

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

2 JUNE 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear the famous story of Jesus feeding the crowd in the desert. They had come to listen to him speak. Jesus had two good reasons why he might have sent them away. Firstly Herod, who had already murdered his cousin John, was expressing an interest in meeting him. So it was surely a time for Jesus to keep a low profile. And secondly, the disciples needed a break, having just returned from a mission. But Jesus didn't send them away. He looked at them with compassion, and saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he gathered them around him. Picture Jesus surrounded by over 5,000 people. They were drawn by the magnetism of his words and, no doubt, the warmth of his personality. The first thing he did was to teach them about the Kingdom of Heaven. Then he healed the sick. By the time he finished it was late afternoon and everyone was hungry. The disciples urged him to send the people away. Instead he worked a great miracle to feed them. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when the Lord said the blessing, and distributed the food to the multitude, prefigured the food he gives us in the Eucharist.

On the day of the resurrection, the early Christians met to break bread. From that time on down to our own day, the celebration of the Eucharist has continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church. It remains the centre of the Church's life. Vatican II described it as the "source and summit" of all that we do as Christians. We are the new people of God. Jesus is in our midst. Here, we hear his voice when the scriptures are proclaimed. They are living words which console, inspire and challenge us today.

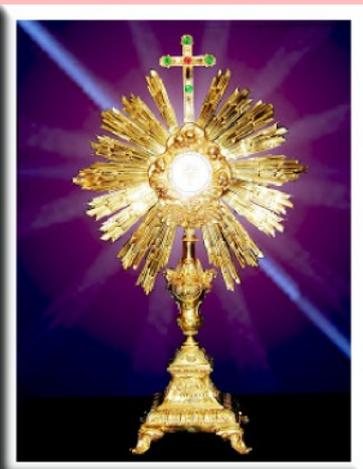
Today we continue to be nourished with the Bread of Life. As Jesus says himself, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall not have life in you." (John 6:53) At the end of Mass we are not simply dismissed, but sent forth as bearers and sharers of God's life with others.

As we celebrate this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we proclaim that Jesus is in our presence. We continue to celebrate his presence until we share in the banquet of his Kingdom, a banquet he chooses to share with all of God's children.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

#### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's, 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 June. All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

#### VISION ROMANIA

Vision Romania and I, Barby Breeze, send a big thank you to everybody for their prayers, good wishes and also for their generous support at the end of April. The raffle raised £248.00 to add to the funds for the camp, so thank you all so much! I thoroughly enjoyed my busman's holiday and managed to provide dental treatment for approximately 120 people with special needs. *Be warned I want to go back next year!*

#### MASS INTENTIONS

William Brown, George Dale, Brenda Hoffman, John Lucas, Deceased Members of the Manfredi Family, Delia Riley, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Thanksgiving

#### 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 Ellen Kelly.

#### 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.

The Friends of Twelve Apostles School have organised another popular Fashion Show on Friday 21 June, 7.30pm at XII Apostles Club. The company that comes sell mostly ladies' clothes from many High Street shops at extremely cheap prices. There will also be a lady selling handbags and jewellery. Admission tickets, priced £3, are available from the school office or Therese Thompson. If you can sell tickets to friends and family please collect some from the school office. The event will only go ahead if a minimum of 80 tickets are sold, so we need to start selling tickets early. This is a fun evening and a good fundraiser for school so please support it if you can.

**Date for your diary:** Twelve Apostles Club are holding a Ceilidh on Friday, 5 July: tickets will be on sale shortly.

#### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This Sunday is our coffee morning after 11.00am Mass.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to our cakes sale, and to all those who bought cakes.

#### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We're back in school refreshed this week after a half term that staff and students alike were ready for! We continue to ask for prayers for our KS4 and KS5 students sitting important exams over the coming weeks. This week our primary transition team are in a number of our feeder primary schools delivering workshops to the Y6 children coming to St Mary's in September. We are looking forward to meeting the children and starting to work with them! Emma is also in a number of our primary schools working with Y5 children to prepare for this year's Relay of Prayer – more information to follow.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

### ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday, 3 June at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Fundraising is one of the main topics of the meeting which is open to all parishioners and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend but have any queries or suggestions contact the Parish Office and these would be discussed at the meeting.

### PASTORAL AREA FORUM

The next meeting of the Pastoral Area Forum will be on Wednesday, 5 June at St Ambrose Barlow.

### Pastoral Area 22, Leigh and District, Justice and Peace meeting, 10 April 2013

Members of the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission met parishioners at an open meeting on 10 April at Holy Family, Boothstown.

#### Action during Lent 2013

During Lent the work of CAFOD was celebrated in both parishes, with the intention raising awareness of its mission and increasing fundraising. In St Margaret Clitherow parish funds were raised through three coffee mornings and a de-clutter sale as well as through the CAFOD fast day collection: a total of £3,152. Figures for St Edmund Arrowsmith parish were not available at the meeting. The youth SVP led the young people's service of Stations of the Cross.

**There was further discussion relating to the agreed aims of this J&P group i.e. to:**

(1) support and broaden the impact of some activities already established – co-ordinating these across the two parishes where possible.

(2) highlight major issues (local, national, international) and lead a response as appropriate.

#### Actions arising from these:

(a) It was suggested that all our parish communities and schools be invited to commit themselves to become 'Fair-trade' parishes.

(b) The group discussed the suggestion from the previous meeting that the work of the Fair trade organisation, Traid-Craft, already well established at Holy Family, be introduced to all church communities. Members of Holy Family church community will contact parishioners at St Ambrose and St Richard's.

