

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

30 JUNE



Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of two wonderful saints, two saints who formed the Church in the early years, St. Peter and St. Paul. It has been well documented over the years that, despite the fact that Peter and Paul are held in the highest regard, they were far from perfect during their lifetime. Paul, as we know, was a great persecutor of the early Christians. Peter made many mistakes and continued to do so even though Jesus chose him to be the first leader, the first Pope. Jesus knew what he was doing when he renamed Simon and told him that, as Peter, he would be the rock on which he would build the Church. Peter was weak, boastful, over-enthusiastic and, at the time when Jesus needed him most, a coward, refusing to admit that he even knew Jesus.

Before they went out to preach the Gospel to the world, it was crucial that the disciples had the opportunity to state their belief in Jesus, so Jesus asked the question, "Who do people say I am?" Peter spoke up as the leader of the Twelve, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was the moment Jesus had waited for patiently. This was a pivotal moment in our history, when humanity recognized that Jesus was not just a village carpenter, a travelling preacher and a miracle maker. He was also the Son of God. This was the moment when Jesus knew that, in Peter, he had the rock which would be the strong foundation stone on which he would build the Church. Paul later followed Peter's declaration of faith. The words "Jesus is Lord" were probably an early Christian hymn. On Paul's lips, they were not only his Creed, they were also the reason why Paul was able to live and die in the cause of promoting the Gospel.

When Jesus called Peter "the rock", he did not identify the type of rock. Yet the implication was that if the apostle was to be the foundation for the Church, he would have to be strong, a firm foundation and a good leader to all the others. At the same time he would need to be compassionate, understanding and loving. Jesus knew that Peter would betray him, that at times his weakness would surface, simply because Peter was not perfect. In fact his humanity and the periodic blunders that he made kept him humble and realistic about his future. There would be incredible pressure as he tried to guide the infant Church through uncertainties and persecutions. But these very pressures would form Peter, turning him into an even greater leader of God's Church.

It is a similar story for Paul. We know something of Paul's story from the Acts of the Apostles and from his writings to the early Christian churches. In his youth, in his zeal for the Law of Moses, he pursued those who followed Jesus and persecuted them. After his conversion, he travelled and taught tirelessly in the cause of the new law of love. Just like Peter, Paul faced massive challenges and was gradually fashioned into a new creation. As we celebrate the feast of Peter and Paul this weekend, perhaps we could consider who we are most like. God calls all of us to be leaders, like Peter, and to spread the Gospel, like Paul. Let us pray that we can do this with the great gift of love in our hearts, the gift that both these great saints celebrated as the greatest gift that God gave to them.

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Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

...will be held in the Presbytery this week on Tuesday, 2 July at 7.30pm. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday, 15 July.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Thanksgiving Mass for the Y4 children at St Joseph's School is on Friday, 5 July at 9.15am. The Thanksgiving Mass for the children who were Confirmed and made their First Communion but do not attend St Joseph's School will be on Sunday, 7 July at the 10.30am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Batcegalup Family, Anne Barnes, Rita Buxton, Joan Deakin, Tery Fallon, James Hurst, Annie Leaher, Richard Meeson, Marlene O'Neill, Rev. Bill Parr, Sheila Smith, Rohada Ward, Mary Whittle, Rita Wilson, Golden Wedding.

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 James Mullaney.

TWELVE APOSTLES RED MISSION BOXES

The Mission Books will be at the back of church this Saturday.

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 after Mass today. 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: Today is our monthly retiring collection, please be your usual generous selves

"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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

All are welcome to our coffee morning next Sunday, 7 July, which will be held to support the Epiphany Trust for Sri

Lankan street children. A raffle will be held during the coffee morning and all the proceeds will be handed to the organisers of the Womens' World Day of Prayer who are supporting this worthy cause in August this year.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Last week we completed our Relay of Prayer, involving all partner primary schools, and four of our churches. It was a great success, enjoyed by all the children (and staff!) who took part. Thank you for your prayers – it held off from raining and everyone stayed safe. Thank you to all the staff and children who put a lot of effort into preparing for the week, and to parishioners who joined us for the evening services. As we come closer to the end of term, here at St. Mary's we are planning events for Enrichment Week. We are planning a Marian Procession on Thursday 18 July, with our Year 7 students, to which all parishioners are warmly invited to join. Further details will follow, but for now: keep that morning free!

