

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

10 FEBRUARY 2013



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Night-time was the time for fishing. If anyone else said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch," he would have thought they were mad. After all, if he didn't catch anything during the whole of the night there wouldn't be much chance during the day. But when Jesus said those words to Peter, his response was spontaneous yet full of hope, "Lord, we fished all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the net." For Peter, the word of Jesus was different from the word of anyone else. It carried an authority which no other word carried. So, if Jesus called for it, no matter how hopeless the situation might seem, and no matter how tired he was, or how foolish he might appear, he would try again. Peter had absolute trust in Jesus. At his word he was prepared to attempt the impossible. We see this later when Peter attempts to walk on water next to Jesus on hearing his word. Fishing is a worthy calling. However, Jesus saw that Peter was capable of other things. He was the kind of man he wanted to have helping him with his work. Jesus saw in Peter one thing that he needed more than anything – faith in his word.

The Gospel Reading today is not so much a story about fishing, but about trust. Jesus was saying to Peter, "How far are you prepared to trust me?" It was a turning point in the life of Peter. What started out in failure ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction. Fishing was an important occupation. But Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to an even more important task. He was offering them not just new work, but a cause to which they could dedicate their lives completely. They understood that he was calling them to the service of others: "I will make you fishers of people."

The Lord still calls people to follow him since the need to spread the Good News is just as great today. By our baptism we too are called to follow Jesus. We are called to follow him living out of faith in our everyday lives and in our chosen professions. When we hear the call to follow the Lord and to do his will, what will our response be?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at eight Masses across the Pastoral Area

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

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Phillip Aldred, Eileen Byrne, Brian Dare, Connie Fletcher, Johnnie Fitzmartin, Kevin Fleming, Mary Green, Olivia Hartnell, Ellen, Anne & Joseph Joyce, Margaret Lavery, Mary Alice Murphy, Annie McDermott, James McDermott, Kathleen Prescott, Carole Scully, Alice Wilkinson, Florence Yates, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints

LENTEN BOOKLETS

In the card rack in St Joseph's Church there are some Booklets with daily readings and thoughts for Lent, price £1

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 February at St Joseph's church. All mothers welcome

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & BROWNIES

St Joseph's School & The Brownies are collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers: the school are also collecting Nestlé cereal box top tokens and any other vouchers that may be useful. Please place them in the boxes at the back of church. There are yellow boxes for the school and a Brownie box for the Brownies. Thank you for your support.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We welcome families of those children in year 4 who will make their First Reconciliation at:

Twelve Apostles Church on 21st February at 6pm

Sacred Heart Church on 28th February at 6pm

Please keep all children in our Parish schools in your prayers, especially those in Year 4 who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in June.

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 Frank & Nellie Cooper.

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. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to come, so we know how many to cater for. Thank you.

TWELVE APOSTLES PARISH HALL NEWS



Because of the Lion King Show there will be no Bingo this week. Please consider the hall for your special occasion, or to support those who use it. Call 209192 for details. Dates for your diary, Irish Night Friday 15 March. Lion King Wednesday 13 Feb the coach will leave from Twelve Apostles Parish Hall 5.45pm prompt.

TWELVE APOSTLES ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Once again we are running the Walsingham Pilgrimage from Easter Monday to Thursday the cost is £150 please see Therese Thompson or Laurence Hawkins with £20 as soon as possible.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



Civic Mass celebrated by Bp. Thomas Williams, Auxiliary bishop of Liverpool at 11.00am today, 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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We wish all staff and students a relaxing week this half term, ready to come back for the start of Lent refreshed. During Lent there will be a number of opportunities for staff and students to do something a little bit different for Lent. We will be having morning prayer for staff and students twice a week, there will be a weekly 7.30am Mass on a Wednesday at St Ambrose (open to all parishioners, it would be lovely if you could join us), and we will have a weekly 'Hunger Lunch' to raise awareness and money for CAFOD.

