

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)

31 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

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Allelulia, allelulia!

Christ our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Allelulia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On Easter morning the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They had a sad task to perform to complete the embalming of his body. But this was not the only reason they were going to the tomb. They wanted to be near the one who had filled their lives and whose death plunged them into inconsolable grief.

We've often done the same ourselves. When someone we love dies, we find it hard to accept that they have gone from us forever. We feel a need to maintain a link with them. One of the ways we try to do this is by visiting their graves. However, far from easing the pain this can sometimes increase it. If things had gone as expected on that first Easter morning, the women would have embalmed the body of Jesus, closed the tomb again, and come away more convinced than ever that what happened on the Friday was not a bad dream but a terrible reality. But things did not go that way. At the tomb they met two angels who said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!"

It was to these faithful women that the Easter message was first given: Jesus is NOT dead. He is alive! So they must not waste their time looking for him at the tomb. All of us probably associate graveyards and cemeteries with death. Yet it was precisely in such a place that the resurrection was first proclaimed. It was fitting that it was here, where death seems to reign supreme, that the Good News of Jesus' resurrection was first announced to the world. Through the Alleluias we sing this weekend, in the readings we listen to, in the praise we give to God, our faith in Jesus' resurrection is proclaimed today. May our very lives stand as witness to our faith in the resurrection of the Lord, a resurrection we hope to share in one day with God and all our loved ones in Heaven.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS EASTER MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Audrey Ashurst, Ashton Family, Bryne Family, Butterworth Family, Chrisie Family, Mary Connor, Cooper Family, Patrick Costello snr., Deirdre Costello, Brian Crawley, Catherine Curran, Davey Family, Farrimond Family, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, James Fitzsimons, Fletcher Family & Living & deceased family & friends of Peter & Julia Galloway, Friends, Garvey Family, Francis Norman Gibbons, Stephen Green, Ronald Gore, Brenda Hoffman, John & Teresa Magnall, Terry & May Mally, Moylan Family, Peter McCarthy, Jim & Elsie McHugh, Maria McHugh, Michael McHugh snr., Michael McHugh jnr., Vincent McKiernan, Albert Lynch, Nayloy Family, Steven Naylor, Mary & Michael O'Hora, Harry O'Hora, Win Parr, Parry Family, Frank & Martha Prescott, shovelton Family, Smith Family, Andrea Southern, Jean Standing, Anne Turner, James Unsworth, John Whelan,

THANK YOU

Our Churches would not function effectively without the hard work and dedication of some of our parishioners who give their time so unstintingly, often working quietly unnoticed, behind the scenes.

Many parishioners will know Mrs Frances Wilcock, but perhaps few will be aware that for almost 25 years she has worked as Bookings secretary for the Halls management Committee.

Frances has decided that the time has come to "retire" and she leaves the Committee on the 31st march 2013.

I would like to thank Frances for undertaking this demanding and often stressful job with such commitment and enthusiasm. Without her effort and that of the other members of our Committee our Halls would have closed many years ago.

Frances will be replaced by Mrs Christine Prince.

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 John & Sheila O'Grady.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Lists of winning numbers for our Easter egg raffle are at the back of church, thanks for your support.

PARISH HALL NEWS

No Wednesday Bingo this week, Please consider using the Parish Centre for your special occasion ring 01942 209192 for details

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

.. starts on Monday with Mass at 9.00am. All welcome. If you wish us to take any petitions to Our Lady's Shrine please give them to Therese Thompson or Laurence Hawkins.

OUR LADY'S

If you bought tickets in the Easter Raffle please check the list of winning numbers in the church porch. Tea and coffee will be available next Sunday after Mass. Many thanks to those who came to help with the church cleaning last week. The Easter Book of Remembrance will remain on the sanctuary until Pentecost.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

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

DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU!

On Sunday, 7 April at 2.00pm the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St Mary's Lowe House, St Helens. 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.

