

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C)

24 MARCH 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross,  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Every year on this Sunday the Church reads an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of his followers who abandon Jesus in his hour of need, we think of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted his death, and remember the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution. And we do need to be reminded of these things, because, whether we like it or not, such cruelty and wickedness continues to exist throughout the world today, and the poor and most vulnerable are often still victimized and rejected by large sections of society. But this is not necessarily the main purpose of the Passion reading. The main emphasis is on Jesus, the central character in the story. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of Calvary his goodness shines all the more brightly. The day of his death is not called "Bad Friday" but "Good Friday". What makes it good is the love of Jesus – "Greater love has no man has than to lay down his life for his friends." It is this great love that we are remembering during Holy Week. The early Christians saw in the passion and death of Jesus the triumph of failure. On the surface, it seemed like a defeat for Jesus, but it was a victory. It took the early Christians many years to understand this fully. It was the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness, of life over death.

The Passion story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over all the powers of destruction. There was nothing but love in him. Even when they nailed his hands and feet to the cross, he forgave those who executed him. It helps to think about that when we are going through hard times. It is a consolation for us to know that Jesus suffered in his life here on earth. It can give some meaning to the suffering that we sometimes go through ourselves. Yet Jesus' suffering would have been a waste of time if he had not endured it with love. It was not Jesus' suffering that saved the world but his LOVE.

As we are remembering the Passion of Jesus today let us put ourselves in the story. Where would we be? Which character from the Passion story really reminds us of ourselves? Does the story make us want to stand up for the rights of those who suffer today? Hopefully the story of Jesus' Passion will remind us of God's great love for us, a love that challenges us to love others even more.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

John & Agnes Coan, Canon Cowell, Robert Farrimond, Margaret Featherstone, Fletcher Family & Friends, Maureen Gallagher, Agnes & George Hayes, Vincent Higgins, Peter Hodson, Brenda Hoffman, Sheila Kidman, John Topping, Sr. Eileen Wall, Sick Person, Special Intention

### 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 Alojzy & Anna Tesmer.

### SACRED HEART LOTTERY

It is just six months since Sacred Heart church and school were each presented with cheques for £1,000 from their shares of the accumulated income from our lottery, in accordance with the rules. The lottery has recently been able to make the same payments again. This time the school intends to purchase iPads, which they could not otherwise afford, to assist in the education of our children. The other cheque has gone to St Edmund Arrowsmith parish this time but it is intended to go towards new hymn books for Sacred Heart church. We thank the small but dedicated team who check all the entries every Friday but even more we thank the people who buy tickets every week and those who promote extra ticket sales. You know who you are! Do you buy a ticket? £2,000 has also been paid out to winners in the last six months. It must be good value for a 50p ticket! Any adult can buy one, you don't have to belong to Sacred Heart.

### TWELVE APOSTLES

The cleaning of the church for Easter will take place on Monday 25th at 10.00am we are desperately in need of help please try to come along if you have an hour to spare.

### CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Tickets are on sale for our Easter Egg Raffle. The draw will take place in the Lounge on Wednesday. Last weeks retiring collection amounted to £34.67 many thanks

### PARISH HALL NEWS

Bingo on Wednesday in the Lounge from 8.30pm, Please consider using the Parish Centre for your special occasion ring 01942 209192 for details

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

.. starts on Easter Monday with Mass at Twelve Apostles at 9 am everyone welcome, if you wish us to take any petitions to Our Lay's Shrine please give them to Therese Thompson or Laurence Hawkins.

### OUR LADY'S

The Easter Draw will take place after Mass today. Many thanks to all the donors, the organisers and all who supported the Draw. A list of winning numbers will be placed in the church porch. Good luck! The Easter Lily Fund will close today.

## LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 26 March, 7.30pm at Holy Family, Boothstown

### THIRTY SOMETHING

Are you in your 30s? Would you like to meet other Catholics your age? If so, we would like to meet you on Saturday 6th April at St Joseph's Church, 1 Tatton St (off St Petersgate), Stockport SK1 1EJ (parking available behind the church). Mass at 5.00 pm, and then an opportunity to chat and socialise afterwards and discuss future events. For further details, or to get on our mailing list, please contact: Sarah on sarahheaton@uwclub.net or Colette on candjrowe@btinternet.com, or text/phone Hugh on 07977 904479, or just turn up.

