

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 28 JULY



Responsorial Psalm

On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The disciples who followed Jesus wanted to know how to pray. This was perhaps the result of seeing Jesus over the years and knowing how he was such a fully developed human being and a wise and contented man. There was certainly an element of inner peace about him that his followers admired and wanted for themselves. Perhaps his prayer-life was the key to his personality. Hence the request: "Teach us to pray." The answer Jesus gives to his disciples is not merely a prayer, a form of words, but a whole new approach to life, a whole new way of living. The words that come from Jesus are a revelation to the meaning and purpose of life. They form the blueprint of life for his followers in this world and point to a life that can continue in the next. Jesus calls on us to allow these words to be our rule of life:

Call on God as your "Father", and so learn to be a child among children.
Revere God's name, and so give honour to everyone.
Ask for daily bread, and so learn how to share life in this world.
Seek forgiveness, and so realise your own weakness and failings.
Forgive others, even as you walk in the midst of affliction.
And pray to be kept safe from the temptation to depart from the ways of goodness and the ways of God.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has spent most of his life studying the teaching of Jesus. In his book "Jesus of Nazareth", he shares with us some reflections on the Lord's Prayer. Jesus is teaching us to pray as HE prays. Jesus is training us, his followers today, to have the inner attitudes that he has, namely to become sons and daughters of God, as he is the Son of God; to open ourselves to the voice of God; to have a listening ear and a caring heart. On this theme, Pope Benedict points us to the story of King Solomon in the Old Testament. Charged with the task of governing the nation, Solomon is invited to ask for whatever he wants. Solomon replies, "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern these people of yours that are so great?" God is pleased with Solomon. He did not ask for long life or riches or the lives of his enemies, but for wisdom and a discerning spirit which would help him govern fairly and with great justice.

Jesus teaches us to pray always. Let our life be our prayer, lived in the presence of God, whose love for us is eternal.

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Arrowsmith
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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend there will be a second collection to support Day for Life.

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 Andrew & Betty Berry.

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.

PARISH HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED

Sacred Heart Presbytery, Leigh
5 hours per week, worked over 1-2 days
The work pattern is flexible to be confirmed with those selected for interview.
Salary £7.45 per hour

Closing Date Friday, 2 August 2013

Full details and an application pack can be downloaded from the website at
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Alternatively, an application pack can be requested from Gillian Sener on 0151 522 1101

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Coffee morning after Mass next Sunday, 4 August. Do you know of anyone in our community who would benefit from a walking aid? Joe Devlin has a four wheeled frame with a seat which could be useful to someone with mobility problems – it would help around the house or garden. If you need more information please talk to Joe or his family after Sunday Mass.

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 August
St Richard's Parish/Jubilee Hall
7.30pm - Late

£5.00 per ticket Tel: 01942 882125
In Aid of HCPT.

PARISH FEAST DAYS

As in previous years, there will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith. This year, the celebration will take place at Twelve Apostles, Westleigh, on Thursday, 29 August at 7.30pm. More details nearer the time.

LOURDES AT HOME, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who worked so hard to prepare for our 'Lourdes at Home' day on Thursday, both inside and in the grounds of St Ambrose Barlow church. Thanks to those who came not to be served but to serve. Thanks, most of all, to those who *did* come to be served because you were the whole point of the day and made the effort worthwhile. Thanks be to God for the glorious weather he provided!

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 27 July

12A 5.30pm

MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith parish and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

Sunday 28 July

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OL 11.00am

StR 6.30pm

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (Day for Life)

MASS

MASS Christopher McCall

MASS

MASS Graham Brownbill

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Memorial: St. Martha

Morning Prayer

MASS

MASS John Sweeney

Monday 29 July

StJ 8.30am

StJ 12.00noon

OLR 12.00noon

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 17)

Morning Prayer

MASS Donald Kennedy

EXPOSITION for one hour

Tuesday 30 July

StJ 8.30am

SH 12.00noon

SH 3.00pm

Memorial: St. Ignatius Loyola, P. (15th/16th c.)

Morning Prayer

MASS

MASS Tom Gibbon

Wednesday 31 July

StJ 8.30am

StJ 12.00noon

SH 7.00pm

Memorial: St. Alphonsus Ligouri, CSSR, B.D. (17th/18th c.)

Morning Prayer

MASS Mary Whittle LD

MASS Tommy Robinson

StJ 8.30am

12A 9.30am

SH 12.00noon

Friday 2 August

StJ 8.30am

StJ 12.00noon

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Morning Prayer

MASS

Saturday 3 August

SH 11.00am

SH 12.00noon

12A 5.30pm

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Exposition & Reconciliation

MASS Maria Ashbrook

MASS Mary Langan & decd. family members

Sunday 4 August

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OL 11.00am

StR 6.30pm

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

MASS

MASS James Mannion

MASS

MASS Peter Entwistle

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 19 July the numbers drawn were 6, 12, 23. No winner of £200. Last week's estimated jackpot was £260.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 193, J Causby; £5, 282, K Grimshaw; £3, 010, A Unsworth; £2, 222, K Jones. **Bonus Ball** 31, J Evans.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40, 110, Marie Frain; £15, 46, B McDermott; £5, 39, M Osnovianenko; £5, 225, P Sharrocks.