

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

24 FEBRUARY 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A few years ago the wonderful rock singer and guitarist Bruce Springsteen was interviewed by the equally wonderful singer-songwriter, Elvis Costello – the Boss and the King together! One of the subjects that came up was the difficulties in touring. They both agreed that seeing all the crowds and playing in front of their fans every night was absolutely wonderful – they both perform concerts that last about three hours! But the physical and sometimes emotional cost of touring was very draining. They've seen most of the towns and cities they play in many times before and they simply don't get the time to go off exploring places or meeting friends. Most of their time is spent in hotel rooms, catching up on sleep, watching TV, then to the concert hall for a practice. Then they have to gear themselves up for the highlight, the concert itself, which is wonderful. One Christian performer once likened playing live as a "Transfiguration" experience, after which they need to go back down the hill to experience "normal" life with all its trials and tribulations. To us outsiders it must seem like a wonderful thing to be able to tour the world, to see so many places, and to play music in front of thousands of fans. But, like everything else in life, the reality is very different. For many performers, the thought of playing live is the very thing that keeps them going. Without it they simply could not go on and would have to do something else for a living. But many of them struggle with living "normal" lives because of the sheer wonder of playing live music in front of thousands of fans. The feeling that this gives them cannot be repeated anywhere.

In today's Gospel Reading, Peter wanted to stay on the mountain top. When Jesus was transfigured, Peter wanted to stay there and carrying on living this wonderful unique experience. He did not want to go back down to the everyday normal way of living. But Jesus summoned him to back down the mountain and face the future. The experience on the mountain was not meant to provide an escape from the struggle that lay ahead, but to help him face it. The hour of light was meant to help him face the hour of darkness. Yet it is very clear that something of the wonder of the Transfiguration remained with Peter and illuminated his life, because many years later he wrote, "We were eye-witnesses of his glory on the mountain... a voice came to him saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased". (2 Peter 1:17-18)

We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. It can happen when we feel the love of family and friends. Perhaps it happens through the birth of a new baby, or someone close getting a new job. God can bless so much in so many different ways. We have to be open to seeing his hand at work in our lives, so that we can recognize these Transfiguration experiences. We get brief glimpses of the Promised Land towards which we are travelling in faith. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. But these moments of transfiguration, whatever they are, are given to us to strengthen us for our journey in faith, to help us face the everyday tasks of life, and to enable us carry whatever cross comes our way.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Brian Ashton, Tony Broster, Jack Cleworth, Terry Fallon, Pat Fisher, Wilfred Hampson, Pauline Hitchen, Eileen Mullany, Vincent McKenna, Jo O'Connell, Elizabeth Philbin, John Riley, Doris Stout, Mary Tyrer, Deceased members of the Yates Family, Agnes Yates, Thanksgiving to All Donors especially Kidney Donors, Special Intention Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention St Jude, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Enzo & Elio Case.

### 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.

### SACRED HEART FIRST RECONCILIATION

We welcome families of those children in year 4 who will make their First Reconciliation at 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 the Daley family.

### 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.

We will shortly be running our annual Easter Egg raffle all donations gratefully received. Bingo on Wednesday in the Lounge from 8.30pm. Please consider using the Parish Centre for your special occasion ring 01942 209192 for details.

### OUR LADY'S

As is customary at Our Lady's we decorate the sanctuary with lilies at Easter. Each lily represents a prayer and a reminder of loved ones who have died. The lilies cost £1.50 each and if you would like to remember family and friends in this way, please print their names on a sheet of paper, enclose it with your donation in an envelope and place it in the marked box at the back of church. Each name will be inscribed in a Book of Remembrance which will be placed on the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and remain there until the Feast of Pentecost.

### ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

This week we are focusing on the First Station of the Cross – Jesus is condemned. It is our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 28 February from 4.30pm, and our Year 7 students

had their first Parents' Evening at St. Mary's last week. The Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their time at St. Mary's, well done! Thank you also to those parents who attended the Parent Consultation meeting last Thursday: the ideas and thoughts of those present will be included in planning for the future. This week we have our performance of Buggy Malone! It's on Monday to Wednesday at 7.00pm, tickets cost £5 for adults, £4.50 for concessions. To book tickets please email [drama@smchs.org.uk](mailto:drama@smchs.org.uk). Our students (and staff!) have been hard at work learning their lines and their choreography and are looking forward to showing you what they have put together.

