

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 7 JULY 2013



Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples he said that their first words on entering a house were to be: "Peace to this house." They were to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill. Without peace nothing would be possible for them.

One Christmas morning in Northern Ireland, in the height of the troubles, a Catholic priest went across the road to the local protestant Church, to wish the minister and his congregation a happy Christmas. The minister received him warmly, wished him a similar greeting and later made a return visit to the Catholic Church. However, some of the elders of both churches resented what the priest and the minister had done. The two clergymen felt they were only doing what Christ would want them to do – to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in a troubled and divided society. Peace is not a negative thing. It is not just the absence of war or division. It is a positive thing. It involves openness, understanding, friendship, tolerance, goodwill, hospitality, reconciliation. It challenges us to reach out to others. It helps to break down barriers of suspicion, fear, prejudice and bigotry. Working for peace means welcoming people close to us, those who annoy us or disagree with us, those who provoke anguish within us. To take the path of peace means to accept people as they are, with all their limitations and weaknesses. The people we need to make peace with are not necessarily our friends, but our enemies.

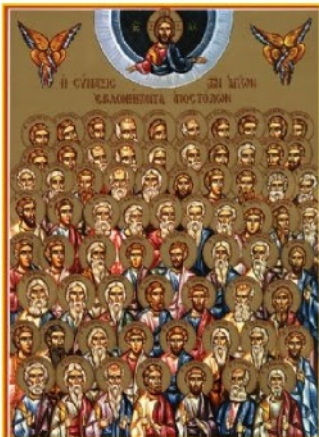
Shortly before Holy Communion the priest says to us, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." What a wonderful gift is being offered to us – the peace of Christ, a peace which the world cannot give. Then he invites us to "offer each other a sign of peace." The hand we reach out to our neighbours is the same hand with which we receive Jesus in Communion. We come to Mass to receive blessings from the Lord. If we took nothing else away with us from here but peace, our time would be well spent. The end of Mass is not like the end of a football game or a film where we simply get up and leave. At the end of Mass we are "sent out". Having received the peace of Christ, we are sent out as ambassadors of this peace to others, which is why people should not leave Church straight after Holy Communion but wait until the end!

If we wish to be effective messengers of God's peace then three things are necessary. Firstly, we have to be open to receiving the peace of Christ ourselves. Secondly, we have to be willing to share that peace with others. And thirdly, the other person has to be willing to receive peace from us. We have to accept that our peace will not always be accepted. It may come back to us like the echo of our own voice. But at least we should try, since it is part of our calling to follow Jesus. In a world torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the challenging vocation to be living signs of love that can bridge divisions and heal wounds.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

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 was 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 today Sunday, 7 July at the 10.30am Mass.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 9 July at 8.00pm in the Side Hall of St Joseph's Main Hall. All ladies welcome

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mary & William Atkinson, Boone & Campbell Family, Ernest Clarke, Terry Fallon, Annie Leather, Richard Meeson,

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 Patrick A. O'Sullivan.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Last weekend's retiring collection amounted to £30 many thanks

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.

"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

Don't forget our coffee morning and raffle in aid of the Sri Lankan Street Children after Mass today. All are welcome, so please come along and support this worthy cause which is being run this year by the Womens' World Day of Prayer.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Next week after the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday at Twelve Apostles and the 9.30am Mass on Sunday at Sacred Heart the Legion of Mary will be giving a short talk about their work.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Over the last two Fridays we have had our Year 11 June Ball and Year 13 Leavers' Dinner. Thank you and well done to all staff and students involved in planning and delivering such wonderful occasions – they were enjoyed by all present! This coming week is a busy one for our students: on Tuesday we have our Summer Concert – an evening filled with musical entertainment (contact the school for more details). On Wednesday is the English Spoken Word Final – students from across Key Stage 3 will compete to be crowned the best public speaker in the year. On Thursday Owen are running a marathon for charity! They have been busy collecting sponsors, and will spend a few hours on Thursday running the distance between them.

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.

