

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

23 JUNE 2013



Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Alfred Nobel, a Swedish industrialist, was rich and famous. Amongst other things he had invented dynamite. But as he neared the end of his life he was extremely unhappy. He had never married and all his life he had been plagued by ill-health. As a result he had a very pessimistic view of life. Then one morning he read his own obituary in a newspaper. It had been a mistake by a journalist. He was very disturbed by what he read. What hurt him most was the false image people had of him. According to the obituary the world would remember him as the “dynamite king”. There was no mention of his desire to unite people and to better the quality of human life. It came as a great shock to him to discover that everything that was essential about his personality, everything that made him as a person – the real Alfred Nobel – was hidden from other people and that the obituary described a different person from the one he knew himself to be. He felt completely misunderstood. He wasn’t like the person the obituary described and, so he made a decision to take immediate action to let the world know what his real ideals and aims were. The first thing to do was to let the world know that he was actually still alive!

He left most of his vast fortune in trust for the betterment of the world. He set up five prizes that would be awarded to men and women who had made outstanding contributions to the world in the areas of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. He wanted to be remembered, not as someone who had invented something that could destroy the world, but as a man who had the good of the whole of humanity at heart.

What happened to Alfred Nobel shows us how wrong people can be in their judgment of others. It happened to Jesus himself. Today’s Gospel shows us what strange ideas people had of him. Some thought he was John the Baptist, who had already died. Others thought he was one of the ancient prophets who had come back to life. As Peter says in the Gospel, Jesus was and is the Messiah. But he was not to be a glorious ruling Messiah as the people expected. He was to be a suffering messiah. He wouldn’t rule, he would serve. Jesus wasn’t interested in being the Messiah of people’s hopes and dreams. He knew he had a God-given destiny to fulfil, and would not be deflected from it.

We are in trouble if our main concern in life is to project a good image of ourselves and to try to live up to people’s expectations. The only thing we are called to be is to be true to ourselves. We can’t be fully alive and happy otherwise. But we should also not be content until we are the best we can be. So, whatever our path in life, what really matters is that we should be ourselves before God, and before others, because it is God himself who has made us who we are today.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

GARDENING DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to the gardening day. You did a fantastic job!

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 25 June at 8.00pm in the Side Hall of St Joseph's Main Hall. All ladies welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Batchegalup Family, Tony Broster, Rita Baxter, John Byrne, Robert Farimond, Kenneth Hargadan, James Hurst, Marlene O'Neill, Rev. Bill Parr, Irene Smith, Sheila Smith, Rhoda Ward, Rita Wilson, Mary Whittle, 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 Catherine Forde.

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.

Twelve Apostles Club are holding a Ceilidh on Friday, 5 July at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at £5. Refreshments available, sure to be a great night: see Therese Thompson, Ann Clews or John and Susan Gredecki for tickets. Come and help bring ALL the parish together.

Church Repair Fund: Next weekend is our monthly retiring collection, please be your usual generous selves

JOINT SCHOOLS RELAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

Children from all the Catholic Primary Schools in the Pastoral Area are having their Relay Of Prayer this week. Members of Years 5 will be walking between the various primary schools accompanied by pupils and staff from St Mary's High School. If you see them, please give them a wave of encouragement or peep your car horn! As part of the Relay of Prayer, there will be a short service each evening in one of the churches. Please come along to one of the services if you can. All the services will start at 7.00pm with a different venue each evening:

Monday 24 June at Holy Family church
Tuesday 25 June at St Richard's church
Wednesday 26 June at Sacred Heart (Leigh) church
Thursday 27 June at St. Joseph's church

"COME & SEE" WEEKEND

The Irenaeus Group are holding a "Come & See" weekend at Christ the King High School, Southport, on Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October. Keynote speakers will include Fr Daniel O'Leary and Edwina Gateley, and the prayer sessions will be led by CJM Music. If you would like to go, please contact Jenny at Irenaeus (0151 949 1199) or email her at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk If we get enough people from the Pastoral Area, we could make a group booking which would

make it cheaper. If you would like to go, please contact Fr Paul or Bernie Bates at St. Richard's.

