

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C)

19 MAY 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A group of dispirited followers of Jesus had gathered and locked themselves in an upper room, probably the same room where the Last Supper was held. There was fear and suspicion amongst them all, especially in wondering what was going to happen next. They feared that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. So they listened to every step on the stair. They waited for the knock of the executioner. They prayed that no one would discover their hiding place and that the world would leave them safe in their secret enclosure.

In contrast to the disciples in the Upper Room, we hear of the powerful image of the Holy Spirit as one who is not shy of the boundaries and the barriers that people put up. The presence of the Holy Spirit makes the disciples open their lives to others: they don't just decorate their sacred enclosure. They leave it and pass over into the lives of others with the gift of the Gospel message along with the peace of Christ and the forgiveness he offers. The disciples go outdoors. They go to the market-place where people gather and there they proclaim to everyone how they have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. They tell everyone how God has worked wonders through them. At first the crowds think the apostles are drunk, no doubt because they are sure it takes some kind of spirit to change these men. Whatever it is, everyone acknowledges that something dramatic has happened to change the outlook and behaviour of the followers of Jesus, especially when they can hear them speaking in their own language. The name of this happening is the Holy Spirit and the disciples speak in a new language, breaking all misunderstanding and division and bringing harmony and unity to the people.

After Pentecost the Church struggles to live the language of the Spirit. In today's Second Reading we hear Paul reminding the divided community at Corinth that their diverse gifts are all for the good of the whole community. It is the one dynamic Spirit that is the source of all the community's many gifts. And the Spirit which fired the apostles and which enthused Paul is the same Spirit which fires and drives us on us today. The Spirit does this in our own mundane attempts to work at forgiveness and love and understanding. This is the language of the Spirit. In those moments when we feel love or admiration or compassion for someone, when we feel moved to help someone in need, even when we hold the door open for someone or let them in before us in a queue, this is the Spirit at work today. Forgiveness, compassion, love and understanding form a language that everyone needs to hear today. This is the language we are invited to speak and the promise is that, when we speak it, people will recognise it and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to do good themselves. They can truly say that we are speaking their language because it is a language that has no boundaries, and no special dictionaries are needed to understand it. It is the language of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday may we speak with the language of the Spirit always and share the gifts of God's love with others.

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Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS MAY PROCESSION

This year's May Procession will be held on Wednesday, 22 May at 7.00pm. We would like to invite the children of St Joseph's School to lead the Procession, especially the children who are receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation in June and also Y6, who are saying the Rosary with Mrs Gibbon once a week at lunch time. You are welcome to bring a flower to place on Our Lady's Altar.

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CARDS

Will be on sale at the back of church after both Masses today

### MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, John & Annie Carroll, Alfred Case, John Donohue, Mary, Thomas, Donald & Michael Jones, John Lucas, Vincent Lythgoe, Joan & Richard McCarthy, Edel Quinn, Thanksgiving St Anthony & St Jude,

### 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 Edward & Mary Gallagher.

### CONFIRMATION NOTICE

... for catechists and all parents of Y4 children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and making their First Communion on Saturday 1 June at 10.00am in Sacred Heart church. There will be a practice for the event on Friday, 24 May at 3.45pm in Sacred Heart church.

### TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers and note that on the first Saturday in June the usual Exposition, Reconciliation and midday Mass will not be taking place at Sacred Heart. On the second Saturday in June the usual Exposition, Reconciliation and midday Mass will not be taking place at Twelve Apostles because the children there will be in church for Confirmation and First Communion.

### TWELVE APOSTLES 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.

### CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Next weekend is our monthly retiring collection please be you usual generous selves. Wednesday is the 200 Club Draw, please see John Thompson if you would like a number or to make sure you're up to date.

Everyone is welcome to come over to the club after Mass to have a chat to Fr Keiran and a coffee etc, we are also holding a meeting with those who might have ideas about organising some events to help to keep the parish centre open everyone welcome

## NEWS FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL

In our last week before half term, we are focusing on the events of Pentecost. We are also waving goodbye to our leavers with services this week to celebrate their time with us. Thanks must go to students who have been involved with the planning of these services. We would like to wish all staff and students a safe half term.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Next Sunday we will hold our cake sale after Mass. Any support you are able to give, either through donations or home baking would be greatly appreciated. Forget the waistline - indulge!

### URGENTLY REQUIRED

We have had a request from Sr Megan to help a gentleman who has fallen on hard times. He has been given a flat but does not have anything for it. He urgently needs a fridge, to keep his medication in. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Sr Megan on 01942 683554.

### CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Mass to celebrate the work done with children in our parishes is once again going to be celebrated at the Cathedral this year on Sunday 30 June at 2.30pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams and all children and their families and catechists from across the Archdiocese are invited to join in this special occasion.

