

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

27 JANUARY 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord, has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week we saw the Inauguration of President Obama for his second term of office. It is quite an historic occasion, one which holds a great deal of hope for many Americans and other people throughout the world. Whether we like it or not, the USA is a very important country in world politics and therefore its leader, the US president, is perhaps one of the most important and powerful people in the world. During his speech the President outlined his main policies and hopes for the future. In today's Gospel Jesus did something similar at the beginning of his ministry. In the synagogue at Nazareth he read a passage from Isaiah which summed up his mission. He announced that the long-awaited "Day of the Lord" had come at last, and that it would be a day of favour for everyone, especially for the poor and the oppressed.

This story is similar to some of the stories that Jesus told during his ministry. Once there was a landlord whose tenants fell into arrears with the rent. Very soon they found themselves entangled in a web of squalor and debt. They saw no way out of their predicament. The landlord was a kind and gentle man. Even so the tenants wondered just how much time he would give them to pay the rent. Then a new bailiff appeared on the scene and began to make his rounds. During his rounds, the bailiff asked how much everyone owes. But, surprisingly, he didn't leave it at that. He visited their homes, he asked about the old, the sick and the disabled. He got to know their worries and their problems. Then one day he called them all together. They gathered in fear and trepidation, convinced that the dreadful day of reckoning had arrived. He began his speech by telling them off for getting in a debt they could not possibly pay back, and that the landlord should have no option but to evict them from their homes. This is what the tenants expected him to say. Then he said, "I have good news. The landlord has asked me to tell you that you can forget about all your debts. He is wiping the slate clean. From this day you can start all over again." There was much rejoicing over such good news.

Such was the Good News announced by Jesus in the Synagogue at Nazareth. He was the new bailiff sent by God to his debt-ridden people. According to the Pharisees, the Day of the Lord would be a day of judgement. And here was Jesus declaring that it was the day of the Lord's favour, not just for those who deserved it, but for everyone. The Lord's favour is not limited to a particular day. It can be given to us on any day. The Good News is that salvation is not achieved through our own merits, but through the goodness of God. This is the heart of the Good News. The only thing to be done is to open our hearts to the Saviour who has come to bring us salvation and joy. Jesus didn't merely announce the Good News and leave it at that. He began to make it a reality in the lives of the people he encountered. God wants us to live out the Gospel message in Word and in Deed. The falseness of the Pharisees lay in the fact that they did not practice what they preached. Ghandi once said, "My life is my message." And so it was with Jesus. And so it could be with us.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pauline Anderson, Peter Bacheagalup, John Cohen, Joseph Costello, John Ellis, Deceased Members of the Flynn Family, Betty Galvin, Hector Holly, Michael Kelly, Ellen Kelly, John & Mary Marsh, Jack McCaul, Vincent Nestor, Hannah O'Hara, William O'Hara, Marion Sanderson, Andrea Jane Southern, Anne Turner, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & St Vincent de Paul, Thanksgiving.

CAFOD Fun Run Chris Hallinan raised £515.00 for CAFOD. Well done to Chris, and thank you to everyone who sponsored him.



### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea and coffee will be available after 11.00am Mass next Sunday (3 February).

### PARISH HOLY HOUR

To mark the Year of Faith the Parish Holy Hour continues every Tuesday between 3.00pm, & 4.00pm in Sacred Heart church. The Sanctuary Lamp candle that burns all this week was gifted in memory of Keith Frank Cooper. Thanks to all who bought candles at Christmas: £375 was raised.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS MASS & SOCIAL

Fr Steve and Fr Kieran would like to say thank you to all the parish volunteers. If you do any voluntary work in any of our four churches you are invited to a Mass and Social Evening on Friday 15 February at Twelve Apostles. Mass is at 7.00pm with a social afterwards in the Church Hall. Entertainment and refreshment provided (Fr Steve's Hot Pot). Bar available. We would very much like to see you all here, please do come along and have a good evening.

### TWELVE APOSTLES

Church Repair Fund Selection box raffle, the following numbers are still not claimed: Pink 681-685 and 726-730, Green 401-405 and 426-430, check your handbags 200 club results: £40 No 126 A Parry, £15 No 227 A Newton, £5 No 38 Z Osnovianenko, £5 No 85 P Newton. Parish Hall news Bingo every Wednesday from 8.30pm, please consider the hall for your special occasion, or to support those who use it call 209192 for details. Date for your diary, Irish Night Friday 15th March Lion King Wednesday 13th Feb the coach will leave from Twelve Apostles Parish Hall 5.45pm prompt

### REPORT ON THE ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

A report (12 copies) on the recent Archdiocese of Liverpool Diocesan Assembly can be found at the back of each church today please take one if you are interested and pass around your friends and families. If there are no copies left a copy can be found on the parish web-site at

[www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk](http://www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk) or on request from the parish secretary on 01942 673517 The report will be discussed at the next parish meeting on 19 February 2013 at St Joseph's the meeting is open to all parishioners. Please forward your name to parish secretary if you wish to attend (just to accommodate numbers).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



Crossing The Threshold – a resource day for parishes is to be held at St Mary's Church Leyland Preston on Saturday 2 February 2013 any one interested in representing the parish please forward their name to parish secretary on 01942 673517 deadline Wednesday 23 February.

Civic Mass celebrated by Bp. Thomas Williams, Auxiliary bishop of Liverpool at 11.00am Sunday 10 February 2012. All welcome to attend.

