

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 11 NOVEMBER 2012



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**

**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

At the moment a wonderful production of Shakespeare's "Timon Of Athens" is on the London stage. It is a modern day production for a very significant reason. It aims to show the difference between poverty and wealth in today's modern world. The story is that of a senator, Timon, who, at the beginning of the play, is very wealthy. He sets about trying to make friends and acquaintances by sharing his wealth and giving most of his money away. Of course, once the money runs out, just about all of his friends leave him. He ends up living in obscurity as the play goes on to its ultimate climax. The ending is kept secret in case you get the chance to see it sometime! The play reminds us of the power of wealth at the same time as reminding us of the fickleness of money and possessions. When he had all his wealth Timon had no problem attracting friends and supporters. Once his money had gone they disappeared. It reminds us who our true friends are. We cannot judge people by their bank balance or by their fancy cars or houses. Wealth, just like beauty, is only skin deep. Timon's friends show their ultimate shallowness by walking away from him once his money had gone.

Today's Gospel is set in the Temple area of Jerusalem. Around the walls of the court are collecting boxes. They were set up for people's contributions towards the costs of the sacrifices and running expenses of the Temple. Many rich people put in large sums of money. A poor widow puts in two of the smallest coins in circulation. In the "maths" of God's Kingdom the widow's offering is worth much more than all the other contributions. Whereas the others give from their surplus, she gives everything. The two small coins make up the total of her resources. She could have kept one. But she doesn't. Her reckless generosity cannot be bettered. For Jesus, true generosity is measured not by what people give but by what they have left AFTER they give. The poor widow leaves herself with nothing. She cannot give more, for she has nothing more to give. In Jesus' estimation she is a mighty widow.

The story of the widow's generosity is well placed at this stage in Mark's Gospel. The poor widow typifies what Jesus will do himself – give everything he has, in other words his life, as an offering to God. When Jesus finishes giving, there will be nothing left for him to give. He gives his all. Jesus hopes that his own disciples will take their cue from the widow's example of real piety, not from the scribes who were hungry for status and honour, just like Timon in Shakespeare's play. He hopes that we, his followers, will be equally generous with our own gifts and resources. God calls us to give of our time, our talents, our understanding and our love and not count the cost or ask what we get for ourselves in return. This kind of giving always hurts, because we feel all spent afterwards. Like the widow in today's Gospel, we might feel that we have nothing more to give. But it is this kind of giving – this kind of love – which matters most to Jesus. Every day demands are made on us. We are called upon to be generous with our love, our forgiveness, our patience, our resources and try to make our world a better place. And the Good News is that when we do this, Jesus will be our constant support and reward us with even more gifts that we can share with others in return.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWELVE APOSTLES PARISH HALL NEWS

Bingo on Wednesday from 8.30. Hobby and Craft Fair Sunday 18 November 11.00-3.00pm tel 209192 for stall bookings. Alison who runs the SDZ Street/Break dancing on Tuesdays is looking for new recruits: 5.30-6.15 4yrs to 9yrs, 6.15-7.00 10yrs to 13yrs, 7.00-8.00 Teens, just come along you will be very welcome. Parish Christmas Fair Sunday 9 December. There are list at the back of church for donations for the Prize Draw. Any items can be brought to the Parish centre on Wednesdays 7.30-8.30 or left at the back of church. Draw tickets £1 a booknow on sale. 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. Twelve Apostles Guides are holding a 'Children in Need' fundraiser featuring live music from J.A.M Project, THEM LOT and The Westleigh High School Soul Band on Thursday 15 November at 7.30pm in Twelve Apostles Parish Hall. Adults £3 under 18s £2.50 for tickets call 07510734725.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Catherine Houigan, Edmund (Ned) Hyland, Ronnie Kenwright, Kenneth Monks, Delia Riley, Hannah Stones, John Vickerstaff,

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.

Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion. The second meeting preparing for the Sacraments will be held on Wednesday 14 November at 6.00pm in the Mather Room. **Clent Hills Sponsored Walk.** Chris Hallinan raised £550.00 for the Sacred Heart Fathers & Brothers of Betharam Missions. Thank you to all who supported him.

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.

St Joseph's School Open Day. If your child is starting school in September 2013 you are invited to go along to St Joseph's School Open day on Wednesday 21st November 2012 9.00am - 6.00pm. Please see poster at the back of church for details.

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

The Christmas mini-market will take place after Mass on 2 December. If you are able to help in setting up the stalls on Friday 30 November at 11.00am or in assisting on the day, please see Josie or Kath.