### THE THIRD AGE TRUST U3A

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

If you are retired or semi-retired would you be interested in helping to start a U3A in Leigh & District?

Come along to the launch meeting at Leigh Miners welfare, Kirby Rd, Leigh on Friday 31 May from 1.00 - 3.00pm. Enquiries to Lesley Bates 01942 375531.

### AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS



On Sunday, 2 June at 5.00pm Rome time (4.00pm in the UK), the Holy Father will preside at an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's Basilica in communion with all Bishops and their local diocesan communities around the world. All Bishops have been asked to celebrate in their own Cathedrals an hour of Eucharistic devotion synchronized in time with the Vatican celebration.

This information and invitation to arrange a service at our Cathedral has come with short notice, but we will respond by holding a service of Choral Evening Prayer, Exposition and Benediction, at 4.00pm on Sunday 2 June.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,566.06  
World Communications £ 385.23

### SICK

Please remember Teresa Doughtey, Jemima Oxendale, Bill Parr, Peggy Sharrock, Irene Winifred Smith and all who are sick at this time.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to David John Wilcock & Emma Louise Rudd who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Taylah Alexandra Grundy, Eloise Grace Nixon, Carter James Briscoe.



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

### CAFOD IF CAMPAIGN

If the World produces enough  
food for everyone,  
why doesn't everyone have  
enough food?

In 2013 leaders of the world's most powerful countries, known as G8, will meet in the UK. Together, we're calling on those leaders to tackle global hunger. Will you join us?

IF people power can cancel debt and abolish apartheid, it can tackle hunger.

We can say 'charity begins at home' IF we recognise the planet is our home.

Enough Food For Everyone IF We All Act Together In 2013  
For information how you can help visit [cafod.org.uk/if](http://cafod.org.uk/if)

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## JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

Annual Assembly 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](mailto:s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk)



### St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 April 2013, Sacred Heart, Opening Prayer Present were: Fr Cooper, Fr O'Grady, John Thompson, Julia Galloway, Gillian Elliott, Anne Jones, Josephine Maxwell, Paul Clews, A Arrowsmith, Christine Welch, Kathleen Smith, Eileen Johnson, Debbie Davies. Apologies: John Prince, Kathleen Dennis, Peter Galloway.

There were no matters arising from the last minutes. Report by Julia Galloway on 'Crossing the Threshold' resource day covering how to reach 'lapsed' Catholics. Julia to provide a summary of the recommendations and information for the next meeting.

Fr Steve stressed that there will be a greater need for the Parish to respond to the Social needs of the Community in light of recent changes in the benefit system, we would welcome three or more representatives on the 'Food Bank' Committee.

Fr Steve has experienced for the first time the need to use a Lay Person from St Margaret Clitherow Parish to conduct a funeral service because no-one was available at a time requested by a Funeral Director. This could become more common in the future.

Progress is now underway to find a replacement for Gerald who dealt with building matters. Both Fr Kieran and Fr Steve are having to deal with these matters and it is increasing their already busy schedule especially in matters of Health and Safety.

There is a need for a Bereavement group in our part of the Pastoral Area as well as support for Justice and Peace groups. 'Lourdes at Home' day - suggestions welcome for date and format which has remained the same since it started five years ago (Newsletter Item)

Fr Kieran suggested the possibility of a 'Day of Recollection' e.g. Pentasaph and suggestions are welcome Churches should consider promoting 'Fair Trade' products. A query was brought up about second collections at Sacred Heart and Fr Steve suggested there should be a review.

It was asked if putting all the churches' collections together had resulted in a drop in income. Fr Steve thought there may be other reasons and now that we are all one parish we will eventually see the whole financial situation.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held at Twelve Apostles on Thursday 30 May 7.30pm.

## 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 18 May

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mark Prescott

### Sunday 19 May

#### SOLEMNITY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Esther Hodson

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS **Easter tide ends today**

#### Ordinary Time - Summer

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 7)

### Monday 20 May

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tuesday 21 May

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Rita Gorman

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

### Wednesday 22 May

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Michael & Theresa Cahill

StJ 7.00pm May Procession

### Thursday 23 May

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Brian Moffatt

SH 12.00noon MASS Kitty O'Connor (sick)

### Friday 24 May

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 12.00noon MASS Vincent Powell

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Saturday 25 May

#### Memorial: St. Bede The Venerable, OSB, P.D. (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> c.)

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Teresa Ryder

12A 5.30pm MASS Frank Stout

### Sunday 26 May

#### SOLEMNITY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS James Mannion

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Tom Sales

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 10 May the numbers drawn were 20, 21, 25. No winner of 132. Last week's estimated jackpot was £200.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 459, M Moore; £5, 192, M Collins; £3, 344, R Ellis; £2, 455, C Ellis.  
**Bonus Ball** 3, J Flynn.

#### 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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