

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 28 OCTOBER 2012



## LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

**St. Edmund  
Arrowsmith  
Parish**

**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
churches**



### Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

To a person of average height standing on the seashore, the horizon is a mere three miles away. If one were standing on a point 100 feet higher, it goes back to about thirteen miles. And seen from about 1000 feet up the distance to the horizon becomes about forty miles. Meteorologists speak in terms of “visibility”. This has nothing to do with how far away the horizon is. Visibility is defined as “the furthest horizontal distance at which a person can distinguish and identify an object, in normal conditions of daylight”. This is something not as simple as it seems. The air is never completely clear. Even if it were, the maximum visibility would still be only about 130 miles. In practice, it is quite unusual to be able to see clearly a distance of more than forty miles – unless you are doing a parachute jump from 24 miles! We would be very lucky indeed to have the opportunity to see the curvature of the earth and to see the horizon more than forty miles or so in the distance.

Some people have a very limited horizon. They can barely see beyond themselves. Their vision is limited because of a preoccupation with their own little world. And their vision can be darkened by the gloomy view they take of everything around them. But other people have a wider horizon due to the fact that they are able to see beyond themselves. And their world is brightened by the fact that they see everything in a positive light. Jesus belongs to this second category. There are many examples in the Gospel. He saw Nathaniel as he sat under the fig tree and called him to be a disciple. He spotted Zacchaeus up the sycamore tree and promised him salvation. He noticed the poor widow in the Temple making her small but heroic offering. Though small in themselves, these examples, and many more, provide us with a precious insight into Jesus’ character. Besides, his stories show that he was a keen observer of life and people. It wasn’t that he didn’t see ugly things. He did. There were many people who he didn’t like. But he still loved them and put them before himself. For him the world, though at times evil, was filled with signs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have to distinguish between sight and vision. Just because we have good eyesight doesn’t mean we have good vision. Today’s Gospel, in which Jesus heals the blind man Bartimaeus, challenges us whether we look at others with the eyes of God or with the sometimes cynical eyes of today’s world. We can all complain and point out everything negative in our world today. Do we have the vision to look with the eyes of God and see his work around us in the people we meet each day?

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TWELVE APOSTLES PARISH HALL NEWS

Bingo on Wednesday from 8.30. We will be looking for donations for the Christmas Fair Raffle shortly December 9 is the date Hobby and Craft Fair Sunday 18 November 11 till 3pm. Today is the monthly collection for the Church Repair fund Twelve Apostles School are holding a Fashion Show on Saturday Friday (sic) 16 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall tickets are available from Therese Thompson or School.

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Winifred Ellis, Michael Fallon, Vincent Ganley, George & Agnes Hayes, Marlene O'Neill, Kathleen Prescott, Tom Ramsdale, Margaret Yates.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** the new rota is now available from the sacristy.

The Legion of Mary meet every Monday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Presbytery. All are welcome to come to our meetings. There is a probationary period of three months for you to come along and see if the Legion is for you.

**Mothers Prayers** will be held at 7:00pm Tuesday 30th October at St Josephs. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

**Support Group:** the next meeting will be on Monday 29th October 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The main topic will be the final arrangements for the Autumn Fayre. If anyone feels they can help, please do come along to the meeting.

**Baptism Preparation** Tuesday 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

The Confirmation and First Communion Programme at St Joseph's begins on Thursday 8 November, then there will be 2 more meetings before Advent, then just one a month for 4 months. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the parish office. We do have 5 catechists at the moment but we really do need more help.

**Autumn Fayre:** In order to help the stall-holders this year, any donations of the following items would be most welcome and can be left in the porch at the back of church or at the parish office:- Bottles, 'Good as New' handbags, books, CDs, DVDs, tinned goods, small gifts for prizes, fancy goods for Tombola.

St Joseph's Christmas draw will be held again this year at the Autumn Fayre on 25 November. Prizes will be of £200; £150; £100 & three of £50. Tickets 50p each or £2.50 for a book. If anyone is willing to take ten books of tickets or more to sell to family & friends, these can be collected after Masses today, 21 October and the money and ticket counterfoils returned anytime before 25 November. General sales of tickets after Masses from next Sunday. Your usual support for this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's Little Church are saving their coppers for Fr Patrick's Street Children, so over the next few weeks please bring your change to help change the lives of the poorest children in the world.

