

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

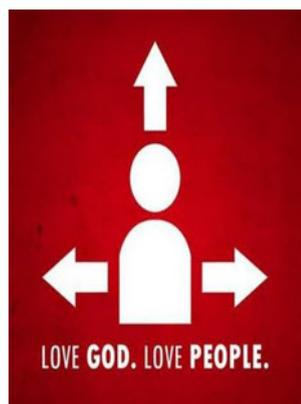
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 4 NOVEMBER 2012



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**

**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

It is a delight of Jewish scholars, even today, to involve themselves in the cut and thrust of arguments about the meaning of particular texts of the Bible. Sometimes to an outsider the style of argument could look quite strange, as there is a fascination with the play on the meaning of words as well as an amazing knowledge of what earlier rabbis and scholars might have said on certain issues. When his listeners try to involve Jesus in such wordplay, he tends to outfox them by introducing an angle of thought that has not occurred to them. When questioned about the greatest commandment, he does not go into providing evidence for each commandment but simply tells his listeners that they must love God with all their heart. To this argument he adds the call to love one's neighbour as one's self. His answer is completely understandable, almost too simple in fact, since all the other commandments could easily be subsumed into these two great ones. With his answer Jesus also brings to an end the public debate that has been so much a part of his teaching. No one dares to question him anymore for he has "said it all." The Church recognises this at the beginning of the sacrament of Baptism for children. After the parents have stated the child's name and their desire to have them baptised, the minister tells them what their request implies: a promise to help the children live out the two great commandments of Jesus in today's Gospel. Each and every Christian begins his or her life as a follower of Jesus with this commitment.

Our practice of living out these two great commandments begins with the most basic things we have to do in life. St. Teresa of Avila was a great mystical writer and lived a good deal of her life in what her confessor and friend, St. John of the Cross, would call the "dark night of the soul." Yet when she speaks of God's presence among us, she directs us to the ordinary concerns of our daily lives. People often look for God in the extraordinary, but he is with us each day in the quiet times, the ordinary moments of our lives. St. Teresa famously referred to finding God amongst the "pots and pans" of daily living. We need to eat to live, and those who provide us with food are offering the most essential service to us. We often take them for granted, and take the gift of food for granted too, and in the busy hustle and bustle of life we eat "on the go", removing our meals from any sense of community or meeting. Special meals, feasts, parties, evenings out perhaps take us back to a deeper understanding of what we are doing when we eat, for our ordinary meals have been made forever extraordinary by the last meal Jesus shared with his followers. We can see God in those who work to provide us with food, in those who cook it for us, in those who share it together, and in the food itself, which reminds us how God feeds and sustains us. How we eat and how we share our lives together becomes a vivid example of how we fulfil these two great commandments of Jesus in today's Gospel.

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 tel 209192 for stall bookings. 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

Eileen Appleton, Ashton Family, Phyllis Bailey, Michael Cain, Frank Duff & deceased Legionaries, John Gillbanks, May Gillbanks, Garry O'Rourke, Ellen Monks, Keith Monks, Moylan Family, James Owen McDermott, Ken Sroka, Terry Talbot, Florence Yates, Thanksgiving St Jude,

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

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.

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 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 today, 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 are 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. Welcome items include items of jewellery, packets of sweets and chocolate bars of any kind. Leave at the back of church or ring Susan (512567) for collection if necessary. 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 Day for Justice: It should not be forgotten that for many work is oppressive because of long hours or poor working conditions. Humans can be seen to exploit humans causing injustice and exploitation. (DD 66)
For many centuries the Church has called for Sunday to be a day of rest, especially for workers and servants. It is the call of all Christians to seek justice for all; jobs for the jobless and time off for those forced to work too hard for wages that are too low.

For reflection: Do you have difficulty in finding "free time" on Sunday? Is this because of the choices you make or because of your work?

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

This week the 10.00 Friday morning Mass at Our Lady's will be celebrated at Moss Bank Court, Faith Street, and then on the first Friday of each month.

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

We are looking for two people to represent the Pastoral Area at the forthcoming Diocesan Assembly which takes place on Saturday 24 November 9.30am - 3.30pm. If you are available and would like to represent the Pastoral Area please contact the Parish Secretary on 01942 673517 with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail (if available). If you do not wish to attend, but have any thoughts or comments to make, please put them in writing and either e-mail them to the Secretary (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.

ACCOUNTS

As part of the process of consolidating our four parish bank accounts into one account which will later be changed to become St Edmund Arrowsmith Account:- please write all cheques (regardless of church) to St Joseph's Parish Account (004) starting from today. We will inform you when to start writing St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish Account (242) when the account has been officially renamed and new cheque and paying-in books have been received.



Catholic Internet Radio finally goes live on 4 November. For poster and programme schedule see www.hguh.co.uk.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,770.12
12A repair fund	£ 43.28
APF Missions	£ 277.47

The retiring collection at all our churches this weekend will be in support of L.A.M.P.

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 two priests involved in ministering to disadvantaged communities in Latin America. They are Revv. Simon Cadwallader and Dennis Parry.

BAPTISMS

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

SICK

Please remember Teresa Cooney and all who are sick at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead ... Fr Alan Devaney, Fr Phillip Reece
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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.



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

MOUNT ST JOSEPH

The former students association has arranged for a remembrance Mass for deceased pupils and staff of Mount St Joseph school at St Edmund's church, St Edmund Street, Bolton, BL1 2JR, on Saturday, 10 November at 12.15pm. All families and friends are very welcome.

If there are any Old Gregorians (Ardwick Green) in Leigh, there is a similar celebration on 30 November. Further information from Terry O'Neil 0161 442 6839 or terry.oneil43@ntlworld.com

SACRED SPACE WEBSITE

There is a website that is operated by the Irish Jesuits called 'Sacred Space'. It's a very good tool to use for prayer. There is a guided step by step and the focus is normally on the gospel of the day with a short reflection if needed. The website address: www.sacredspace.ie

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

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J.A.M. Project,
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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

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The next Archdiocese of Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 25 July to 2 August 2013. If you are aged between 15-25 and want more information, please phone 01744 740460 or email: admin@animateyouth.co.uk Application forms will be available from 6 November 2012 and can be downloaded at www.animateyouth.org

ARE YOU AGED 14-21? AND THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

Today, 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.

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 3 November

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

Monday 5 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 31, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 6 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Jim Bliss (LD)

Wednesday 7 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Sheila O'Grady
StJ 7.00pm MASS of WELCOME for Year 7 pupils & families to St Mary's High School

Thursday 8 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Martin Kelly (LD)
SH 12.00noon MASS Agnes Yates

Friday 9 November FEAST: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
(OL) 10.00am MASS at MOSS BANK COURT Craig McKeown (sick)
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Saturday 10 November Memorial: St. Leo the Great, Pope D. (5th c.)

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
12A 12.00noon MASS Special Intention
12A 5.30pm MASS Norah & John Devaney & Jimmy Maxwell

Sunday 11 November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) (Remembrance Sunday)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS James & Mary Mullery
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Sacred Heart Confraternity
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 26 October the numbers drawn were 7, 14, 21. No winner of £476. Last week's estimated jackpot was £500.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 195, Mrs A Sharkie; £5, 264, Margaret Smith; £3, 297, Mr J Evans; £2, 203, Mrs A Brunskill. **Bonus Ball** 27, K Sales.

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 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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