On Thursday 21 February we will be holding our third Parent Consultation at 5.30pm. All parents are warmly invited to come and share ideas about uniform and reports amongst other things. For more information, please phone the school or email Mrs. Spencer on s.spencer@smhcs.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, 1 March, 7.30pm, Wigan Road Methodist church, Leigh, WN7 5AH, for all Leigh area. Men, women, young people and children are all most welcome. All (male, female, any age) who enjoy singing are invited to the singers' practices, led by Mrs. Ursula Lightford, on Mondays, 18 & 25 February, 7.30 - 8.30pm, at Wigan Road Methodist church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,875.76

Next weekend the retiring collection at Twelve Apostles is for the Church Fund.

CHEQUE PAYMENTS

The Parish account in the bank has now been changed to St Edmund Arrowsmith, so in future if you are making a cheque out for Masses etc to any of our four churches, it must be made payable to St Edmund Arrowsmith. Thank you.

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: Michael John Farrimond, Frank Stirrup ...

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Sarah Marie Isherwood and Joshua Jack Blackburn

SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday (13 February)

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
7.30pm	Friday	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's

Easter Triduum (28-30 March)

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 Catholic 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 Completed application forms must either be emailed to 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.

WARDROBE DE-CLUTTER SALE

Please donate unwanted good quality clothing and accessories to our Wardrobe de-clutter sale.

To be held at Holy Family Parish Hall Sunday 3rd March 2013 10am to 2pm. Light refreshments available. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. For further details, please contact Wyn 0161 790 1854 or Joan 07785112206

LENT 2012: ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR CHANGE?

The most difficult food decisions we have to make every day are toast or cereal for breakfast and meat or veggie for dinner. But while we tackle these minor questions, one in eight people has to face major choices every day. Hopefully we will never have to make a decision like: which of my children will eat tonight; which will go hungry; where will I get money from to eat tomorrow?

The problem for 870 million hungry men women and children Isn't a lack of food - we have enough food in the world right now to feed everyone - it's how food is grown, sold and shared that is the issue.

We don't have to deal with food price hikes that might mean our dinner costs twice as much as we earn in a day.

We don't have to worry about severe droughts.

We don't have to buy food knowing that the land and water supply with which we could grow our own, is being used for vegetables and flowers for rich countries.

Millions of families do.

- Poverty, not lack of food is the main cause of hunger
- Hunger is the world's no. 1 health risk affecting more people each year than malaria, tuberculosis and Aids combined.
- 870 million people will go to bed hungry tonight, that's the equivalent of everyone in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia going to sleep without eating.
- For every 5 of the most hungry people, 3 of them are women.

In this year of Faith, we are called to witness to the World of God - to live out our faith in our actions.

What can you do for Lent Fast Day?



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

Today, 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.

LINE DANCE SOCIAL

in aid of XII Apostles Parish Club Funds.
at XII Apostles Club
Saturday 23 February, 7.30pm
Licensed Bar.

Tickets £4.00 each, limited numbers
Contact Kevin or Mags on 01942 676537

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 9 February

12A 5.30pm MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and of St Margaret Clitherow parish

Sunday 10 February FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Agnes Yates
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Charlie McEntee (sick)
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Monday 11 February Weekday of Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 5)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 12 February Weekday of Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Stephen Green LD
StJ 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Michael John Farrimond
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wednesday 13 February ASH WEDNESDAY

StJ 7.30am MASS
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Paddy Costello
OLR 12.00noon MASS Bernard Aspinall
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 7.00pm MASS Peggy Booth

Thursday 14 February FEAST: ST. CYRIL, Monk, and ST. METHIDIUS, Bp. (9th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Marion Sanderson LD
SH 12.00noon MASS Eileen Hurst
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL SERVICE Frank Stirrup

Friday 15 February Friday after Ash Wednesday

StJ 7.30am MASS
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Brenda Morgan
StJ 12.00noon MASS
12A 7.00pm MASS for Parish Volunteers followed by Social
StJ 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16 February Saturday after Ash Wednesday

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS
12A 5.30pm MASS John Wilcock

Sunday 17 February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Tony & Teresa McCaul
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Anthony Latham
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 1 February the numbers drawn were 4, 12, 16. No winner of £580. Last week's estimated jackpot was £650.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 264, M Smith; £5, 045, B Woods; £3, 257, J Ramsdale; £2, 216, D Lee. **Bonus Ball** 39, P O'Brien.

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 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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