### OCTOBER, MONTH OF OUR LADY

The Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in St Joseph's Church at morning prayer 8.30pm and Monday, Wednesday and Friday before midday Mass.

### OUR PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

The new website for the Pastoral Area is now up and running. You can view it at: [www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk](http://www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk) It is very

much a work in progress. At present, you can access the weekly newsletters. During the week, more information will be added. In the months ahead, the site will be further developed.

### NEWS FROM OUR LADY'S

Coffee morning next Sunday, 4 November after Mass. Tickets for the Christmas Draw will be on sale after Mass today and for the next few weeks. Please continue to bring in your contributions for the draw and for the Christmas market.

### NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The November Pious Lists will be available at the back of each church for you to place the name of your relatives and friends who have died. Please put your list, along with your contribution in a sealed envelope marked 'Pious List'. (If you have not got a printed November List envelope) The names of everyone on the lists will be placed on the altar at all Masses during November and they will be remembered during the Masses. Envelopes can be given in at the offertory or put into a box (if provided) in the Church.

### SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

The organizers will be grateful for donations, bottles, fancy goods, Tombola prizes etc. No clothes or DVDs please. We still need volunteers to organise a stall or game. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass today for a Christmas Hamper. Helpers needed. Please consider taking a few extra books and selling them to friends and family.

### THE LORD'S DAY

Reflections on *Dies Domine*, the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, to prepare for the November Diocesan Assembly

**Blessed John Paul: A Festive Day:** It is important that Sunday Mass be prepared with special care. Efforts must be made to ensure that the celebration has the festive character appropriate to the day commemorating the Lord's Resurrection. (DD 50)

*In our celebration of Mass on a Sunday we are led to communion with each other and the Lord. It is a solemn moment and one of great joy. We are all called to take an active part in what goes on at Sunday Mass and each of us, lay and ordained, has a specific role to play.*

**For reflection:** Can I participate in a different way in the celebration of Mass – by exercising a ministry or by a different of praying the liturgy?

### ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

This will take place on 24 November 2012. Articles have been appearing in the newsletter since September. If you have any thoughts or comments to make, please put them in writing and either email them to the secretary at [stjosephs@live.com](mailto:stjosephs@live.com) or post them to St Joseph's Church, Mather Lane, Leigh WN7 2PR

### MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

A special Mass will be celebrated for those in the Parish who have died since last November. This will take place at Sacred Heart church on Wednesday 14 November at 7.00pm.

### ARE YOU AGED 14-21?

### AND THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

Next Sunday, 4 November the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St Mary's Lowe House, St Helens, The meeting begins at 5.00pm and after the meeting we go into church for the monthly Youth Alive Mass. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 14-21. The group allows young men to pray, socialize and learn more about the vocation of the priesthood. If you would like to attend this event or would like more information then please contact Father James Preston on 0151 727 2493.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,768.28
APF World Missions	£ 372.61

The retiring collection at Twelve Apostles this weekend will be for their church repair fund. Next weekend, at all our churches, L.A.M.P. will be supported by our donations..

### L.A.M.P.

... is the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project. The Archdiocese has a long tradition of sending priests to work on the Missions in Latin America, in particular Peru. At present there are three priests involved in ministering to disadvantaged communities in Latin America. They are Revv. Joseph Bibby, Simon Cadwallader and Dennis Parry.

### ST JOSEPH'S RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 29 October. Thank you.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Heidi Kathleen Mary Hennings, Kyla-Mai Ferris Clements.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead ... James Bliss, Pauline Cartwright, Marion Blood.  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

It's half term this week, and at least 202 Year 7 students and fourteen staff are recovering from a hectic but enjoyable residential last week. There are also a number of students and staff in Barcelona this week, exploring Spanish culture and language. Please remember them in your prayers. When we get back after half term our theme of the week is Remembrance, and we will be doing a number of things to mark the occasion. This will culminate on Friday 9 November, when we will be having a Remembrance Service, which all are warmly invited to. It will start at 10.30am. Thursday 29 November is our Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 - 8.00pm. Please do come along and find out some more about what St. Mary's has to offer. There will be talks explaining the increased range of courses at 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

### ACCOUNTS

On Monday 29 October there will be a training session for those who expressed an interest in putting data into the computer. The training will take place in St Joseph's at 7.00pm. If you are computer literate and would like to give an hour a week, then please come along. I am hoping for teams of two people to input data on a rota system.

