

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 14 JULY 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,  
and your hearts will revive.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus faces the old hatred that existed between his own people and the country of Samaria. As John states in his Gospel, "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." The Samaritans were despised, in Jesus' time, as the half-caste descendants of northern Jews who had intermarried with foreign settlers. This racial difference led to religious difference, and when the southern Jews returned from exile in 520 BC they refused to allow the Samaritans to help them rebuild the temple. In response the Samaritans established their own rival priesthood and temple. The breach was soon complete. Each group's loyalty to its own tradition served to nourish its hostility to the other. So, in today's Gospel, the Jewish lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbour?" gives Jesus the opportunity to confront this old hostility. For the traditional Jew, to love one's neighbour was understood as loving someone who belonged to the same community. A neighbour was someone within the boundaries of one's own racial and religious circle. To love outsiders while rejecting their beliefs was completely alien to the thinking and tradition.

Jesus' story tells of three travellers on the same road who see the same beaten and wounded man lying by the roadside. The question is, how are they going to react to what they see? Will their seeing the man in need get them to take action to help him? Two Jewish officials, a priest and a Levite, continue their journey as if they haven't seen him. They are obviously in a hurry and have no intention of helping the stranger at the side of the road, no matter how much he needs their help. At this point in the story, the hearers who thought of their community as priests, Levites and Israelites – like many Christians think of the Church in terms of bishops, priests and lay people – were probably expecting the hero of the story to be an Israelite. But they were shocked to discover that the true neighbour was a despised Samaritan, the one who is publicly cursed in the synagogues. He is the one Jesus holds up as a neighbour in the Kingdom of God. He is the one who goes beyond the limitations of religion to extend the boundary of compassion.

In the parable Jesus questions his own people's attitude to the Samaritans. When someone says to him, "Yes, but we have our own way of doing things here", Jesus' response is to question that "way". In the parable he is questioning an attitude that has been taken for granted for hundreds of years, one which was enshrined in tradition and law. And Jesus is challenging the lawyer to be disloyal to this tradition and see others in a new way and a new light. If your religious tradition invites you to despise other people then you must be disloyal to your tradition. If loving your neighbour means being disloyal to your tradition then disloyalty itself becomes a virtue. The ultimate loyalty is love. Many of us may know from experience the weight of inherited hostility. We know that to help some people is not only an act of love but an act of defiance against the bigotry that sometimes passes for religion. Jesus tells us that, as his disciples, we must be disloyal to those who would educate our hate. If religion needs hatred to nurture it, then who needs that kind of religion? The Gospel comes to challenge our hate and to promote our love. And that challenge is always to extend the boundaries of our love to include our traditional enemies. If the Gospel does not liberate, the Christ died in vain. He died so that EVERYONE could have life in his name.

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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 tomorrow, Monday, 15 July.

#### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Tony Broster, Louise Burke, Anne Devlin, Eddie Doins, Anne Holden, Honor Houlton, Ray Madej, Anne Marsh, Vincent Marsh, Monica Martin, Bill Parr, Pauline Rogers nee Keaveny, George Steen, St Jude, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Carlo, Annita, Angiola, Louis Manfredi.

#### SACRED HEART PARISH HOLY HOUR

To mark the Year of Faith the Parish Holy Hour still 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 Paul Brady.

#### 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. Many thanks to those who supported the Ceilidh last week it was a great success.

#### "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](mailto: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

There is one unclaimed prize from the raffle on Sunday – the holder of ticket 673 is the winner.

If you are able to help in the preparations for the Lourdes At Home event, please put your name in the appropriate place on the list in the church porch.

The coffee morning in aid of the Sri Lankan Street Children raised £120. Many thanks to the organisers, donors and all who supported this worthy cause. May God bless you for your generosity.

