

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

17 FEBRUARY 2013



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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus leaves the shore of the River Jordan, he is filled with the glory of God's Holy Spirit. He has been anointed with the Spirit, endowed with the grace he needs for his mission in the world. He looks much like any other man, yet his daily encounters over the next three years will reveal his inner greatness more and more. But at this moment, as he leaves the Jordan, with God the Father's affirmation ringing in his ears, he is led out into the wilderness, where he will be tested.

The temptations we read about in today's Gospel are expressed in a highly dramatized form. It could almost be a dream sequence, but the reality of it was true enough. Jesus found himself, all through his public life, tempted to take an easier, more popular route. The pressure to take the easier choice were put upon him by both enemies and friends. His preaching about a new Kingdom of God was uncomfortable, and many did not want to know. Those who simply wanted to see a better material world would be very disappointed. Those who looked to Jesus as a political revolutionary would have to look elsewhere. Jesus did not intend to rule the world this way. Those people would later shout, "Not this man, but Barabbas."

The man who emerges from the desert, and from his encounter with Satan, heads up to his own country of Galilee to begin the most glorious chapter in the history of the world. He will show, in word and in deed, the glory of God, and the glory that awaits God's children. He will preach the Good News to the poor. He will mend hearts that are broken. He will set prisoners free.

As for the devil's temptations, Jesus will turn them on their head. When it comes to bread, he will feed the hungry crowds, and he will give himself to us as the "Bread of Life" in the Eucharist, teaching us to pray for our daily bread and for the coming of God's Kingdom. When it comes to facing suffering, Jesus will let himself be taken for a criminal and put to death on a cross, trusting in the Father whose voice he heard at the Jordan River during his Baptism, and the Father will raise him from death itself. When it comes to the kingdoms of this world, Jesus will gather his disciples on a mountainside, and will tell them to "make disciples of all the nations."

As we begin this great season of Lent, may the Lord's journey through the desert encourage us when we feel we are in the wilderness, or alone, or afraid. And may we carry on the disciples work of sharing the faith of Christ with others in whatever way we can.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Kathleen Greensmith, May Malley, Thomas Schmitt, Marlene O'Neill

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

On Wednesday the next session for Confirmation and First Communion will take place. There will be a meeting in St Joseph's School at 2.00pm and also a meeting in the Mather Room at 6.00pm.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 19 February at 8.00pm in the Side Hall of St Joseph's Main Hall. All ladies welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you to St Joseph's Dramatic Society for their donation of £2,000 towards the upkeep of the Main Hall.

GARDENING DAY

There will be a Gardening Day at St Joseph's church on Saturday, 2 March from 10.00am. Please come along and help to keep our church grounds tidy. Lunch will be provided.

LENTEN BOOKLETS

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

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 21 February at 6.00pm

Sacred Heart Church on 28 February at 6.00pm

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 James Mannion.

TWELVE APOSTLES

Today is our monthly retiring collection please be your usual generous selves. Wednesday is the 200 club draw. Bingo on Wednesday in the Lounge from 8.30pm. Please consider using the Parish Centre for your special occasion ring 01942 209192 for details.

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.

OUR LADY'S NEWS

We are now preparing for our Easter Raffle, so we would be grateful for any donations to be given as prizes. All contributions gratefully received.

ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

As part of our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council we have already held four Holy Hours in the churches of our parish on the same rota as Saturday reconciliation and mid-day Mass. Next Saturday it is Our Lady's turn again. The hour will be themed on the Declaration on Christian Education *Gravissimum Educationis*, published in 1965. There will be scripture readings and eucharistic adoration as well as petitionary prayer and concluding with simple benediction before Mass begins at noon. March's hour will be on the second Saturday in March at Twelve Apostles church and the theme will be the decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, *Ad Gentes Divinitus*. So, why not plan on spending a little longer in church instead of just popping in for confession?

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO POPE BENEDICT

12/02/2013 3:00 pm



Archbishop Vincent Nichols, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written to Pope Benedict XVI on behalf of the Bishops to thank him for his Apostolic Ministry as Supreme Pontiff, joyfully remembering his Visit to the UK in 2010, and saluting his courage and integrity at stepping down from the See of Peter.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,960.90

The second or retiring collection at all churches in our archdiocese next Sunday will be in support of CAFOD.

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 all who are sick at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead: ...
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Aria Dolly Whyte

SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

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, 3 March 2013 10.00am to 2.00pm. Light refreshments available. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. For further details, please contact Wyn 0161 790 1854 or Joan 07785112206

LENT 2013: 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?
Family Fast Day Friday 22nd February 2013**



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

St Patrick's Night

16th March 2013

7.30pm

St Joseph's High School,
Chorley New Rd, Horwich

Featuring the
Flatcappers Irish Band

In Aid of HCPT

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 16 February

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

Monday 18 February *Monday of Week 1 Lent*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 19 February *Tuesday of Week 1 Lent*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Marion Sanderson LD

SH 12.00noon MASS Kathleen Gannon Special Intention

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

Wednesday 20 February *Wednesday of Week 1 Lent*

StJ 7.30am MASS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Irene Gregson LD

Thursday 21 February *Thursday of Week 1 Lent*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A NO MASS Today

SH 12.00noon MASS Gordon Bickerton LD

Friday 22 February **FEAST: THE SEE OF PETER THE APOSTLE**

(Lent Fast Day)

StJ 7.30am MASS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Jean, John & family

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23 February *Saturday of Week 1 Lent*

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation & Holy Hour

OL 12.00noon MASS Lucy & Harry McEwan

12A 5.30pm MASS Timothy Stott

Sunday 24 February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Tom & Terence Ward

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Catherine Cowburn

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 8 February the numbers drawn were 2, 18, 21. No winner of £660. Last week's estimated jackpot was £740.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 058, J Newill; £5, 077, M Sanderson; £3, 172, B Ryan; £2, 268, M Smith. **Bonus Ball** 48, M Smith.

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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