

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 25 AUGUST 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Luke tells us about the door policy of the Kingdom of God and how there is no such thing as automatic membership.

While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, someone asks him about the number of those who will be saved. Rather than speculate about the arithmetic of salvation, Jesus gives practical advice about the present time: "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." The door is not so wide that anyone can casually walk through at any time. The door is narrow and individuals may not find it very easy to get through. Nor will the door be open indefinitely. When locking-up time comes and the master of the house has secured the door, those who missed their opportunity will not be admitted. The narrow door has now become the locked door. Those who wait until the door is shut try knocking, but the householder regards them as strangers. The latecomers try to remind the householder of their common bonds: they ate and drank with him, they listened to him teaching in their streets. But the Lord is not impressed with superficial acquaintance: people who eat and drink in the same restaurants and bars, read the same papers, watch the same programmes, don't necessarily share the same commitments.

The pain of being excluded from the Kingdom is made worse when the latecomers see the kind of people who have been allowed in as members. Members of the Kingdom come from all over – "from east and west, from north and south" – and take their place at the feast in the Kingdom of God. The prophecy of Isaiah, that we listen to in today's First Reading, is seen to be fulfilled as people "from all the nations" enjoy the favour of the Lord.

The door policy of God's Kingdom keeps surprising people. There is no sure way of knowing who's in and who's out. The teaching of Jesus is clearly opposed to the kind of national or religious elitism that assumes it has an assured place in the Kingdom of God. As one who is treated as an outsider by his own people, Jesus has a natural allegiance to those who do not belong to the right crowd. Good roots are not enough. Having the right address is not enough. Having an impressive pedigree that goes back to Abraham is not enough. Borrowed fidelity does not impress Jesus. There is no substitute for a person's choice to follow him and so enter God's Kingdom. Jesus describes the conditions for entering the Kingdom of God when he says, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and keep it." Fellowship in the Kingdom is open to all people who hear God's Word and live it out in their lives.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tony Broster, Alf Case, Chacko, Teresa Cooney, Frank Evans, Hilda Henderson, Gladys Hindley, Vincent Lythgoe, St Jude, Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All saints, Thanksgiving Deceased members of Manfredi Family.

### 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.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Everyone is welcome to our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday, 1 September.

Age, sickness and infirmity have reduced our church cleaning team to two or three people. We've always been justifiably proud of the high standards of cleanliness in the church but it is becoming more and more difficult to maintain those standards with fewer volunteers. If a few people could spare a couple of hours per month the task would be much easier. If you are able to help please see Brenda Jones, Kath Jones or Margaret Houghton.

### SACRED HEART

The Sanctuary Lamp candle that burns all this week was gifted in memory of Catherine Hoy.

### 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

This weekend is our monthly retiring collection please be your usual generous selves.

## 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

### PASTORAL AREA FORUM MEETING

... this Tuesday, 27 August, 7.45pm at St Ambrose Barlow church.



### PARISH FEAST DAYS

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith at Twelve Apostles, Westleigh, this Thursday, 29 August, at 7.30pm. After Mass, there will be refreshments in Twelve Apostles Parish Centre.

**Altar Servers:** If you would like to be an altar server at the Mass, you will be very welcome. Please arrive at 7.00pm and bring your alb with you.

**Musicians & Singers:** If you would like to help with the music at the Mass, there will be a rehearsal this Tuesday, 27 August, in Twelve Apostles Church at 7.30pm.

### ST MARY'S SCHOOL Exam Results

Congratulations to the Year 11 Pupils on their excellent GCSE results, and thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication and guidance to the students. 71% of students achieved 5 A\* - C. This figure equals the highest ever achieved at this school. This is the same percentage as last year for the school, even though the national average has fallen this year. Well done everyone!

### Open Day

The pupils and staff at St Mary's would like to invite you to attend their Open Day, Saturday, 28 September 2013 9.30am - 12.00 noon for September 2014 intake. The purpose of the day is to provide an opportunity for Year 6 students and their parents to see for themselves why St Mary's has such an outstanding reputation in the local community for its academic performance and pastoral care. The day will begin at 9.30am with a talk from the Head teacher, Mr Dawson. The talk will be repeated at 10.30am. There will be an opportunity to tour the school and meet students and staff. (Please arrive early if you wish to tour the whole school).

For further information please contact us on 01942 884144.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £2049.18

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Kaci Oliveira Bridge, Ava Jasmine Ché Wood, Poppy May Martyn, Sophia Jane Fish.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Sean Anthony Sullivan & Rebecca Jane Thomas, who were married at St Joseph's last Friday.

### SICK

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

### LATELY DEAD

Harvey Andrew Dowell.  
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 today 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.

## SANDYMOUNT HOUSE OF PRAYER

### "The gift of Mary"

Sandymount House of Prayer at Blundellsands will be holding a day retreat on Sunday, 8 September to celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day will begin at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. It will be led by Philip McParland and will include Mass and a time for reflection. If you would like to attend this retreat, phone Sandymount on 0151 924 4850 to reserve a place. The cost of the day is £13. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

## ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

Productions at  
St Joseph's Concert Hall  
Chapel Street  
Leigh  
WN7 2PR

### The Hollow

A murder mystery by Agatha Christie  
Produced by Donna Wood.  
Tuesday 10 September to Saturday 14 September  
7.30pm

### Billy Liar

By Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall  
"A brilliant comedy"  
Produced by Nicola Reynolds  
Tuesday 15 to Saturday 19 October  
7.30pm

For these productions the ticket price is £8: you can pay at the door on the night. Advance tickets are available from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

### Our annual pantomime is **Beauty and the Beast**

Written and produced by Doreen Johnson  
Wednesday 22 January to Saturday 1 February 2014

Advance tickets for the pantomime will be on sale during the 2013 September and October productions.

## OUR CATHOLIC PRAYERS THE DIVINE PRAISES

The Divine Praises traditionally follows Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church when it is prayed aloud by all present before our Lord (in the Host) is returned to the tabernacle following a period of adoration.

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be His Holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.**

**Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

**Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.**

**Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.**

**Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

**Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.**

**Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.**

**Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.**

**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 24 August

12A 5.30pm MASS Terry Hill

## Sun 25 August

**TWENTY-FIRST 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

## Mon 26 August

**Memorial: Bl. Dominic Barberi, of the Mother of God, CP, P. (18th/19th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

## Tue 27 August

**Memorial: St. Monica (4th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Louis, Angeola, Anita, Carlo Manfredi]

## Wed 28 August

**Memorial: St. Augustine, B. D. (4th/5th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 12.15pm FUNERAL MASS Harvey Andrew Dowel

SH 7.00pm MASS Rebecca Duffy

## Thu 29 August

**Memorial: Passion of St. John the Baptist**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 7.30pm PASTORAL AREA MASS FOR BOTH PARISH FEAST DAYS John Fisher LD

## Fri 30 August

**Memorial: St. Edmund Arrowsmith, P.M. (17th/18th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

OL 12.00noon MASS Basil Fishwick

## Sat 31 August

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 21)**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm MASS Vera Hilton

## Sun 1 September

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Maureen Lewin

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Rita Vint

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 16 August the numbers drawn were 10, 15, 19. Two lucky winners shared £410. Last week's estimated jackpot was £50.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 023, E Joyce; £5, 220, R Ellis; £3, 197, E Nuttall; £2, 500, M & D Flannery. **Bonus Ball** 43, F Rasburn.

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** £40, 69, V Johnson; £15, 44, M Seddon; £5, 223, J Harrison; £5, 116, M Gredecki.

## 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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