

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 18 AUGUST 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come to my aid!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the lead-up to the Olympic Games in London last year, a flame was kindled at Olympia, the site of the original games in ancient Greece. This flame was then transported to Britain where it was carried in a relay, which brought the flame within ten miles of every inhabitant of the UK, before being brought into the Olympic Stadium to ignite the cauldron that was kept burning throughout the games. In ancient times, the flame was an act of homage to Zeus, the chief of the gods, in whose honour the games were held. Still today, the carrying of the flame and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron has an almost sacred significance. People have a sense of being drawn together in the celebration of what is best in human endeavour, reaching the pinnacle of physical achievements. The Olympic flame is always at the heart of every that happens throughout the games. The fire is the focal point of everything that takes place.

In the Gospel today, Jesus expresses a longing to bring fire to the earth and wishes it were burning already. He touches an elemental human experience that fire means more than simply light and heat. The fire that Jesus wants to see blazing in the world is the fire of God's love enlightening and warming the hearts of all people. Jesus is speaking to men and women who are used to hearing of fire as a sign of the presence of God. They think of Moses at the burning bush, when he was told to take off his shoes for he was on holy ground. They think of the pillar of fire that was the sign of the Lord leading his people from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land. They think of the fire that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah in his great battle with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. And now, we think of the flames that came down on the apostles at Pentecost as a visible sign of the Holy Spirit, touching and filling their lives. As fire gives light and heat, so Jesus looks to the time when God's love, the Holy Spirit, will fill our hearts and minds, enabling us to know the truth and live it with courage.

Last year at the Olympic Games, we were amazed at the dedication of the athletes. They had to be completely dedicated to their sport even to qualify, let alone win a medal. Years of self-denial and commitment to gruelling training schedules are the price that the athletes, and their families, are prepared to pay even for the chance to compete for a medal. They consider this to be a price worth paying. The Olympic flame remains a powerful symbol of what they burn up in their own lives just to share the glory of what it is to be human. But God offers us something more. Jesus shows us a way that enables us to go beyond anything that we can achieve on our own, to overcome even death to enter into life eternal with him. And the fire that makes this possible is the fire of God's love, the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the ultimate challenge for any Christian – to believe and to trust to the very end. It is not a once-every-four-years challenge. It is what our whole life is all about, being prepared to let go of everything else, if only we can win the prize for which we all long, eternal life with Christ Jesus in Heaven.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Carol & Colin Baxendale (Ruby Wedding), James & Frances Clark, Teresa Cooney, Joseph Smith, Mary Tyrer (70th Birthday Memorial), Alice Wilcox

### WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 20 August at 8.00pm in the Side Hall of St Joseph's Main Hall. All ladies welcome.

### READERS

We are urgently in need of more readers at both the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's. The commitment would be approximately once every six weeks and a rota is provided. If you feel that you are able to help us in this area, please contact Fr. Cooper, or Kath Roberts on 01942 601878.

### CATECHISTS

As I am sure you are aware, we have four weeks in every ten when there is no longer a Little Church. This is because we are so short of Children's Catechists. We just need another two to four people to fill that gap. There is a lot of support and help. All the catechists are very friendly and supportive. Could you please consider helping your church in this way. Please speak to Fr Steve or one of the Catechists if you would like to know more. Thank you.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's church on Tuesday, 27 August at 7.30pm. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

### SACRED HEART

The Sanctuary Lamp candle that burns all this week was gifted in memory of the Mieczal Didiuk.

### TWELVE APOSTLES

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.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Hobby & Craft Fair Sunday, 23 October 11 till 3.

### CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Next Wednesday is the 200 Club Draw. Next weekend is our monthly retiring collection please be your usual generous selves.

### 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.

### ST MARY'S 'A' LEVEL RESULTS 2013

This year the school has once again achieved excellent 'A' level results.

99.5% A\* - E Pass rate

49% A\* - B higher pass rate

The students have worked exceptionally hard to gain these results and have been well supported by their teachers and tutors. We thank the teachers for their help and wish all young people well in the future.

We wish all those students receiving their results on Thursday well.

## LEIGH CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

### Dance to Swing Time St Richard's Parish Hall, Atherton

14 September 2013, 7.00 for 7.30pm - 11.30pm

Tickets £10.00 Buffet included  
available from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop Bradshawgate

## COFFEE MORNING

in aid of

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

This Friday, 23 August 9.00am - 1.00pm  
At  
St Joseph's Side Hall (in the main hall)



Following the opening of the Atherton & Leigh Foodbank in March 2013, over 650 parcels have been handed out feeding 320 adults and 144 children. We are now in a position to open up our Leigh Distribution Centres and this will be done in September.

The primary sponsorship in Atherton came from the local Churches Together group and many Church Members have become actively involved in the work of the Foodbank. We are now looking for Churches in Leigh to join the Foodbank by providing Church champions, Committee members and Volunteers especially in the Distribution Centres. If you would like to help the Foodbank in Leigh or Atherton, please send your name and contact details to Atherton & Leigh Foodbank, 2 The Convent, Orchard Lane, Leigh WN7 1EF or email [info@athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk)

Training for any volunteers interested in working in one of the Distribution Centres will take place on **Monday 19th August 12.30 – 4.30 pm** at St John's Parish Church, Atherton.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,794.80  
Day for Life £ 15.50

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Jacob Daniel Cunningham & Harry Martin Cunningham.

