

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

9 JUNE 2013



Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Leonard Cheshire spent six years dropping bombs on Germany. He became a celebrated and decorated pilot in the RAF. As war ended in Europe, Cheshire went as a witness on the bombing raid, in 1945, that dropped the nuclear bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. It was the effect of seeing all this destruction that left him bereft of any faith that he grew up with. At the war's end, he was of the view that there could be no God, and that the notions of right and wrong only exist in the human mind to try to keep some semblance of social order in the world. Leaving the war behind him, Cheshire felt moved to try to help people who had been damaged by the war, especially ex-service men and women. One day a man appealed to him for help and Cheshire took him to his own home. The man was dying. Cheshire learned nursing skills and looked after him. So began the great work of Leonard Cheshire's life, setting up homes for people with disabilities and caring for them. As this work of nursing developed, Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, both converted to the Catholic faith. One day Cheshire had idly picked up a book called "One Lord, One Faith", and so began a journey of discovering his own faith again and coming to know God. The experience of destruction had drained Cheshire of faith. The experience of compassion led him back to God.

In the life journey of St. Paul a similar dramatic conversion took place. Whereas Leonard Cheshire had an undeveloped faith that faded away under the pressure of war, Paul developed a strong faith that was sometimes twisted by bias and bigotry. Earlier on Paul tried to destroy the Christian faith. On this journey of destruction Paul "met" the Risen Jesus, and was thrown into total confusion: "Who are you, Lord?" This confusion scattered the certainties of Paul's earlier religious practice and changed everything completely. God had opened up the way for a new person to be born in Paul. Hence the change of his name from Saul to Paul, to indicate the new nature that was growing within him. As the Lord himself said of Paul, this man who sowed terrible seeds of destruction would himself suffer much for the sake of the Lord's name. This is where we can see Paul's real conversion – from death to life. Saul of Tarsus was a man being eaten up by a narrow religion and a self-righteous indignation. God had become a useful ally with which to exploit Saul's anger at the world. In meeting the Risen Jesus, all Saul's anger flowed out of him, and a new spirit, the Holy Spirit, flowed in. Saul became Paul.

The Lord whom we meet is a Lord of LIFE, not death. As Jesus walks into the village of Nain, a procession of death, the burial of a young man, is processing out. These two processions cannot be allowed to bypass one another. Compassion for a widowed, grieving mother causes Jesus to go up to her and touch the body of her dead son. "Do not cry," Jesus says. "Young man, I tell you to get up." What a transformation must have come over the town of Nain that day. The Lord of Life has restored joy to their very lives. The risen Lord is in our midst too. This Lord, who restores life to the dead, who reveals to us the promise and hope of everlasting life, is also the Lord who brings us to life today. Wherever death and destruction threaten us, wherever anger and violence darken the world, wherever sadness and despair rob our souls of light, there the Risen Lord comes to meet us. Saul of Tarsus, who threatened others with imprisonment and even death, did not realize how imprisoned he was. He did not understand that he was living a deathly life. But the touch of the Risen Lord changed all that. Confusion first, leading to blindness for a while. But then he was given new sight and a new way of living. Paul, the new man, could never stop thanking God for the gift of salvation. Let's thank God for the new life he gives us and pray that, as we follow him today, we may continue to follow the Risen Lord from death to new life in Heaven.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

MASS TIMES

Please note: There will not be a 12 noon Mass on Wednesday or Friday this week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Rose Arnez, The Brown Family, Alicia Cox (nee Porter), Anne Devlin, Aurther Heaton, Nicholas Jackson, Elsie Kelleher, Maureen Lewin, John & Ellen Lynn, OTerry Malley, Marin Noon, David Riley, Betty Sroka, Rita Wilson, Prayers Answered, Successful Operation, St Teresa

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 John Hindley.

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 High Street shops (inc. Marks and Spencer's, Jayne Norman, Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop) 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 are on sale at £5. Refreshments available, sure to be a great night: see Therese Thompson or Ann Gredecki for tickets.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The cake sale last week raised a total of £170. It was a great success – everything that was donated was sold on the day. Many thanks to those who organised and helped, those who baked and donated goods and those who cleared the lot!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This week our theme is one of Peace in its many forms. This is a busy time in school, with exams still going on (we continue to ask for prayers) and a lot of Primary Transition work taking place. We want to make the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 as easy as possible for our students, and so a team of staff and Year 9 students are visiting the feeder primaries and delivering workshops to children joining us in September. Chaplain Emma is also out in the primaries working with some Year 5 students as they prepare for this year's Relay of Prayer (24-28 June). After a successful inaugural run last year we are running the event again. If any parishioners would like to be involved in the week, there are opportunities to walk with the children and also to join us with services each night that week. For more details please phone Emma at school (884144) or email e.allison@smchs.org.uk.

ASYLUM SEEKERS

Thanks to you who donate food items regularly for asylum seekers. These go to the Leigh Asylum Seekers and Refugees Support (LASARS) group, which meets on Tuesday afternoons at Kingsleigh Youth Centre (opposite the bus station). You would be most welcome from 12noon to 4pm.



From our Archdiocese, World Youth Day pilgrims Sarah Beaty, Sarah Brooks and Mike Meadows have got Rio covered for their visit next month as together they make up Animate's media team for the event which is expected to draw millions, including Pope Francis, to Brazil.

The theme of this year's World Youth Day is 'Go and make disciples of all nations' (cf Matthew 28:19) and it will take place from 23-28 July with young people working in local dioceses during the preceding week. On the evening of Friday 26 July Pope Francis will take part in the Via Crucis with the young people on Copacabana beach and on Saturday evening, 27 July, he will take part in a prayer vigil with them. The Papal Mass will be celebrated on the last morning of the pilgrimage, Sunday 28 July.