### 21ST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK ARCHDIOCESAN MASS WITH AND FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Sunday 10 February at 3.00pm

Holy Name Church, Moss Pits Lane, Liverpool

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

(followed by refreshments)

Bishop Tom writes: "Those working in our hospitals, the ambulance service and the medical profession as a whole in whatever capacity, are invited through this day to recognise and value the spiritual dimension of their work. It is also an opportunity for us all to show our appreciation and support for the work they do, particularly now when the health service is facing an uncertain future."

### A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

at

Our Lady Immaculate, Bryn WN4 0LZ

on

Sunday 10 February

3.00 - 4.30pm

Refreshments & activities for children available

RSVP Julie Cassidy 0151 522 1040

or [j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk)

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This week our theme is Christian Unity. Through exploring and learning about other denominations we learn understanding and acceptance. Our science team visited St. Richard's and St. George's year 5 class recently to conduct some CSI style investigations – they were trying to find out which evil Christmas character stole some presents! Everyone involved really enjoyed the afternoon, and all who took part received a certificate to congratulate them on solving the mystery. The January exam season comes to an end this week, which will be met with a sigh of relief from many of our students.

### PASTORAL AREA FORUM

Just a reminder that there is a meeting scheduled for 7.45pm next Wednesday, 30 January at St Joseph's for members of the Pastoral Area Forum.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,887.70
SPUC	£ 39.30

The special collection mandated to be taken in all the churches of our archdiocese this weekend is in support of the Catholic Education Service.

The Catholic Education Service (CES) is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). It works closely with the CBCEW Department for Education and Formation and represents the Bishops' national education policy in relation to the 2300 Catholic schools, colleges and university colleges which the Church is responsible for across England and Wales. The CES negotiates with the Westminster and Welsh Governments and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education. It also offers a Catholic contribution to the English and Welsh educational landscapes, seeking to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching are reflected in all aspects of national education policy. The CES works closely with Catholic education bodies in Scotland and Ireland, and with the European Committee for Catholic Education, to promote Catholic education at an international level. Within England and Wales, the CES liaises with the Church of England's National Society, the Church in Wales and other faith groups, to ensure that, where appropriate, the different faith communities speak with one voice on educational issues of mutual concern.

### SICK

Please remember Bill Parr, Margaret Hannon, Paddy O'Brien Brenda Hoffman and all who are sick at this time.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead ... Wilfred Hampson, Sheila Lewis, John Wilcock.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Raudmel Ilya Amoussou, Louie Shane Vaughn, Niall Dominic McCreesh.

### SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

#### Ash Wednesday

7.30am	St Joseph's & St Ambrose
10.00am	Twelve Apostles & St Gabriel's
12.00noon	Our Lady of the Rosary, St Joseph's & St Richard's
7.00pm	Sacred Heart & Holy Family

#### Services During Lent

8.30am	Monday - Friday	Morning Prayer	St Joseph's
3.00pm	Tuesday	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart
7.30am	Friday	Mass	St Joseph's

#### Easter Triduum

7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Our Lady's
	Watching till 10.00pm	
3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion	Sacred Heart
7.30pm	Easter Vigil	Twelve Apostles

#### Easter Sunday

8.30am	St Joseph's
9.30am	Sacred Heart
10.30am	St Joseph's
11.00am	Our Lady of the Rosary
6.30pm	St Richard's

## CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY & PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS



For the last ten years, the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House, Westminster. All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships) Completed application forms must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9.00am on 25 February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25 and 26 March 2013. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

### ARE YOU AGED 15-21 AND THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

On Sunday 10 February, the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St Charles Borromeo church, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. The meeting begins at 2.00pm. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 15-21. We gather to pray, socialise 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.

### A PRAYER FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

God of wisdom,  
we pray for all those involved in education:  
for teachers whose work shapes the lives of others;  
for chaplains who offer pastoral care  
and seek to interpret the  
purpose of education in daily life;  
for children and students, that learning may be a joy,  
and gaining knowledge a source of happiness;  
for administrators, that care and efficiency  
may go hand in hand;  
for all involved in the whole task of education,  
that it may be devoted to justice rather than self seeking,  
equality rather than privilege,  
and creation of community rather than division.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Donald Hilton



## 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 26 January

12A 5.30pm MASS Hughie Toher

### Sunday 27 January **THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

*(Education Sunday)*

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and of St Margaret Clitherow parish

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Tom Sales

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 28 January **Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, OP, P.D. (13th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tuesday 29 January **Weekday of Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 3)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS John Heneghan

SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

### Wednesday 30 January **Weekday of Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Mr & Mrs Fletcher

### Thursday 31 January **Memorial: St. John Bosco SDB, P. (19th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Marion Sanderson LD

SH 11.00am REQUIEM MASS Sheila Lewis

StJ 12.30pm REQUIEM MASS Wilfred Hampson

### Friday 1 February **Weekday of Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Mike Dolan

StJ 12.00noon MASS

2.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE, Howe Bridge Crematorium John Wilcock

### Saturday 2 February **FEAST: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Sean & Rita Clinton

12A 5.30pm MASS Karol Gredecki

### Sunday 3 February **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Michael James Finn (LD)

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Imelda Mannion

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 18 January the numbers drawn were 5, 6, 7 (really!). No winner of £438. Last week's estimated jackpot was £500.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 296, M Roach; £5, 452, E West; £3, 155, N Jones; £2, 100, M&D Flannery. **Bonus Ball** 11, B Hancock.

### ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH PARISH OFFICE

The office for the administration of our 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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