

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

10 MARCH 2013



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**St. Edmund  
Arrowsmith  
Parish**

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



## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Ghandi once told a story of how, when he was 15, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. However, he felt so bad about it that he made up his mind to confess it to his father. He wrote out his sin on a piece of paper, asking for forgiveness and punishment, while promising never to steal again. At the time his father was sick in bed. Ghandi handed him the note and sat by the bedside waiting for his judgement. He father sat up in bed and began to read the note. As he read it, tears came into his eyes. Ghandi himself also cried. Instead of getting angry and punishing him, the father hugged his repentant son, and that was the end of the matter. The experience of being completely loved while he was in sin had a very profound effect on Ghandi. He said, many years later, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of love can know what it is."

This is the kind of love the younger son experienced in today's Gospel. He was welcomed back home after all his exploits abroad, spending all his father's money. There is no question that he behaved badly. Yet when he came home his father not only welcomed him, he held a banquet to celebrate his return. In the welcome of the younger son, Jesus shows God's attitude to repentant sinners. If we are sinners, then God loves us more NOT less.

The attitude of the older son towards his younger brother is a mirror-image of the attitude of the Pharisees to sinners. They would rather have seen a sinner damned than saved. Yet they were very religious people. But what is the use of religion if it does not make you more compassionate towards those who fall? If we find ourselves sympathizing with the older brother, be careful, there may be some of the Pharisee in us!

All of us, to a greater or lesser extent, are similar to the younger son. For which of us can say that we have always been good or faithful to our promises to God? Have we ever been guilty of squandering God's gifts? Which of us would like to be treated by God according to strict justice? Do we not all need more mercy than justice? It is in and through our sins that we experience the goodness and mercy of God. If we never sinned, we'd never know his forgiveness. This is not an excuse for sinning. But it's good to know that this is how God receives and loves sinners. It must surely give us hope when we fall.

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sydney Butterworth, Boon & Campbell Families, Kelly Bowden, Francis Gallagher, Joseph Garvey, John Garvey, Mary Gillings, Kenneth Howcroft, Joyce Hughes, Harold Hunter, Brenda Leaver, William Leigh, Albert Lynch, Vincent Magee, Bill O'Conner, Sherlock Family, Tony Short, Doris Stout, James Winstanley, Peter Worden snr., Special Intention, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Carlo, Annita, Angiola & Louis Manfredi.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's, 7.30pm Tuesday 12 March.  
All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Both Masses at St Joseph's on Easter Sunday will be said for our loved ones. If you would like your loved one to be included in the Masses please hand their names and a donation into church by Wednesday 27 March. Thank you.

### SACRED HEART

#### 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 & Lily Gore.

### TWELVE APOSTLES ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Once again we are running the pilgrimage from Easter Monday to Thursday the cost is £150, this is your last chance, the balance needs to be paid by Sunday 10 March, many thanks.

#### CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Tickets are on sale for our Easter Egg Raffle 50p a strip, all donations of eggs gratefully appreciated. Next weekend is our monthly retiring collection please be your usual generous selves.

### PARISH HALL NEWS

Bingo on Wednesday in the Lounge from 8.30pm. Many thanks to Kevin and Margaret who organised the recent Line Dance which raised £253 towards the upkeep of the club. 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. The Easter Lily fund will remain open until the Sunday before Easter.

### ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

This week we focus on Simon of Cyrene and the help he gave to Jesus. Students will be encouraged to think about the help they currently offer and could offer to people who are struggling. On Tuesday it is the annual *Let's Sing* at Robin Park, with young people from across Wigan getting involved. There

are many students from St. Mary's and our feeder primary schools involved in this, and we wish them all the best of luck – and most importantly that they have fun! Thank you to all the staff who have put time and effort into helping all our young people prepare.