To follow the pilgrims in the build up to their journey and then from Wednesday 17 July in Brazil through to their return on Tuesday 30 July go to the Animate Youth Ministries website: www.animateyouth.org.uk or the Archdiocese of Liverpool website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk where there will be news and links.

A Daily Prayer

Lord, I'm so easily consumed
by my own worries and problems,
looming larger than life in my fears and my dreams...

I need some perspective, a wider angle,
a longer view for seeing what's real,
what's great and what's small...

Lord, give me perspective in praying for others...

Let me pray for the dying and the critically ill;
for all those in prison or unjustly bound;
let me pray for the homeless, the poor on the streets,
those without medicine, water and food...

Let me pray for the lonely, forgotten and lost;
for innocent victims of terror and war;
let me pray for the abandoned, the abused and addicted
and for all who suffer alone...

Let me pray for those who have no friends,
no one to lean on when times are tough;
Let me pray for those who have no hope, no faith,
no God to pray to when worries and problems
loom larger than life in their fears and dreams...

Give me some perspective, Lord,
a wider angle, a longer view for seeing what's real,
what's great and what's small
in my mind and life today...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,795.96
Priests in Retirement £ 572.25

APPEALS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

On Sat/Sun 22/23 June at all Masses in the Pastoral Area, Aid to the Church In Need will have speakers at all Masses and take the second collection.

On Sunday 30 June at St Joseph's there will be an appeal from the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who were confirmed and made their First Holy Communion yesterday (Saturday) at Twelve Apostles and St Joseph's. Please keep them in your prayers.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Angel Irene McGurk, Daisy Oivia Brown, Ellis Joshua Fillingham, William Patrick George Collins.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Christopher Hopwood & Louise Orrell, who were married at St Joseph's on Friday and to Kieran Morrison & Rachael Rowe who were married at the Sacred Heart on Saturday

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Francis Westhead, Stephen Wilkinson, Julia Maria Theresa Hodgson.
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, their families and catechists, teachers and workers from across the Archdiocese are warmly invited to join in this special occasion. If you would like to take an active part in the Mass, please email: celebratethechild@tesco.net

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

The next meeting of the Pastoral Area Scripture Group will be on Thursday, 13 June at 2.00pm in Holy Family Presbytery. We will focus on Chapters 20-22 of the Acts of the Apostles. Please bring along a Bible. All welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

Bishop Malone invites you to join him on Saturday, 29 June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 5RR. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 12.00noon in St Mary's church, followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. For further information, contact Fr James Preston on 0151 727 2403.

'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

This year's 'Lourdes t 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.)

Fr Cooper will be organising the logistics of the day:- Cards, refreshments, transport for the sick, flowers etc.. If you can help in any way, there will be a meeting on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm at St Ambrose Barlow church.

VOCATIONS

"Holiness is the universal vocation of every person"

'In Verbo Tuo' 18

Every Christian has a vocation. Many have multiple vocations or different vocations at different stages in their lives. Most vocations are not mutually exclusive. It is very easy to define the word vocation in our minds as pertaining only to the priesthood or religious life and, if those are not for us, that gives us an excuse to stop thinking about our personal vocation. A vocation is the voice of the Lord calling to us. For our peace of mind, we need to listen, he might only be whispering in our ear but he never gives up. One particular vocation that has been revived since Vatican Council II is that of the permanent diaconate. It applies to mostly married men called in their thirties, forties or fifties. Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate take place this Sunday, June 9 at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. Bishop Tom Williams will ordain four men: Kevin Duffy from Corpus Christi, Rainford, Adrian Anwyl & Sean O'Donovan from Christ the King, Liverpool and Paul Manyara from Our Lady of Compassion, Formby. These are the first ordinations of permanent deacons in our archdiocese for three years, the last were in 2010. As well as enjoying a personally fulfilling state of life the deacon can also be of practical worth to the Church. If you think the permanent diaconate might be your vocation at this time or you know someone who needs a nudge then contact any of the parish clergy, priests or deacons. This is not an instant decision. There will be a year of discernment and then three years of part-time education and training before any final commitment and ordination. Get more background information from: www.diaconate.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

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 8 June

12A 5.30pm MASS Mr Jones

Sunday 9 June

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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

Monday 10 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 10)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.30am Thomas Calfield and Roy Benson
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 11 June *Memorial: St. Barnabas, Ap (1st c.)*

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

Wednesday 12 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ **NO MASS**
12A 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Francis Westhead
SH 7.00pm MASS Philomena Gaughan

Thursday 13 June *Memorial: St. Anthony of Padua, OFM, P.D. (12th/13th c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Peter McGuinness LD
10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Bank's Chapel Stephen Wilkinson
SH **NO MASS**

Friday 14 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL **NO MASS**
StJ **NO MASS**

Saturday 15 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 5.30pm **NO** Reconciliation or Exposition this week
MASS Lewis MacClain

Sunday 16 June **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

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

Sacred Heart Lottery On 31 May the numbers drawn were 7, 15, 23. No winner of £324. Last week's estimated jackpot was £400.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 257, J Ramsdale; £5, 408, N Jones; £3, 327, M Roach; £2, 272, N Flynn. **Bonus Ball** 9, D Vint. **26 May** £10, 133, C Ackers; £5, 056, R Ellis; £3, 476, M Collins; £2, 161, F Hilton. **Bonus Ball** 43, F Rasburn.

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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