### 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.

### PAPAL PRAYER CARDS

There are Prayer cards available at the back of all churches today. Please take a card, we are asked to remember Pope Benedict in his last days of ministry and pray for him.

### SKILLS WORKSHOP

**Ways of working with Scripture** Are you involved in Liturgy of the Word with children, helping families or with adults? Monday, 11 March, 6.30 to 9.00pm at Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St. Helens WA10 2BE. Peter Galloway (676962) will co-ordinate if you let him know before 1 March. Places are limited.

### 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](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, **tomorrow** 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.

### Witness to the Light

CAFOD's Prayer for the Year of Faith)

Jesus our Guide

You show us to the path of goodness and love,  
and call us to follow in your way.

Help us to make changes to our own lives  
so we may embody our faith.

Fill us with the courage to speak out and take action  
so peace and justice reign across the earth.

Support us as we build a world that reflects your kingdom,  
a world of plenty, fairness and faith.

Inspire us to be witnesses to the light,  
to renew your Church and its people,  
so that in this Year of Faith,

all people may know that we are your disciples and  
the light of your truth may shine through us.

Amen

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £2,107.10

The second or retiring collection at all churches in our archdiocese today 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. Doris Stout, Pat Fisher, Wilfred Lloyd.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Alfie James  
Emmanuel Luke Peebles, 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

The Stations of the Cross will alternate weekly with St Thomas'

#### 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

### 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

### 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

## 60's Night

Featuring

**The Fantastic Eddie Robbins**

Cliff Richard Tribute Artist

Saturday 27th April 2013

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

7.30pm till late.

Tickets £10 including Refreshments

Licensed Bar

Raffle

## Quiz Night

A Charity Quiz Night

1st March 2013

At St Ambrose Parish Hall

8pm onwards, doors open at 7.30pm

Hot Pot/ Chilli Supper for  
small donation

Bring your own bottle

Tickets £2.50

Raffles and stand up Bingo

Proceeds to Corby's Meningitis tribute fund

St Joseph's Players Present

**"ENCHANTED APRIL"**

By Matthew Barber

From the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim

Tuesday 16th - Saturday 20th April

Directed by Doreen Johnson

St Joseph's Hall Chapel St

Curtain up 7.30pm prompt

Tickets £8 pay on the door on the night



## 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 23 February

12A 5.30pm MASS Timothy Stott

### Sunday 24 February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and of St Margaret Clitherow parish

SH 9.30am MASS Tom & Terence Ward

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Catherine Cowburn

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 25 February Monday of Week 2 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Albert Finney

### Tuesday 26 February Tuesday of Week 2 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS A successful operation

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

### Wednesday 27 February Wednesday of Week 2 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Baby Erin Cooke LD

### Thursday 28 February Thursday of Week 2 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Peggy Booth

SH 12.00noon MASS Delia Reilly

### Friday 1 March FEAST: ST. DAVID, B. (6th c.) PATRON OF WALES

*(Women's World Day of Prayer)*

StJ 7.30am MASS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 10.30am MASS at Moss Bank Court Esther Hodson

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 7.30pm Stations of the Cross St Joseph's

### Saturday 2 March Saturday of Week 2 Lent

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Catherine Hourigan

12A 5.30pm MASS Tom & Nellie Dunne SI

### Sunday 3 March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Margaret Dootson (sick)

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Brian Smith

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 15 February the numbers drawn were 6, 15, 19. One lucky winner of £722! Last week's estimated jackpot was £70.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 234, S Gardner; £5, 298, A Unsworth; £3, 019, K Wilkinson; £2, 360, M&D Flannery. **Bonus Ball** 49, M Roach.

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** £40, 62, D Jardine; £15, Z Osvnovianenko; £5, 44, M Seddon; £5, 97, P Sharrock. Last weeks church repair fund collection amounted to £47.17 many thanks

### 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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