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 put in the collection or the box in 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.

SACRED HEART SHOP

We have a selection of calendars, Advent calendars and Christmas cards as well as our usual stock of cards and religious articles suitable for seasonal gifts.

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 Sharing: Sunday has been a day of sharing with the poor since early Apostolic times. "On the first day of the week, each of you is to put aside and save what extra you have." (1 Cor 16:2) (DD 70)

The early Apostles saw the connection between celebrating the Eucharist and sharing with those who were poor. What good is it, said St John Chrysostom, if the eucharistic table is filled with gold chalices when Christ himself, our sister and brother, is dying of hunger?

For reflection: Who are the ones in your community and family who are most in need of care? What can you do to help?

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 this week on Wednesday at 7.00pm.

CONFESSATHON

Saturday 22 December at St Joseph's church
Confessions 10.00am-11.45am
Mass 12noon
Confessions 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve	5.30pm Twelve Apostles 6.30pm St Joseph's Midnight Sacred Heart
Christmas Day	8.30am St Joseph's 10.00am Sacred Heart 10.30am St Joseph's

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,593.84
L.A.M.P £ 639,93

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Lily Metcalf, Alliyah Sophia Briggs, Amelia Victoria Lawrence

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead ... Bridget Lennon, Eternal rest grant unto them ...

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The first week back after a half term is always a busy one, and this was no exception with our Mass of Welcome for the Year 7 students. It was a really lovely occasion, celebrating with our new students and their families. A number of students were involved in the service, some reading, some serving on the altar and many other roles. Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us. We also had a lovely Remembrance Service, organised by the History Dept. It was well attended by staff, students and the wider community, with representatives from the Royal British Legion.

The deadline for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal is nearly on us! The shoeboxes will be collected on Thursday 15 November, so please drop your last few donations (money, items or even shoeboxes!) at church, and they will be collected before the deadline. Thank you for all your help and support in helping us make this the best year ever for the shoebox appeal.

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH'S PARISH COUNCIL

Main Notes of the Minutes of the meeting at 12 Apostles 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed as a correct record.

Signed John Thompson

Matters Arising

Fr Cooper gave a list of people who had been nominated for the Pastoral Area Council as follows.

Kathleen Daniels SH. Maureen Lunt SJ Michael Warner SJ. Peter Percell OLOR. Peter Galloway SH. John Thompson 12A

Next Pastoral Area meeting 5th December 2012 at St Ambrose Barlow after 7.00pm mass at 7.45pm.

Current Business.

Fr Cooper gave an update of the confirmation and first communion progress

Dates of Christmas Mass's are to be the same as last year. A discussion took place outlining the reasons why OLOR had no mass last year and this year. Various points of view were expressed and these will be taken into consideration when a review takes place for next years masses

This will be advertised in the news letter.

Date for the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm at OLOR.

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

I've heard it on the beanstalk...

Turnpike Community Theatre's forthcoming production of **Jack and the Beanstalk** is going to be a great hit and the must see panto of the season in Leigh!

"This is an up-to-date, tried and tested script, jam-packed with jokes, slapstick, loveable characters and all the magic of traditional pantomime with enough audience participation to leave you hoarse by the end of the show!"

To avoid disappointment, get your tickets now for this production which will be held at Twelve Apostles Parish Hall from Wednesday 28 November to Saturday 1 December at 7.15pm. Tickets can be purchased from the official ticket sellers (Finesse Gift Shop, Bradshawgate) or by contacting Gill on 01942 603195. Limited numbers available for certain performances.

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

All proceeds of a raffle to be held at the above concert will be donated to Christies. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize it would be gratefully accepted. Thank you.



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.

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 10 November

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

Monday 12 November Memorial: St Josaphat, B.M. (16th/17th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 13 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 32, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Bridget Lennon
SH 12.00noon MASS November Pious List

Wednesday 14 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 7.00pm MASS Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Thursday 15 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 9.15am MASS of Welcome to Sacred Heart School (in church)
12A 9.30am MASS Yvonne Giles (LD)
SH 12.00noon MASS Jim Bliss (LD)

Friday 16 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Eric Robinson
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Saturday 17 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS
12A 5.30pm MASS Special Intention (R & F)

Sunday 18 November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) (Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS November Pious List
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 2 November the numbers drawn were 13, 14, 16. No winner of £534. Last week's estimated jackpot was £600.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 265, M Smith; £5, 347, M Moore; £3, 167, B Ryan; £2, 310, B Ellis. **Bonus Ball** nn, R Ellis.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club: next draw Wednesday 21 November.

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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