### LENTEN SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION

"Confessathon"

(Individual Confession)

Saturday 16 March at St Joseph's

10.00am - 2.30pm

(except during Mass at 12.00noon)

Tuesday 26 March, 7.30pm at Holy Family, Boothstown

### PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

*O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### SCHOOL REPORT

The staff, children, parents and Governors of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Leigh would like to share some comments the Inspectors from Liverpool Archdiocese wrote in their report about the school

- The extent to which the pupils contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life of the school is outstanding.
- Pupils show an outstanding knowledge and understanding of the schools' Mission Statement and understanding the part they play within it. They are actively involved in its evaluation.
- Pupils live out their mission and are ambassadors of their motto, 'With faith in Jesus, love and teaching, we grow'.
- Pupils have a strong sense of belonging to the school community and value and respect others.
- Relationships throughout the school are outstanding and all school staff, together with the Learning Mentor work closely to give social, emotional and behavioural support.
- Pupils act with reverence and are keen to participate in a variety of gatherings and reflect well.
- Around the school and in classrooms displays are bright and appealing. Appropriate artefacts are used and reflect Religious Education themes and show prior learning.
- In the lessons observed, effective planning and teaching strategies ensured pupils were engaged.
- Teaching assistants provide excellent care and support of pupils. They are deployed effectively and show sensitivity to pupils needs. They ensure all pupils in their care reach their full potential.
- Effort and achievement at all stages of learning is celebrated.
- Relationships between pupils, staff, parents and Governors are a testament to their mission, where they are 'an inclusive community that promotes the development of the whole person'.
- Governors are enthusiastic and knowledgeable of their responsibilities and actively support to shape the direction of the school.
- The Religious Education Subject Leader is excellent in leading Religious Education, showing good knowledge and understanding of her role.

If you would like a full copy of the report call in at the school office and we will gladly give you one. As you can imagine EVERYONE is thrilled with the report. It is a real honour to be the head teacher here at Sacred Heart, Leigh.

With all best wishes, Mrs H. Ahmed

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £2,027.48

### 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. Pat Fisher

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Maisey Anne Miller-Lowe, Mia Rose Ashbrook.

### CHRISM MASS

**Cathedral of Christ The King, Liverpool,  
Wednesday 27 March**

Please sign up on the lists at the back of all our churches if you wish to attend. A coach will be provided, times and details of pick up points to be confirmed.

### 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'

#### Reconciliation

**Confessathon** Saturday 16th March St Joseph's  
10.00am - 12 noon & 12.30pm 2.30pm

#### 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           |

### CANCER CHARITY

Some of you will remember Ron Blenkinship, who sadly passed away last year, from his successful drama productions in St Joseph's school. To mark what would have been Ron's 60th birthday, his family, friends and young people he worked with in Preston are running a 24 hour "performathon" in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will take place in Preston beginning at 12.00noon on Saturday March 9 and ends at 12.00noon on Sunday March 10. If anyone would like to support the event by donating money to these two wonderful charities, a Virgin Money Giving Page has been set up at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/60460](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/60460). Many thanks.

## 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

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**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, from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop,  
Bradshawgate, or pay on the door

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## 50's & 60's Night

Featuring

**The Fantastic Eddie Robbins**

Also

Rock & Roll with

**D.J. Long Tall Phil**

Saturday 27th April 2013

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

7.30pm till 11.00pm

Tickets £10 including Refreshments

Available from Des 01942 674868 or the

Parish office weekdays only 673517

Licensed Bar

Raffle

All proceeds **The White Fathers**

**Street Children Appeal**

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The Three Towns Operatic Society

proudly present

**Gilbert & Sullivan's**

*The Yeomen of the Guard*

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 7.30pm  
St. Joseph's Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh. WN7 2PR

Tickets: £10 & £12 Concessions available

Contact 01942 883722



## 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 March

12A 5.30pm MASS Terry Wilcock

### Sunday 10 March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Peter Unsworth

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and of St Margaret Clitherow parish

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 11 March Monday of Week 4 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tuesday 12 March Tuesday of Week 4 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 13 March Wednesday of Week 4 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 9.15am LENTEN MASS for school in church Brian Ashton

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Ruth Lowe LD

### Thursday 14 March Thursday of Week 4 Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Marion Sanderson LD

SH 12.00noon MASS Audrey Ashurst

### Friday 15 March Friday of Week 4 Lent

StJ 7.30am MASS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 12.00noon MASS Private intention

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's

### Saturday 16 March Saturday of Week 4 Lent

StJ 10.00am Exposition & Reconciliation (*Confessathon*)

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 12.30pm *Confessathon* continues until 2.30pm

12A 5.30pm MASS Frank Stout

### Sunday 17 March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Jim Roberts LD

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Tom Sales

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 1 March the numbers drawn were 1, 7, 29. No winner of £132. Last week's estimated jackpot was £180.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 032, B Marsden; £5, 389, M Howard; £3, 388, M Howard; £2, 354, Mr&Mrs T Ellis.  
**Bonus Ball** 11, Liam H.

### 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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