### HOLY PLACES

This Good Friday collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Palestine. The object is to keep intact "the monuments of Our Lord's earthly life".

Money from the annual Good Friday collection taken up in Catholic churches around the world last year enabled restoration and maintenance on holy places in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Magdala, Capernaum, Mount Tabor and Mount Nebo.

In a letter to Catholic bishops, the prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, said a significant part of the proceeds was used to fund student scholarships, help small businesses, and build houses, schools and sports centres for children.

### TRIDUUM

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum - from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

We encourage *all* St Edmund Arrowsmith parishioners to fully take part in the triduum. Of course, for many people there are difficulties to overcome. Easter Sunday Mass is always well attended but, if you can, come to one, two, or all three of the triduum services. You will enjoy Easter Sunday all the more!

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Weekly offering envelopes for the new tax year are now available for collection at the back of church.



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,825.22

### 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 Teresa Doughtey and all who are sick at this time.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead: Mary Flynn, (mother of Peter) Margaret Featherstone, Kathleen Parr, (wife of Alan) Veronica Ruffley, Josephine Murphy....  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to:  
Braidon Thomas Bailey

### CHRISM MASS

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

For those who signed up on the lists at the back of all our churches, a coach has been provided.

The first pick up point at 5.30pm will be: Twelve Apostles, 5.40pm St Joseph's, 5.50pm St Richard's and 6.05pm Holy Family.

Due to timing and the fact there is only 1 coach pick up points have had to be limited.

### SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

#### Services During Lent

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

## *Easter Triduum*



7.30pm	Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching till 10.00pm <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
11.00am	Good Friday	Walk of Witness <i>St Joseph's to Parish Church</i>
3.00pm		Celebration of the Passion
7.30 - 8.30pm		Watching <i>Sacred Heart</i>
7.30pm	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil <i>Twelve Apostles</i>



## 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

## 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**

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

Set in the Tower of London during the sixteenth century, 'The Yeomen of the Guard' is a tale of ill-fated love, intrigue and escape in Tudor England. A framed Colonel is to be executed on charges of sorcery. A mock marriage would cheat his betrayer of his estate. The court jester's sweet-heart is offered a bag of coins ..... and the plot is set.

As events unravel you will be totally captivated by the twists and turns of the plot. Many believe that the music is Sullivan's finest. Do not hesitate to contact Eileen our ticket secretary for your choice of seating. If you have any queries she will be delighted to assist.

## 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 March

12A 5.30pm MASS Joseph Patrick Buchanan

### Sunday 24 March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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 Betty Gill & Edward Keegan

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 25 March MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 1.00pm REQUIEM MASS Kathleen Parr

### Tuesday 26 March TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Joe & Pat McCaul

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

### Wednesday 27 March WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am SCHOOL MASS in church Karol Gredecki

10.45am Funeral Service Howe Bridge Crematorium Veronica Ruffley

StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Margaret Featherstone

7.30pm MASS OF CHRISM AT THE CATHEDRAL with Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly

### Thursday 28 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Austin Woods

OL Watching until 10.00pm

### Friday 29 March GOOD FRIDAY

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 11.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness to St Mary's, Leigh Parish church

SH 3.00pm THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SH 7.30pm Watching for one hour

### Saturday 30 March HOLY SATURDAY

12A 7.30pm EASTER VIGIL MASS Mark Prescott

### Sunday 31 March EASTER DAY Solemnity with Octave

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Eddie Moss (successful treatment)

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Dorothy Addi

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 15 March the numbers drawn were 3, 13, 14. No winner of £270. Last week's estimated jackpot was £340.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 089, Jessica Flannery; £5, 109, M Sanderson; £3, 243, N Flynn; £2, 222, K Jones. **Bonus Ball** 19, U Lightford.

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** £40, 84, M Johnson; £15, 141, J Heaton; £5, 203, J Thompson; £5, 39, S Osvnovianenko.

### 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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