

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

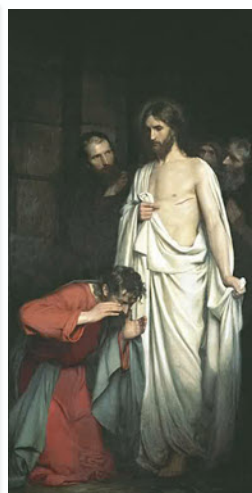
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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

It's perhaps easy to make the mistake that believing was easier for those who saw Jesus than it is for us today. The Gospels show that there were many people who saw Jesus and yet didn't come to have faith in him. Seeing is not necessarily believing. The act of faith involves a decision to believe. In fact, the Gospel shows that even the apostles had their problems believing. Thomas wasn't the only apostle to doubt the resurrection. All of them did. St Mark tells us that, when Jesus appeared to them on Easter Sunday, "he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen." We can sympathise with the apostles. The crucifixion of Jesus dealt them a devastating blow. They had invested an enormous amount in Jesus. They had left their homes and families, their jobs, everything to follow him. And suddenly he was gone. The more the reality of his death came home to them, the greater their loss appeared. The value and meaning of everything they held dear was threatened: their comradeship, their faith, their whole lives. And then the incredible happened. He rose from the dead and was once more in their company. The first thing he did was to show them his wounds. The wounds helped to identify who he really was. They were also the proof of his love for them. He invited them to see and to touch.

The example of Thomas is particularly enlightening for us today. He showed a refreshing honesty. He made no attempt to hide his doubts. Doubt is sometimes looked on as a sign of weakness. We tend to feel guilty about having doubts. But having doubts can be a point of growth, a stepping stone to a deeper understanding and a deeper level of faith. It certainly was for Thomas because he went on to give expression to the highest statement of faith in Jesus in the entire Gospel of John: "My Lord and my God." Every community could do with a character like Thomas, that is, someone who has the courage to ask the questions no one else dare ask. Such people are truthful, and they help to keep others truthful too. Having overcome his crisis of faith, Thomas went on to bear courageous witness to Jesus and became one of the greatest missionaries of the early Church. According to tradition, he brought the Gospel to Persia, Syria and India, where he was martyred.

Jesus invites us today to come closer to him and to make him "visible" to others. This is the way it was with the first disciples. Once they had seen the Risen Jesus, they felt compelled to make him known to others. As we try our best to do that today, may we be counted as those who are "blessed", namely, "those who have not seen and yet still believe."



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS EASTER MASSES

All these Masses were said on Easter Sunday

Terry Fallon, Michael Fallon, Fr David Gornall S.J., Molly & Fred Griffiths, Kenneth Howcroft, William Leigh, Mullowney Family, Mary Murray, Maurice Phillips, Isabella Phillips, Lily Tither, Sherlock Family, Sylvia Withington, Kathleen Withington, Jack Withington, Special Intention Our Lord Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention Carlo, Annita, Angiola, Louis Manfredi.

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Baxter, Rebecca Duffy, Margaret Featherstone, Flo Gibson, Christine Gillbanks, Rita Gorman, Elizabeth Houghton, Maurice Hurst, Annie Johnson, Ko Kon Family, James Owen McDermott, John Raines, Kathleen Sales, Jimmy Taylor,

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 April at St. Joseph's church. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

Today's Coffee Morning at St Joseph's will be held in the Mather Room.

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 the Isherwood family.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Easter Egg Raffle prize winning tickets 81-85 SALMON, 441-445 WHITE, 301-305 W, 156-160 W, 11-15 S, 616-620 S, 386-390 W, 291-295 S, 71-75 S, 361-365 W, 316-320 S, 516-520 W, 631-635 S, 541-545 S, 341-345 W, 656-660 S, 376-380 S, 86-90 S, 401-405 W, 196-200 W, 61-65 S. Many thanks for your support. We raised £130.

OUR LADY'S

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available after Mass today - all are welcome. Please check your Easter Raffle tickets against the list of winning numbers at the back of church.

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!

Today, 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.

PASTORAL AREA JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

... is having a meeting this Wednesday, 10 April, at 7.45pm in Holy Family, Boothstown.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

... is on Saturday 25 May, 10.00am-4.00pm at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. Main Speaker: Sir Bert Massie CBE 'Coping with the Cuts'. Workshops, stalls and lunch will be provided. RSVP to Steve or Maria on 0151 522 1080/1 or s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 19 April at 7.00pm to mark the first anniversary of the death of Canon Jimmy Collins. The celebrant will be Fr Peter Morgan.

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

'Living Hope in the Church Today' - A Day of Refreshment & Renewal for Women. Saturday 27 April, 10.00am-4.00pm at LACE. Facilitated by Sister Pauline Darby SCHJ. Keynote addresses springing from 'Gaudium et Spes' by Dr Onagh O'Brien (Principal Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge). Periods of reflection, prayer and liturgy. Cost is £10 (including refreshments and lunch). For catering purposes, please book a place by contacting: Julie Cassidy (0151 522 1040) or email: j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk no later than Wednesday 17 April.