(c) The local refugee centre is now benefiting from the Ather-ton and Leigh food bank, set up by a charity linked to the Trussell Trust. Following a discussion as to whether we could be of assistance in organising a food bank, Fr Paul offered to contact the local co-ordinator and invite him to attend our next meeting.

**There was discussion of the major concerns, arising from changes in national financial support arrangements and the social effects of the lack of local extended families.**

These include: the loneliness of old people; problems arising from use of money and addictions – with concerns re the impact of impending legislation concerning welfare payments; the assistance required for a large number of parishioners suffering from cancer.

Concerns arising from changes in national financial support arrangements are to be the focus of the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace annual conference.

Members of the group, at the next meeting, will clarify the mission and vision of this group and the possible means of fulfilling these through a range of activities.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 4 June, at St Joseph's presbytery, commencing 7.30pm.**

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

### PARISH TOTAL

£1,463.12

The retiring collection in the archdiocese this weekend is to support Priests in Retirement.

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Please keep the Y4 children from Twelve Apostles and St Joseph's and their families in your prayers. On Saturday, 8 June they are being confirmed and making their First Communion. Please note that on that day the usual Exposition, Reconciliation and midday Mass will not be taking place at Twelve Apostles.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children that were confirmed and made their First Holy Communion yesterday (Saturday) at Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Megan Holt, Sienna Grace Cunliffe, Harley Jax Marczack

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Stephen James Midgley & Emma Louise Devlin, who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday.

### SICK

Please remember Ray Madej (Fr Anton's dad) and all who are sick at this time.

### LATELY DEAD

Anne Devlin, Maureen Lewin, Josef Adach  
Eternal rest grant unto them....

### 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. If sufficient names are added to lists at the back of churches, a coach will be booked.

### DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU!

**Are you aged 15-21 and thinking about the priesthood?**  
On Sunday, 2 June 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, socialize 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.

### INVOCATION IN THE NORTH 2013

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. For more information:  
[www.invocation.org.uk](http://www.invocation.org.uk)

### Julie Foulds School Of Dance

Members of the International Dance Teachers Association

St Joseph's Mather Room, Mather Lane  
Tel. 0788 232496/ 07809673564

#### Adults

Wednesday Nights 8.00-9.30pm  
Beginners Improvers 8.30-10.00pm  
Ballroom, Latin & Sequence £7.00 each

#### Children

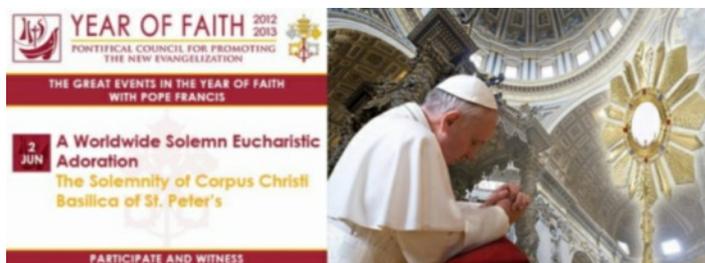
Friday 5.00 6.30p, 4 - 7yrs.  
Disco/ Ballroom Princess  
All levels £5.50  
8yrs and above 5.30 - 6.30 Disco  
6.30 - 7.30 Ballroom £6.00

### AN INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS



Today (Sunday), Pope Francis will preside at an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's, Rome, at 5.00pm (4.00pm UK time). He invites all Catholics across the world to join him. There are three ways we could do this:

- 1) **Online** - Join Pope Francis in prayer via the internet. Various sites will be broadcasting the event, including: <https://saltandlighttv.org>
- 2) **At the Cathedral** - There will be Choral Evening Prayer, Exposition and Benediction at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 4.00pm.
- 3) **In the Pastoral Area** - There will be a Holy Hour at Holy Family, Boothstown, at 4.00pm. All are welcome.



### 'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

This year's 'Lourdes At Home' Day in our Pastoral Area will take place on Thursday, 25 July at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley. The day will follow the same pattern as previous years:

8.00am	Early Morning Mass (Fr P.)
12.00noon	Mass of Anointing (followed by lunch) (Fr K.)
7.30pm	Holy Hour and Procession (Fr D.)

## 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 1 June

12A 5.30pm MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

### Sunday 2 June

**SOLEMNITY: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Doris Stout & Higgins family

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Michael Newill

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Monday 3 June

**Memorial: Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions MM (19th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tuesday 4 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 9)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Bessie Eccles (sick)

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

### Wednesday 5 June Memorial: St. Boniface, OSB, B.M. (7th/8th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Nora Devaney

### Thursday 6 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Peter McGuinness (LD)

OL 9.45am REQUIEM MASS Anne Devlin

SH 12.00noon MASS Gladys Bailey

### Friday 7 June

**SOLEMNITY: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (YEAR C)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 12.00noon MASS AT MOSS BANK COURT Betty Gill

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 1.45pm REQUIEM MASS Maureen Lewin

SH 7.30pm MASS Anthony Whittle

### Saturday 8 June

**Memorial: The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

12A 10.00am Confirmation & First Holy Communion Mass for Y4 children

**NO** Reconciliation or Exposition this week

12A 5.30pm MASS Mr Jones

### Sunday 9 June

**TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Alojzy & Anna Tesmer

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Josephine Grosvenor

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 24 May the numbers drawn were 1, 6, 20. No winner of £268. Last week's estimated jackpot was £320.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, nnn, X Xxxx; £5, nnn, X Xxxx; £3, nnn, X Xxxx; £2, nnn, X Xxxx. **Bonus Ball** No. 43 F. Basburn

### 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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