Katy Howarth, Notable Girls Choir & Friends

Present

An Evening of Song

Including many favourite & Well Known

Show Stoppers

Proceeds to Derian House

Children's Hospice

Saturday 13th July 2013, 7.30pm

Leigh Cricket Club

Beech Walk, Leigh

Tickets £4.00 Concessions £3.00

Pay on the door

Licensed Bar



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

As part of our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council there will be a Holy Hour on Saturday at Twelve Apostles. The hour will be themed on the Declaration on Religious Liberty, *Dignitatis Humanae*.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,800.06
Peter's Pence	£ 195.93
Missionary Sisters	£ 436.86

APPEALS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The Apostleship of the Sea reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work of bringing the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Sea Sunday is your chance to help AoS make a real difference to the lives of seafarers. Everything AoS does is on behalf of Britain's Catholic community. The parish will take up a second collection on Sea Sunday for the work of AoS – so please give generously. Its ministry cannot continue without your support. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Simon James Mann and Shirley Marie Jones who were married in St Joseph's Church on 29 June 2013.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Frank Ramsbottom, Anne Holden
Eternal rest grant unto them....

'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY Thursday 25 July

Lists are at the back of Church for those who wish to be anointed.

Could Eucharistic Ministers please speak with the people they visit to see if they wish to attend and sign the list for them.

The day takes place at St Ambrose Barlow with
Mass at 8.00am,
Exposition till 11.30am
Midday Mass with Anointing of the Sick 12.00 noon
Holy Hour with Torchlight Procession 7.30 – 8.30pm

After each Service refreshments will be offered.

We need many helpers to prepare for the day and ensure it goes smoothly.

On The Day

We will need a coordinator for transport to ensure that those wishing to be anointed have transport.

Volunteers to bring people to the midday Mass.

Marshals to direct cars in the car parks.

People who will help distribute food and drinks at the end of each Service (especially the midday Mass)

Also those who will assist the elderly and those in wheelchairs to their places.

Young people will be especially welcome as volunteers because in Lourdes they are an important part of the week and their help and assistance is a special feature of the week. They are also involved in the Liturgy as they form a choir for the Service.

The Night Before

The tents will need erecting and we will need plenty of strong willing hands to move chairs and prepare the grounds, hall and Church for the following day.

Helpers will be required from 7.00- 9.00pm

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

SRI LANKAN STREET CHILDREN CHARITY EVENING



Friday, 2 August at 7.30pm
in Sacred Heart church parish hall
£1 (refreshments inc.)

tickets from Mary and Vera at St Joseph's, Susan at 12 Apostles, Kathleen at Our Lady of the Rosary or Julia at Sacred Heart: all will be pleased to receive donations, raffle prizes, and/or gifts for the stalls.

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 Apostles Club, Westleigh Lane, Leigh
Tickets £4.50 & £4.00 (Concessions)
Box Office: Finesse Gift Shop (Leigh) or 01942 603195
www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com

The logo for Turnpike Community Theatre, featuring a stylized figure and the text 'Turnpike Community Theatre'.

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 6 July

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

Monday 8 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 14)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tuesday 9 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 9.10am SCHOOL MASS for Saints Peter & Paul (in church, all welcome) Successful Examination

SH 12.00noon MASS Maureen Lewin LD

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

Wednesday 10 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS John Lucas

Thursday 11 July **FEAST: ST. BENEDICT, OSB, ABBOTT (5th/6th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Irene Smith LD

OL 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Anne Holden

SH 12.00noon MASS Rita Gorman

Friday 12 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am SCHOOL MASS for Y6 leavers (in church, all welcome) Mary Whittle LD

StJ 12.00noon MASS

OL 12.00noon MASS William Power

Saturday 13 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation & Year of Faith Holy Hour

12A 12.00noon MASS Marion Sanderson LD

12A 5.30pm MASS Allen & Agnes Newton

Sunday 14 July **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

Sea 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 Anne Devlin

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 28 June the numbers drawn were 5, 17, 20. ONE lucky winner of £616! Last week's estimated jackpot was £60.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50, 292, C Ellis; £10, 264, Margaret Smith; £5, 334, N Jones; £3, 243, N Flynn; £2, 329, Kate Grimshaw. **Bonus Ball** 4, M Collins.

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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