

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

14 APRIL 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord,  
you have rescued me.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In polite society you are not supposed to go around asking people questions like “Who do you say I am?” or “Do you love me?” This is perhaps because we might not like the answer. Questions that go to the heart of the matter, particularly when the matter concerns what you really think of another person, are often best avoided if at all possible. In today’s Gospel, however, Jesus is in very good voice when he asks Peter three times if he really loves him. Remember that before the crucifixion Peter had not exactly distinguished himself. Three times he denied being a disciple of Jesus. Three times he denied even knowing him. The man who Jesus chooses as the leader of the early Church is the one caught out by a servant girl as he continues to lie through his teeth. He is the man who is arrested by a cock crowing in the darkness.

As we hear from John’s Gospel, after the crucifixion Peter and some of the other disciples return to their old trade of fishing. There is no suggestion that they believed they had a mission to carry on after the death of Jesus. After Jesus had died their hope went into the tomb and they returned to old, familiar ways. They try their best to cope with the loss of the one who had changed their lives. After a long night fishing the disciples catch nothing. However a distant figure on the shore tells them to try again. They pull in a marvellous haul of fish. The Beloved Disciple identifies the figure as Jesus, and Peter in his excitement tries treading water once more to be with him. After the meal Jesus asks Peter three times about the reality of his love. Three times Peter affirms on his love, as three times Jesus insists on asking him the question again. And when Peter professes his love Jesus commissions him to care for his flock, in other words the people of God. Loving the Lord is always a call to care for others.

And this is what Peter does, as we hear in today’s First Reading. In his ministry of preaching and healing Peter reaches out to many people, and the authorities become nervous at the ability of Peter and the other disciples to work in the name of Jesus. In spite of the opposition Peter will continue insisting on his love for Jesus. This insistence will lead him to martyrdom in Rome. In the end Jesus’ question “Simon do you love me?” becomes completely unnecessary. So the question of Jesus is openly directed to each of us today: “Do you love me?” But before Jesus puts the question to us he goes to enormous trouble to assure us that he really loves us. He died making the point. The question of Jesus stays with us hoping for an answer. The question comes from one who is more interested in our future prospects than our past failures. Jesus doesn’t pass the time in bitter recriminations. He is more interested in what can become of us.

As we celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord this weekend let us pray that, like Peter, we declare our love for God not only in words but in the very way we love our lives of faith.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting of the Women's Sodality will be on 30 April at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please open the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 22 April. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tony Broster, Sarah Byrne, Alf Case, Tom Caulfield, Teresa Cooney, Lily Farrimond, Tom Gibbon, Frances & Darren Hilton, Glynis & Phillip Hindley, Maurice Hurst, Mary Leonard & Family, Liz, May Malley, Vincent Marsh, Paul Marsh, Gerard Moss, Pat Moss & Family, Christopher McCaul, Michael McCrory, Joan Pimblett, Albert Sankey, Tony Shovelton, Tony Warburton, Special Intention St Jude.

### SACRED HEART

#### TEA & COFFEE

Please stay after Mass today and enjoy a biscuit with your drink and some time to socialise. Coffee Morning will be held every second Sunday.

### CLEANERS NEEDED

I am sure that we are all very grateful to the small band of workers who spend an hour or two every Tuesday morning in our church making sure that it is always as clean as possible. They would be very grateful if they could maintain their numbers or even find a few extra persons who are able and willing to share their work. If you can join them, perhaps not every week, please tell Father Kieran (or just turn up).

### 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 Lyn Mulhearn.

### TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Next week is the 200 club draw. Please check your Easter Egg raffle tickets: there are still a few unclaimed prizes.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Mission Books will be at the back of church for those who have Red Boxes and no one comes to the house to empty them.

### CLUB NEWS

Quiz night on Friday, 26 April to raise funds for Rachel Thompson and Mairead Quinn who have been selected to play for England students RL in France at the end of May.

### PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 16 April at the Sacred Heart at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

### 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 Oonagh 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

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YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

As part of our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council we have already held six Holy Hours in the churches of our parish on the same rota as Saturday reconciliation and mid-day Mass. Next Saturday it is St Joseph's turn again. The hour will be themed on the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, published in 1964. There will be scripture readings and eucharistic adoration as well as petitionary prayer and concluding with simple benediction before Mass begins at noon. May's hour will be on the first Saturday in May at Sacred Heart church and the theme will be the decree on the Means of Social Communication, *Inter Mirifica*. So, why not plan on spending a little longer in church instead of just popping in for confession?

### NEWS FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL

We have reached Summer term, though with the weather as it is, it doesn't feel particularly Summer-y! Our Year 11 students are on their final countdown, with regular reminders of how many school hours are left! Please hold our students in your prayers as they start preparation in earnest for their GCSE and A-Level exams, which start in May. This is a busy term with lots going on - thank you to our staff in advance! The theme this week is courage. There is at least one drama-filled assembly this week, exploring the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den!

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,957.93

The retiring collection next weekend at all churches in our archdiocese will be for the benefit of the Priests' Training Fund.

### 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: . Frank Kenneth Dyer, Dorothy Anne Baker, Maurice Hurst.  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Callum Prescott, Kayleigh Marie Prescott, Kyan Graham Prescott and Alfie James Close.

### VISION ROMANIA

On 3 May, Barby Breeze is going out to work with a team from Vision Romania, staying at a camp and providing essential dental treatment for underprivileged children, teenagers and young adults with special needs. We will take out basic medicines and dressings for the health team; buy and deliver food /toiletry parcels; provide the accommodation, transport and food for the youngsters and their parents or carers, camp leaders and the UK team. I would be very grateful for all your prayers and good wishes, but would also like to fund-raise for the camp; and so I will be selling raffle tickets after the 8.30 and 10.30am Masses at St Joseph's on Sunday 28 May. Please help if you can, but otherwise simply wish me well on my venture. Thank you, Barby.

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

Donations for the stalls would be most welcome. There will be a Tombola, Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Bric-a-Brac and a Raffle. Items can be left at St Joseph's presbytery any weekday between 9.00am & 4.00pm.

## "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

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Parish office weekdays only 673517

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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

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGH

Present

a Concert in aid of local charities

**A String Quartet by**

**Members of the**

**HALLE ORCHESTRA**

7.30pm Friday 17th May 2013

Leigh Parish Church

Tickets £10.00

Ring Bryan Kay 01942 673068



## 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 13 April

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

### Monday 15 April

#### Weekday of Easter (Week 3)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.45am Funeral Service Dorothy Anne Baker (Howe Bridge Crematorium)  
StJ 12.00noon MASS  
StJ 1.30pm Funeral Service Frank Kenneth Baker

### Tuesday 16 April

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Tommy Walsh  
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

### Wednesday 17 April

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Maurice Hurst  
SH 7.00pm MASS Christopher McCaul

### Thursday 18 April

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 9.30am MASS John Wilcock LD  
SH 12.00noon MASS Vincent Nestor

### Friday 19 April

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
OL 12.00noon MASS John Wilcock  
StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Saturday 20 April

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation & Year of Faith Holy Hour  
StJ 12.00noon MASS  
12A 5.30pm MASS Tom Dunne

### Sunday 21 April

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

#### (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

StJ 8.30am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish  
SH 9.30am MASS Patrick A. O'Sullivan  
StJ 10.30am MASS  
OL 11.00am MASS Terry Jones  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 5 April the numbers drawn were 15, 23, 24. No winner of £450. Last week's estimated jackpot was £520.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 287, M&D Flannery; £5, 414, C Ellis; £3, 160, B Welding; £2, 470, B&H Edwards. **Bonus Ball** 36, E Nuttall.

### 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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