a result families may have received water supplies only for 2 or 3 days in a fortnight which has been reduced to barely once a month during the current crisis. Existing back up water tanks on many roofs are old and rusted particularly in older towns such as Bethlehem and the bowser transported water is often contaminated. Consequently over 40% of children suffer from chronic diarrhoea and other diseases related to lack of water and hygiene.

Thanks to many peoples generosity we were able to work in partnership with our friends at Pro Terra Sancta and have installed 20 water tanks for Christian families in the Bethlehem area who also helped fund the project and used local Christian trades people to fit the tanks, thereby doubling the impact of donations.

We all know that access to clean water is a vital lifeline for everyone and particularly during these challenging times of Coronavirus when handwashing and hygiene are more important than ever these water tanks are a vital way that we can make sure that families have regular access to clean water.

FHL fund a mixture of sustainable and immediate relief work the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan and focuses on the areas of: Education, Employment, Housing, Family Support and Health.

There are lots of ways to help the people suffering in the Holy Land, visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk to find out more.

The Friends of the Holy Land is a Registered Charity in England & Wales (1130054)



Numbers at Mass 25th/26th July

Saturday 46 Sunday 59

Wednesday 23

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

When you ring or email to book a place, please state if you require a gluten free host and let the steward know on your arrival at Mass. We ask you to please wait and receive communion at the end.

FIRST COMMUNION & BAPTISM

We have had enquiries about when First Communion and Baptisms will be able to take place. At this time we still cannot give any details about available dates or when preparation programmes will be starting again.. As soon as we can make plans for the future we will put all the details in the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.



New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
 - Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 - What sort of church do we want? A church of compassion.
- More articles and video clips in 'Life During Lockdown'.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

Inspiring Prayer

"Almighty and ever loving Father, we pray for the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Lord, may the light of your love shine down on our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. In your mercy grant them peace in their land, peace in their homes and peace in their hearts.

We pray for the work of Friends of the Holy Land, that it will bring healing and relief to those most in need. We ask you to guide Friends of the Holy Land and all who support its work by prayer, action and fund-raising.

Help pilgrims to the Holy Land to see the plight of their Christian brothers and sisters, and touch their hearts with compassion and love.

Lord, remember our fellow Christians in their greatest need, and help us not to forget them. Amen."

Praying for our Christian family in the Holy Land is central to our work. We have seen plenty of evidence to show that awareness raising, starting through prayer, results in donations of time and money. This in turns results in support to our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, encouraging them and reminding them they are not forgotten.