LOURDES FLOODED AGAIN

After last October's floods, Lourdes has been hit again by flash floods involving much of South Western France. Pilgrims were evacuated from the Sanctuary on Tuesday as melting snow and heavy rain caused the river to burst its banks carrying tree trunks with it and submerging the lower areas of the town as well as the shrine and its below-ground buildings. Inches of mud were left to be cleared away.



At day's end on Thursday the Sanctuary announced the reopening of one of the main entries to the Domaine, St Joseph's gate, for Friday at 10.30am by Rector Horacio Brito. "We will not cancel any pilgrimage, even though Lourdes is very seriously hit. It will not recover without everyone's support". Already open are the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, its crypt and chapels as well as the Way of the Cross. Access to the Grotto will be possible again in a few days. Damage assessment continues. The confession chapel, Jean Paul II welcome area and other affected areas will gradually reopen. However, the time it will take to reopen the baths, the church of St Bernadette or the basilica of St Pius X is still unknown. The pilgrimages planned in the coming weeks will see some programme changes but are sure to take place.

You will find more news and video clips at the website: <http://fr.lourdes-france.org>

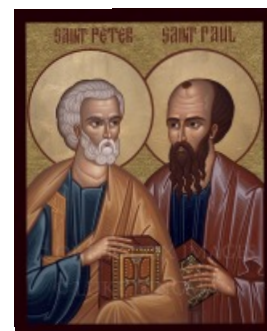


PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

10 - 17 September from Manchester. The Pilgrimage is being run by Fr James Matthews, Chaplain at Ince Blundell Hall. For details call 0151 486 5205.

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Please note that because the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls on a Saturday this year, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday. So we will celebrate the feast next Saturday evening and Sunday.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,684.23

APPEALS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend, 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.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Nathan Edward Burke, Cecilia Mary Sewell.



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

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

James Waters,
. Eternal rest grant unto them....

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who responded to the appeal from Sr. Megan. She was able to help the gentleman and he is very grateful for all the support. We are always in need of furniture and electrical goods, if you have anything to spare, please contact Sr Megan on 01942 683554.

CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Mass to celebrate the work done with children in our parishes is to be celebrated at the Cathedral next 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

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

Bishop Malone invites you to join him next Saturday, 29 June for the annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Fernyhagh 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 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.)

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 1 July at 7.30pm at St Ambrose Barlow church.

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

FAMILY FUN DAY
in Sacred Heart Parish Hall
this Sunday, 23 June
1.00pm - 4.00pm

Leigh Central Residents' Association are organizing this event in connection with The Big Lunch. Free Hot Pot and Strawberries & Cream will be served

Attractions include

Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Balloons, Ju-Jitsu demonstration, Dancers, Music, Story Telling with Leigh Library and Much Much More.

Come along, have some fun and meet people from your community

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Led by Fr James Preston: Friday 25 October - Friday 1 November 2013 - Tangney Tours. Places still available. For further details and cost, ring St Charles' in Aigburth, Liverpool, on 0151 727 2493. By air from Liverpool Airport, with half-board accommodation, staying five nights in Krakow and two nights in Czestochowa. A full spiritual programme with visits to many sites and shrines, including Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, Divine Mercy Convent at Lagiewniki, Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Zakopane.



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 22 June

12A 5.30pm MASS Rex Baxter

Sunday 23 June

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StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Peter Harman

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Margaret McDonald

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Monday 24 June

SOLEMNITY: THE BIRTHDAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 25 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 12)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 26 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 11.00am REQUIEM MASS Mary White

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm RELAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday 27 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Peter McGuinness LD

StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS James Waters

StJ 7.00pm RELAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 28 June

Memorial: St. Irenaeus B.M. (2nd c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Saturday 29 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 10.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY Anne Devlin LD

Sunday 30 June

SOLEMNITY: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Seamus Conroy

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 14 June the numbers drawn were 3, 5, 11. No winner of £472. Last week's estimated jackpot was £540.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 088, J Newill; £5, 430, B Ryan; £3, 471, E West; £2, 418, N Jones. **Bonus Ball** 27, K Sales.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £100, 99, Catherine Watt; £50, 15, P Lally; £25, 29, A Lally; 42, B Whalley; £5, 168, Mrs Hampson; 77, K Hulme; 153, J P Thompson; 51, M Gredecki; 13, V Johnson; 173, F Burton; 119, S Kelly; 225, P Sharrock; 25, M Gredecki; 167, B Mather.

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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