INVOCATION IN THE NORTH 2013

... is a discernment festival for 16 to 35 year old Catholics which will take place on the weekend of 14 to 16 June at Ampleforth Abbey. It is aimed at helping participants to discover a little more about what God is calling them to do in their lives. There will be some stimulating keynote talks and a number of thought-provoking workshops on spirituality and evangelisation. In addition, there will be beautiful worship experiences, such as Divine Office with the monks, Adoration in the abbey church and a nocturnal Blessed Sacrament Procession. In between these activities there will be plenty of time for prayerful reflection, reading, fellowship and confession. The food will be good and there will be a licensed bar. The cost of the weekend will be £60. Some grants are available on request to students who are without funds and the unwaged. We want everybody to be there who wants to be there! This is a Year of Faith initiative which will help young people in the north of England to make a new radical commitment to Jesus.

For further information:

Facebook: Invocation in the North 2013

Website: www.invocation.org.uk

Email (Liz White): scarboroughcatholicparishes@gmail.com

Telephone: 01723 360358

JOB VACANCY TEAM LEADER

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Animate Youth Ministry Service for a Team Leader to contribute, support and develop Youth Ministry in Parishes, Schools and local community. The successful applicant will reside at Lowe House, St Helens, living in community with the wider youth ministry team. Full time, 35 hours per week to be worked flexibly, required from 1 September 2013. For more details see: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=132>
CLOSING DATE: Friday, 12 April 2013.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £3,296.77
Holy Places £ 177.84

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: .
Maurice Hurst, John Raines (*Requiem Mass Tuesday 9 April 10.30am St Gabriel's*), Frank Kenneth Dyer.
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

World Day of Prayer
St Joseph's Group Charity Effort

A Coffee Morning

In St Joseph's Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh
Saturday 27th April 2013 10.30am - 12.30pm
Admission 50p including coffee & biscuits

Proceeds for the benefit of

The Epiphany Trust
Caring for street children in Sri Lanka

Kandy is a city in central Sri Lanka, capital of Central Province, on the Mahaweli River. It is one of the island nation's largest cities and the economic focus of the tea-producing central highlands. It is also a city of great beauty.

In contrast to its beautiful scenery and majestic historical sites the city is also home to crippling poverty where many parents are unable to provide for their children and violence is rife.

Whilst spending their days in the relative safety of schools, they are then left to their own devices and wit. Not surprisingly, many resort to theft, vandalism and to meting out the abuse that they encountered in their formative years.

The pressing need was for a very practical approach, providing for the physical and mental welfare of these children as well as the need to establish a programme of activities which would develop life skills, steer the youngsters away from crime and instill a genuine ambition for the future.

The Epiphany Trust began to address these issues by setting up the *Child Action Lanka Centre for Street Children*, which has become a haven of security for more than 150 youngsters. The Trust employs people to support and help develop these most deprived children, which feeds, clothes, bathes and entertains for 10 hours each day, catering for three separate age groups – pre-school, primary and secondary. The traumatised and bereaved children receive professional counselling. The Centre has been hugely successful, receiving accolades from both local and national governments and from Social Services. The project has expanded to include workshops and skills training for the mums also, many of whom beg on the street. At the centre they can be taught skills such as sewing, card-making, candle-making, cooking

and literacy as part of an enablement process geared to helping them to find employment or start their own businesses. Linked with this is a micro-credit scheme which has helped over 40 mothers.

In addition, a grant of land from Kandy city council which has recognised the value of the centre's work has made it possible for some families to be housed. Part of the vision of Child Action Lanka is to extend this opportunity to more families, so that they no longer have to sleep under tarpaulins.

"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



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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 6 April

12A 5.30pm 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

Monday 8 April

SOLEMNITY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Tuesday 9 April

Weekday of Easter (Week 2)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Sheila Lewis

SH 3.00pm

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wednesday 10 April Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

MASS Fr Mike Williams

Thursday 11 April

Memorial: St Stanislaus B.M. (11th c.)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am

MASS Derek Smith

SH 12.00noon

MASS Paul Caren

Friday 12 April

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS Sarah Rafferty & family

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Saturday 13 April

Weekday of Easter

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation & Holy Hour

12A 12.00noon

MASS Special intention (CC)

12A 5.30pm

MASS Joseph Sanderson

Sunday 14 April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS Sr Margaret Kamiem

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS Sick friends

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 30 March the numbers drawn were 3, 7, 19. No winner of £400. Last week's estimated jackpot was £450.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 457, J Newill; £5, 398, J Evans; £3, 468, E West; £2, 188, A Sharkie.

Bonus Ball 33, C Ellis.

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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