

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

28 APRIL 2013



Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

The first Christian community shared everything in common, and the first thing we hear about the apostle Barnabas is that he sold his estate and laid the money at the feet of the other apostles. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, Luke describes him as a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and full of faith whose encouragement resulted in many people persevering in their faith.

There was one man in particular who was helped by Barnabas: his name was Paul. Remember that Paul had been the grand inquisitor and persecutor of the early Church. After his conversion Paul tells us that he spent three years in the Arabian desert in a long renewal course as he prepared to become an apostle of the Lord. When he emerged from the wilderness he went to Jerusalem to see Peter. The apostles gave Paul a cool reception, no doubt because they found it difficult to believe that such an accomplished persecutor of the early Church now wanted to become one of them. But one man encouraged Paul in his new life and decided to sponsor him. Barnabas had been chosen to oversee the Church in Antioch, the capital of Syria. He went to find Paul and invited him to join him as his assistant. For a full year they ministered there. It was at Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first known as Christians. Clearly, Paul and Barnabas fulfilled the command of Jesus in today's Gospel: "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples". Paul and Barnabas travelled widely together and, as we hear in today's First Reading, they put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in faith.

Paul extended to others the encouragement he had received from Barnabas. For Barnabas saw something in Paul that no other disciple saw: he saw beyond the face of the persecutor into the heart of a man who was struggling to become an apostle. Barnabas brought out the best in Paul. And he did this by spending time with him, no doubt listening to him and sharing with him, for over 1,400 miles of travelling and preaching. When Paul needs help and advice, especially at the beginning of his ministry, it is Barnabas who helps him. Barnabas lives up to his name, son of encouragement, by helping Paul live up to his new name and position as an apostle of Christ Jesus.

By encouraging him, Barnabas actually gives shape to Paul's life. And he does this, not by idle chatter or distant well-wishing but by staying with Paul and joining with him on his journey of faith. He promotes the best that is in Paul. He assists the possible. He invests his time and love and energy in the person Paul can become. We can all bless God for the people who invested in us, who encouraged us to be the people we are. But we need to pray that one day, perhaps EVERY DAY, we can be a Barnabas to someone else.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Peggy Bogan, Elizabeth Frost, May Gilbanks, Wilf Gilligan, Gregory Family, Olivia Hartnell, Stephen Hartnell, Maurice Hurst, Annie Johnson, James McDermott, Eddie Trumble, Successful Operation,

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.

ST JOSEPH'S GARDENING DAY

On Thursday, 2 May we will be having another Gardening Day. Please come along for 10.00am if you are able to help keep the gardens looking lovely.

SACRED HEART

THE REPOSITORY

... is a very grand name for our little shop in what used to be the second confessional box half-way down the right-hand aisle of our church. So, even if you haven't been a customer before, you shouldn't be surprised at how small it is inside. You might be surprised by the large range of items in stock. New stock at the moment is of cards and small gifts suitable for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion of the children in Year 4 which will soon take place. There is always a wide choice of Sympathy cards, Mass cards, even Birthday cards as well as religious devotional articles for all needs. Please come and have a look. The repository is open before and after Sunday Mass.

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 Ann Marie Whalley née Baguley.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Today is our monthly retiring collection please be your usual generous selves. Easter Egg Raffle: Please check your tickets against the numbers at the back of church. Some prizes still unclaimed, this is your last chance

CLUB NEWS

Please consider using the Parish Centre for your special occasion, also please try to support the many groups who use it tel 209192 for information. Bingo every Wednesday at 8.30pm in the Lounge.

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

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NEWS FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL

As we enter May (already!) we are looking at the theme of friendship. In the spirit of friendship between ourselves and our feeder primaries, we have another of our Primary Sport Festivals this week – I know the PE department and their student volunteers are looking forward to working with our young visitors! Last week we found out who the finalists are for our X Factor Grand Final, to be held in the next few weeks. Congratulations to those who have made it – and good luck!

LAY LED FUNERALS

The Archdiocese have begun training lay people to conduct Committal Services and Funeral Services in parishes. The Pastoral Area have 2 people who have been trained to do this work. Most Services will continue to be celebrated by priests and deacons in the Pastoral Area, however, when times of Services have been booked by Funeral Directors and the family wish the time to be adhered to, and no minister is available the Lay Leader will be invited to conduct the service. As part of cost cutting in Wigan Council cemetery staff have been reduced. In recent weeks we have had to move funerals to another day because staff were unavailable for burial at the time required. This will put more pressure on arranging funerals

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“Will You Love Me?”

Will you give me your life forever?

Will you carry my cross everyday?

Will you walk in the light

of my presence?

Will you follow the truth

of my ways?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,724.37
Priests' Training Fund	£1,771.34
Donations in memory of Maurice Hurst	£ 150

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

Liam Bradshaw, Francis Murphy, Alfonso Graceffa
Eternal rest grant unto them...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Alexia Kayleigh Downs, Ollie Jay Downs, Emily Ann Gamble and William Aiden Canning.

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 April. Please help if you can, but otherwise simply wish me well on my venture. Thank you, Barby.



YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

As part of our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council we have already held seven Holy Hours in the churches of our parish on the same rota as Saturday reconciliation and mid-day Mass. Next Saturday it is Sacred Heart's turn again. The hour will be themed on the decree on the Means of Social Communication, *Inter Mirifica*, published in 1963. There will be scripture readings and eucharistic adoration as well as petitionary prayer and concluding with simple benediction before Mass begins at noon. June's hour will be on the fourth Saturday (22 June) at Our Lady of the Rosary church and the theme will be the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. So, why not plan on spending a little longer in church instead of just popping in for confession?

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

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

Charity

Back to School 70's & 80's

Leigh Lancastrian Squash Club
Sat 18th May, 7.30pm till late

Fancy dress optional
2 Great Female artists to get the party going
plus resident DJ
Including Hot Pot Supper
Only £10.00

Please contact

All proceeds to meningitis Trust

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 27 April

12A 5.30pm MASS Frank Stout

Sunday 28 April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Rebecca Duffy
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Mary Flynn
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Monday 29 April

FEAST: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Tert OP., V.D. (14th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 30 April

Weekday of Easter (Week 5)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wednesday 1 May

FEAST: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
StJ 2.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE Alfonso Graceffa
SH 7.00pm MASS Kitty O'Conner

Thursday 2 May

Memorial: St. Athanasius, B.D. (3rd/4th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Mark Prescott
SH 12.00noon MASS Peter Unsworth

Friday 3 May

FEAST: ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
(OL) 12.00noon MASS AT MOSS BANK COURT Rita Lilgannon
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Francis Murphy

Saturday 4 May

FEAST: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (16th/17th c.)

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation & Year of Faith Holy Hour
SH 12.00noon MASS Charlie McEntree
12A 1.00pm NUPTIAL MASS Michael Watt and Catherine Anne Thompson
StJ 1.30pm NUPTIAL MASS Matthew John Speight & Nichola Mairead Toher
12A 5.30pm MASS Marion Sanderson LD

Sunday 5 May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Philomena Gaughan
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 19 April the numbers drawn were 7, 12, 16. Two lucky winners shared £616. Last week's estimated jackpot was £70.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, nnn, abc; £5, nnn, abc; £3, nnn, abc; £2, nnn, abc. **Bonus Ball** n, abc.

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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