

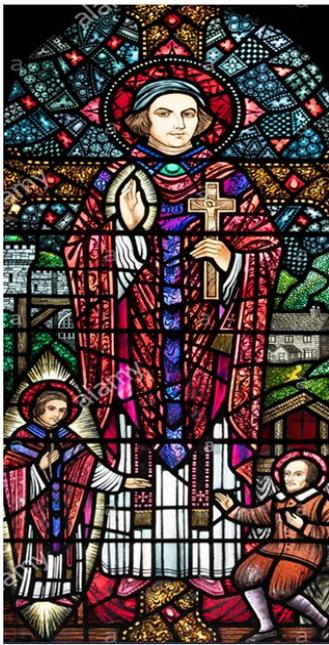
Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

Served by the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Joseph's

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 4th October 2020

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This week our
Sanctuary Lamps will
shine for....

St Joseph's
Reginald Squires
Sacred Heart
People of the
Parish



Numbers at Mass

Saturday 53
Sunday StJ 67, SH 54
Wednesday 28
Offertory £702.75

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time St Joseph's Saturday 4.30pm	Reginald Squires B'day Mem.
St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am Sacred Heart Sunday 11.00am	Teresa Atherton Anni. Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan Family
Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Funeral Service How Bridge Crematorium 10.00am Tuesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Noone Maurice McCarthy R.I.P.
Wednesday, Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary St Joseph's 12.00noon	Patrick Costello Anni.
Thursday, Weekday in Ordinary Time - Public Mass Sacred Heart 12.00 noon	Susan Grundy R.I.P.
Friday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jeffery David Allinson B'day Mem.
Saturday, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time St Joseph's Saturday 4.30pm Mass	Tony Unsworth R.I.P.
St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am Mass Sacred Heart Sunday 11.00am Mass	Terry Malley R.I.P. Sheila Houghton L.D.

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

Also those who have died,
and those whose anniversaries
occur at this
time...may the peace of our
Risen Lord enfold us all.

If you would like your name in-
cluding on the sick list, or you
know someone who would,
please inform the parish office.
You must get permission from
the person concerned if you are
doing it for someone else.



Finances

Please bring your offertory collection to whichever Mass you chose to come to or send through the post with cheque made out to St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish. Baskets to put your offerings in are available at the entrance at both Churches.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has offered the following dates for re-scheduled national collections. Peter's Pence 4th October (today); CAFOD Family Fast Day 11th October; World Mission Sunday 18th October. If you would like to contribute, please put your offering in a clearly marked envelope and drop it off at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Sadly, we are not able to hold Funeral Masses currently due to the pandemic. Regrettably, it is also not possible at present to celebrate a Memorial Mass either. I know that several families have asked for a Memorial Mass to be celebrated as they have missed the comfort of the liturgy at a Funeral Mass, as they try and cope with their sadness and grief at losing a loved one.

Families may wish to consider having a mass celebrated in memory of their loved one in the normal way. If so, please write down their name on a blank sheet and the day they would like the mass to be offered, (if that day has already been taken I will try to celebrate it on the next available day) either put into the collection basket or put it through the letter box at Sacred Heart or St Joseph's presbyteries.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their race, lived among them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 9 October 2020

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease — let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes available in the church porch. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

This Family Fast Day, please fast and give to help protect our global family.

Please visit: www.cafod.org.uk for information about special events to celebrate Harvest Fast Day

Lord Jesus,

When You walked with us on earth

You spread your healing power.

We place in Your loving care

all who are affected by coronavirus.

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

Bring relief to our sick,

console our bereaved,

protect those who care for us.

We lift our prayer to You Lord,

and trust in Your infinite mercy,

as we wait for daybreak.

Amen

CAFOD
just one world

The Gift of the Rosary

The Rosary has been a powerful instrument of prayer down through the centuries. Mary speaks to us not from book learning, but from human experience. During the month of October let us ponder in a special way the wonder and riches of the rosary, so that it may enrich our lives, especially during this Pandemic, and with her help lead us closer to her beloved Son.

And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Luke 1:46

Information about praying the rosary can be found on the Pastoral Area Website

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Why did the pony get sent to his room?
Because he wouldn't stop horsing around!

What did the big flour say to the little flower?
Hi bud!

Why is Cinderella bad at soccer?
Because she's always running away from the Ball!



JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

Prepare the Future:

Taking the Common Good Seriously.

You are invited to join Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD who will be giving a talk on Zoom on Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10:00am – 12 noon including small group discussions to identify local actions. Registration to receive the link is on the Liverpool J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Covid-19

The continued rise of Covid-19 cases is a worry for all of us. Further restrictions may be implemented by the Government. Any changes regarding Mass and the Sacraments will be in the newsletter and Pastoral Area Website.