#### THE LEGION OF MARY

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

#### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

As we enter our last week of term, at the end of a busy, productive and exciting year, we enter one of our busiest weeks! We have two Enrichment Days for our students,

where they will take part in a great variety of activities, including Sports Day, a Marian Procession, and exploring the Brazilian culture in a number of different ways. On Friday we will have a last Own Clothes Day of the year, with all money going to our nominated charities. We would like to wish staff and students a restful, enjoyable and (hopefully) sunny summer! Our thanks and best wishes goes with staff who are moving on to pastures new from September.

"And a special thanks to Emma Allison, who has been the School Chaplain for the last 18 months. Emma has managed to get a school chaplaincy post nearer to her home. We are enormously grateful to Emma for her hard work, enthusiasm and the encouragement she has given to both staff and students. We wish her every blessing in her new ministry - and her forthcoming wedding!" *Fr Dave*

#### 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 this week 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.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC has launched a petition to protect school children from the latest anti-life idea - pornography lessons in the classroom. These lessons are not about how to avoid pornography, they are about dangling porn in front of young school pupils and encouraging them to embrace it in their lives. Porn lessons are being promoted by the Sex Education Forum (SEF). The SEF is a broad coalition of pro-abortion and anti-family groups with strong 'establishment' support and wants sex education to be made compulsory in schools. Pornography harms young children (and others). As well as making them vulnerable to exploitation, it spreads the kind of sexual culture that drives up abortions. There are petitions at the back of church. Please take a minute to sign the petition and make your opposition to exposing children to pornography known to the government. Thank you. For more information please visit [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,874.39

## APPEALS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many of us have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers are unable to practise their faith due to long periods away from home, whilst others are denied basic rights and working conditions that we take for granted. Today's second collection is our opportunity to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable AoS to continue its work with seafarers. Please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

## BAPTISMS

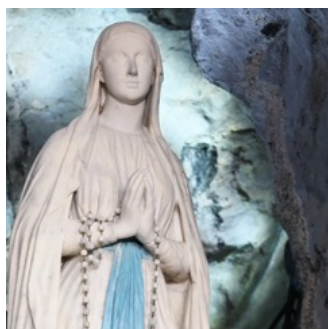
Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Caitlin Cade Burrows, Carta Collinge, Tommy Lovett, Max Paul Williams, Annabelle Thirza Marie Hamer, Madeline Kathleen Buckley.

## SICK

Please remember Richard Nelson, Isabella Booth, Geoff Prescott and all who are sick at this time.

## LATELY DEAD

Ray Madej (Fr Anton's dad), John Andrew Michael Heavey  
Monica Martin died in St Louis USA.  
Eternal rest grant unto them....



## ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Departure Mass for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place at St Margaret Mary's, Pilch Lane, Knotty Ash L14 0JG on Sunday, 21 July at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome!

## '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 wheel-chairs 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 7.00pm- 9.00pm

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday, 18 July at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Presbytery. All welcome.

## 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.

## Reunion

**50's & 60's Live Rock 'n' Roll Band**

**With DJ Adam**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

St Richard's Parish/Jubilee Hall

7.30pm - Late

£5.00 per ticket Tel: 01942 882125

**In Aid of HCPT.**



## 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 13 July

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

### Monday 15 July

#### **Memorial: St. Bonaventure, OFM, B.D. (13th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

OL 12.00noon MASS E Fairhurst & L Tickle

### Tuesday 16 July

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 15)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Ann Marsh

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

### Wednesday 17 July

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Margaret Sheedy

### Thursday 18 July

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Mary Whittle LD

SH 12.00noon MASS June Grove

### Friday 19 July

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Saturday 20 July

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm MASS Ann Mary Wilson LD

### Sunday 21 July

#### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Peter McGuinness

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Special Intention

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 5 July the numbers drawn were 4, 13, 23. No winner of £70. Last week's estimated jackpot was £140.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 486, K Jones; £5, 271, J Waterfield; £3, 159, Jennifer & Fiona; £2, 083, R Foxcroft. **Bonus Ball** 44, N Jones.

### 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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