VOCATIONS

Married men, have you ever thought about the the vocation of the permanent deacon and wondered whether it might be for you? Even if you aren't ready to talk to a deacon or priest yet you might be interested in a meeting to be held at LACE on Thursday, July 18. There will be a presentation of information. It is hoped that Bishop Tom Williams will be able to come and there will be deacons present to answer your questions. Tea and biscuits from 7.00pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm. Bring your wife, if possible. Set your SatNav to L17 1AA, pass LACE on your left then double back through Sefton Park.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

ORDER of DEACONS

There will be an Open Meeting
at the Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for Evangelisation
(LACE)

Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park,
Liverpool L17 1AA.

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 18 July 2013

on the subject of the

Vocation of the Permanent Deacon.

The meeting is open to all:

it is of special interest to

men thinking about serving in the
Ordained Ministry of Deacon.

Tea and biscuits will be available from 7pm.



The annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will definitely take place from Friday 26 July to Friday 2 August and will be led by Bishop Tom Williams, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese. Concerns had been expressed following the recent floods in the French Shrine but everything is in place and the pilgrimage will leave, as planned, on Friday 26 July. The Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage will also leave as planned on Thursday 25 July.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £2,066.13
Aid To The Church In Need £1,768.95

APPEALS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today, 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: Faith Amanda Bates, Lucia Rose Hillidge.



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

Jemima Oxendale, Richard Meeson.
Eternal rest grant unto them....

CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Mass to celebrate the work done with children in our parishes is to be celebrated at the Cathedral today, 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 have booked a place on the coach, it will be leaving from St Mary's Way at 1.00pm.

'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 tomorrow, Monday 1 July at 7.30pm at St Ambrose Barlow church.**

St Joseph's School Summer Fair

Sunday 7th July
After 10.30am Mass

Hot & Cold refreshments available
Tombola, Plant Stall,
Games & inflatables

Fun for all the family

Entrance on Mather Lane and round the back of the school to the field

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

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.

Twelve Apostles Parish Centre

Present

A Ceilidh Evening



Come and have a go you don't need to be an expert
Friday 5th July from 7.30pm Admission £5
Refreshments available
Contact 01942 209192 for further details



Turnpike Community Theatre
present

George's Marvellous Medicine

by ROALD DAHL
Adapted for the stage by DAVID WOOD

Thursday 11th - Friday 12th July 2013

at 7.15pm at XII Apatles Club, Westleigh Lane, Leigh
Tickets £4.50 & £4.00 (Concessions)
Box Office: Finesse Gill Shop (Leigh) or 01942 603195
www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com



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 29 June

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

Monday 1 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 13)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 2 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am SCHOOL MASS for Saints Peter & Paul (in church, all welcome) Pat Awdas (LD)

OL 11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Jemima Oxendale

SH 12.00noon MASS Don Holland

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

Wednesday 3 July

FEAST: ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Richard Meeson

SH 7.30pm MASS Thanksgiving: Our Lady & All Saints

Thursday 4 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Tom Dunn

StJ 12.00noon MASS Success in Exam

Friday 5 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

(OL) 12.00noon MASS AT MOSS BANK COURT Mary Flynn

Saturday 6 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 10.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Christopher McCaul

12A 5.30pm MASS Joseph Sanderson

Sunday 7 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Desmond Sarsfield

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Eileen Massey

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 21 June the numbers drawn were 4, 10, 16. No winner of £544. Last week's estimated jackpot was £620.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 247, M Moore; £5, 327, M Roach; £3, 476, M Collins; £2, 242, M Moore.

Bonus Ball 34, J Evans.

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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