### SICK

Please remember Fred Lyth, Vernon Byrne, Geoff Prescott and all who are sick at this time.

### LATELY DEAD

Teresa Cooney, Christopher Herlihy, Francis Rowley  
Eternal rest grant unto them ....

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH

The annual pilgrimage to venerate the holy hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith will take place next Sunday, 25 August at St Oswald and St Edmund's church, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00 pm, followed by veneration of the holy hand. The preacher at Mass will be Fr Kevin Kelly.

### VISIT BY FR PAT COLLINS TO SOUTHPORT

Fr Pat Collins will be speaking on Thursday, 5 September at the Agape Mass at St Mary's, Prescott Road, Aughton L39 6TA at 8.00 pm. On Saturday, 7 September, he will be speaking at a Day of Renewal at The Marian Centre, St Marie on the Sands, Southport PR9 0EJ from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Tickets £10 from Cathy Cameron (01704 224286). Fr Pat will end his visit by speaking on Sunday, 8 September at the second of the Life in the Spirit seminars at St Patrick's, Churchtown PR9 9TJ at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to any of the events. For any further information, please contact Archie and Cathy Cameron (01704 224286).

### BEST CARE OF THE DYING PATIENT



In the light of the Neuberger Review of the Liverpool Care Pathway, a conference has been organised for Priests, Deacons, Bereavement Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Funeral Ministers, Healthcare Workers, and anyone involved or interested in the care of the dying. The conference will take place on **Monday, 14 October, 2.00 - 4.30pm or 7.00 - 9.30pm** at LACE. If you would like to attend this conference, further information and booking forms are available at the back of churches.

## ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE



In recent weeks two students for the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Roy Cooper and John Poland, have been ordained to the Diaconate.

From September the Archdiocese will have four students for the priesthood studying at Oscott: Stephen Lee, from St Bernadette's Shevington; Matthew Jolley from St Joseph's Penketh and Dominic Risley, from St

Mary's Wigan will continue their studies while Thomas Clarke, from St Charles, Aigburth, has completed a year of study at Valladolid and will join them. Also in September three men will begin formation for the Priesthood: Michael Barrett from Our Lady Help of Christians in Tarleton will begin studies at the Beda College in Rome and Philip Carr from St Benet's, Netherton and Anthony Kelly from St Mary's Wigan will study at Valladolid.

Please pray for all our seminarians and for more vocations to the Priesthood.

If anyone has an interest in the Priesthood and wishes to discuss their calling they should contact:

Father Stephen Maloney, Vocations Director, All Saints' Presbytery, 3 Oakfield, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG. Tel: 0151 287 8787. Email: frstevemaloney@btinternet.com

If they are under 18 they should contact:

Father James Preston, St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG. Tel: 0151 727 2493. Email: church@stcharles.org.uk

or Father Simon Gore, Animate Youth Ministries, St Mary's, Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2BE. Tel: 01744 740467. Email: s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

## OUR CATHOLIC PRAYERS

The Angelus traditionally is said three times a day, at 6am, noon and 6pm. The distinctive Angelus bell calling us to prayer can still be heard in Leigh ringing out from Sacred Heart church as three groups of three tolls with pauses between the groups followed by nine consecutive tolls.

### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



# MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OL = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard

## Sat 17 August

12A 5.30pm MASS Karol Gredecki

## Sun 18 August

StJ 8.30am **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

SH 9.30am MASS

StJ 10.30am MASS Kathleen & Stephen Newman Ruby Wedding

OL 11.00am MASS

StR 6.30pm MASS Joe Moore

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

## Mon 19 August

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 20)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 12.00noon MASS Tommy & Angela Smith

StJ 12.00noon MASS

## Tue 20 August

**Memorial: St. Bernard OSB Cist, Abbot D. (11th/12th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Peter Harman

12A 2.00pm FUNERAL MASS Bernard (Billy) Lee

## Wed 21 August

**Memorial: St. Pius X, Pope**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

OL 2.00pm REQUIEM MASS Christopher Herlihy

SH 7.00pm MASS Philomena Gaughan

## Thu 22 August

**Memorial: The Queenship of Mary**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 11.00am Funeral Service Francis Rowley

12A 9.30am MASS John Fisher L.D.

SH 12.00noon MASS Liam Bradshaw

## Fri 23 August

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 10.00am Memorial Service Rita Wilson

StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Teresa Cooney

## Sat 24 August

**FEAST: ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Private Intention

12A 5.30pm MASS Terry Hill

## Sun 25 August

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS June & Tony Griffin 50th Wedding Anniversary

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 9 August the numbers drawn were 5, 13, 25. No winner of £364. Last week's estimated jackpot was £416.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 405, B Ryan; £5, 360, M&D Flannery; £3, 198, M Moore; £2, 369, Two Bettys. **Bonus Ball** 18, P Purcell.

## 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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