Maundy Thursday

The name '**Maundy**' is derived from the Latin word "**mandatum**", meaning a commandment. Jesus Christ, at the Last Supper, commanded:

'And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' John 13:34

The washing of feet

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. This act has sometimes been followed literally in history as a good way of reminding rulers that they are here to serve their subjects.

In England, the custom of washing feet by the Monarch was carried out until 1689. Up until then the King or Queen would wash the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday in Westminster Abbey. (You should, however, note that the feet were first washed by Yeoman of the Laundry before the monarch had to wash them and kiss them!). Food and clothing were also handed out to the poor.

Maundy Thursday Ceremony

In Britain today, the Queen follows a very traditional role of giving Maundy Money to a group of pensioners. The tradition of the Sovereign giving money to the poor dates from the 13th century, from the reign of Edward I.

Good Friday

The Anglo-Saxon name for Good Friday was Long Friday, due to the long fast imposed upon this day.

Good Friday was not celebrated as the day Christ died until the 4th century A.D.

Why is it called Good Friday?

The name may be derived from 'God's Friday' in the same way that good-bye is derived from 'God be with ye'.

It is 'good' because the barrier of sin was broken.

Holy Saturday I

Holy Saturday is also known as Easter Even and the **Great Sabbath**.

The term "Easter Even" was used by the 1549 Prayer Book. The 1979 BCP uses the title "Holy Saturday" for the Saturday before Easter

Where does the name 'Easter' come from?

Pagan traditions give us the English word "Easter" which comes from the word "Eostre". The Anglo-Saxon word for April was "Eostre-monath" (the month of openings). However, it should be remembered that Christians celebrated the resurrection of Christ long before the word "Easter" was used, and the word they used for the celebration was "Pascha", which is derived from and linked to the Jewish festival of Passover. English Christians began calling it "Easter".

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £2,214.54

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, Bill Parr, Peggy Sharrock and all who are sick at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED

For all those lately dead: Rebecca Marie Duffy, Thomas Killen, John Raines, Josephine Murphy, Margaret Knowles, Jade Anderson..

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

A HAPPY & HOLY EASTER

Fr Steve and Fr Kieran would like to welcome you all today to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, and thank everyone who has helped with the preparations and taken part in the Triduum Services. Thank you also to all the many volunteers who help to keep our 4 churches running smoothly throughout the year.

We wish you all, all the joys and blessings of the Easter Season



Why do we give eggs at Easter?

The custom of giving eggs at Easter is to celebrate new life. The egg symbolises the tomb and the chick the new life that Jesus brings.

An Anglo-Saxon legend tells how the Saxon goddess Eostre found a wounded bird and transformed it into a hare, so that it could survive the Winter. The hare found it could lay eggs, so it decorated these each Spring and left them as offering to the goddess.

"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 7th - Saturday 11th 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 sweetheart 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 30 March

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

Monday 1 April **MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

12A 9.00am MASS for departure of Pilgrimage. All welcome!

Tuesday 2 April **TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 11.00am REQUIEM MASS Mary Flynn
SH 12.00noon MASS Catherine Hoy
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wednesday 3 April **WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am REQUIEM MASS Margaret Knowles

Thursday 4 April **THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Thomas Killen
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Josephine Murphy

Friday 5 April **FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 9.30am REQUIEM MASS Rebecca Marie Duffy

Saturday 6 April **SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE**

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation & Holy Hour
SH 12.00noon MASS Danny Smith
12A 7.30pm People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and of St Margaret Clitherow parish

Sunday 7 April **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)**

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Peggy Booth
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Mrs Lennon
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 22 March the numbers drawn were 9, 21, 26. No winner of £344. Last week's estimated jackpot was £416.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50, 441, B Woods; £10, 378, M Sweeney; £5, 410, M Moore; £3, 215, M Collins; £2, 158, B Welding. **Bonus Ball** 31, J Evans.

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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