Between now and the New Year we are hoping to create one account for the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith.

At present we have four different accounts under the Church names.

To do this we need to stop using 3 accounts immediately. Once activity has ceased on these accounts the fourth account will be changed to become St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish Account.

To help with this process can you sign from the 31st October all cheques to St Joseph's Account so that all collections and church incomes will go into the one account prior to creating the new account.



Once again we have World Gift Catalogues from CAFOD. Buying someone a World Gift is a wonderful way of supporting CAFOD's work and a fun way of giving meaningful, inspirational Christmas presents that at the same time will change the lives of some of the world's poorest people

### DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance held at St Richard's Parish Centre on Saturday 20 October was a huge success and raised £814 for HCPT, including £150 in donations. Many thanks to all who supported the event, especially those who joined us from the church communities across the Pastoral Area.

### LEIGH PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL

The second meeting of the new Pastoral Area Council will take place this Wednesday, October 31, at Holy Family at 7.45pm (after 7.00pm Mass). All the members of the council have now been chosen. If you wish to add anything to the agenda for this meeting or for future meetings, please email or drop a note in to one of the priests.

The ever popular  
**HOUGHTON WEAVERS**  
and  
**WINGATES BRASS BAND**  
are  
**IN CONCERT**  
at  
**St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel St., LEIGH**  
for a  
**FUND RAISING EVENT**  
on  
**Friday 16 November at 8.00pm**  
Tickets on sale priced £10  
Ring Pauline on 01942 604603, or collect from Ratcliffes  
bike shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.  
Bar and Refreshments available

**CHILDREN IN NEED**  
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J.A.M. Project,  
THEM L.O.T.  
AND  
THE WESTLEIGH HIGH SCHOOL SOUL  
BAND  
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER  
AT  
XII APOSTLES PARISH HALL  
WESTLEIGH  
DOORS OPEN 7PM  
7:30PM START  
ADULTS £3 & UNDER 18'S £2.50  
FOR TICKETS CALL : 07510734725

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OL = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard

### Saturday 27 October

12A 5.30pm MASS Kathleen McArt

### Sunday 28 October THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Tadek & Josephine Trojnar

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Tom Sales

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 29 October Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 30, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tuesday 30 October Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS P McGinty

SH 1.45pm REQUIEM MASS James Bliss

### Wednesday 31 October Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm VIGIL MASS for ALL SAINTS George & Margaret Arrowsmith

### Thursday 1 November SOLEMNITY: (Holyday of Obligation) ALL SAINTS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Margaret Fleming

StJ 12.00noon MASS

12A 7.00pm MASS Thomas Dunne (LD)

### Friday 2 November COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Elizabeth Agnes Palmer (LD)

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Saturday 3 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Agnes Yates

12A 5.30pm MASS James McLaughlin (LD)

### Sunday 4 November THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

(LAMP Sunday)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Nora & Jack Pearson

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Robert Woods

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 19 October the numbers drawn were 8, 14, 17. No winner of £406. Last week's estimated jackpot was £470.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 221, R Ellis; £5, 442, B Jones; £3, 348, M Moore; £2, 364, M Houghton. **Bonus Ball** ??, E Nuttall.

**12 Apostles 200 Club** £40, 75, Mrs Hampson; £15, 92, F & C Fort; £5, 3, L Ashley; 78, R Foxcroft.

## ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH PARISH OFFICE

The office for the administration of our new parish is based in St. Joseph's presbytery, Mather Lane. Email [stjosephs@live.com](mailto:stjosephs@live.com) or telephone 01942 673517 weekdays 8.30 - 4.00pm and speak to the parish secretary. In case of pastoral emergency only at other times you may contact any available member of the pastoral area team, if necessary even Fr Dave or Fr Paul who are based in St. Margaret Clitherow parish.

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