

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 29 SEPTEMBER 2013



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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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

One night, a wealthy man had a disturbing dream. In the dream, he saw a crowd of poor, disease-ridden, starving people crying out to him for help. When he woke up the following morning, remembering his dream, he decided to embark on a crusade of good. He wasted no time. He set out in his Mercedes that very morning to see what needed to be done. He had only just passed through the gates of his mansions when he saw a beggar sitting on the ground, his hand stretched out imploringly. The rich man was very upset on seeing the poor man's wretched condition. He hesitated for a moment, and then ordered his chauffeur to step on the accelerator. He couldn't afford to stop to help one man when, he thought, so many more needed his help. He travelled the length and breadth of the city. He discovered that the problems were vast and the needs great. As he returned home in the evening, his mind was overflowing with plans, schemes and projects. The only problem was where to begin. Should he begin with a hospital, a school, a factory, a prison? He did not know. As he came to the gate of his mansion, he noticed that the beggar was still lying at the side of the road. "Just imagine", he thought to himself, "that poor man has been sitting at the side of the road all day in all this heat". Once again a wave of pity and compassion passed over him; but once again he passed by. That night he had another dream. Again he heard the cries for help, except this time they were not coming from lots of people, but from only one person. This person was the beggar sitting on the ground outside his mansion. So the next morning he knew exactly where to start in making a difference to people's lives. He started with the beggar man.

Like the rich man in today's Gospel, we so often carry on with our lives without seeing the needs of others. The rich man in the story above could not have been expected to save the world, but at least he realised he could make a difference to at least one life - the life of the poor man on the side of the road. God does not expect us to change the world either, but we can still make a difference to the lives of those around us. This is the challenge of today's Gospel. What are we going to do about it?

One thing we can do easily is to take part in this year's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which is this coming Friday, 4 October. See page three for further details. Please also take a prayer card and an envelope home with you today.

God of abundance,
all good things come from you.
The world, full of life,
reflects your glory and sings
your praise.
You call us all to share fairly
the bounty of your creation,
and the gifts you give us.
But so many people
in this world of plenty

do not have enough to eat.
And so we ask you, God of all,
to create in us a desire
to make all things new.
So that through your goodness
all those in need may eat and be
satisfied.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord, Amen.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Eileen Appleton, Elizabeth & Bill Arrowsmith, Leigh Barton, Monica Bibby, Salvador Clancey, Ronald Gore, Michael Keaveny, Anthony Houlton, Hector Logrone, Elizabeth Agnes Palmer, Michael Rielly, Theresa & John Ryder, Ken Sroka, Catherine Whiteside, Veronica Worrall.

COFFEE MORNING

Please note, the Coffee Morning has had to be **cancelled** this week. Both Halls have been booked. Back to normal next Sunday. We apologise for the inconvenience.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

If your child is in Year 4 at school but does not attend a Catholic school and you would like them to make their First Confession, receive Confirmation and make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. The new Sacramental Programme will be starting in October.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 1 October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall of St Joseph's Main Hall. All ladies welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be tomorrow, Monday, 30 September at 3.00pm in the Presbytery. Fundraising, in particular the 2013 Autumn Fayre will be the main topic.. If you are unable to attend but have any queries or suggestions regarding the church community you could contact the Parish office and these would be discussed at the meeting. Everyone welcome.

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 Jim Dootson.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

... on Saturday, 30 November. The organizers will be grateful for donations, bottles, fancy goods, Tombola prizes etc. No clothes or DVDs please. We need volunteers to organise a stall or game. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon for a Christmas Hamper. Helpers needed. Please consider taking a few extra books and selling them to friends and family.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Many thanks to those who came along to clean the church recently – your efforts are much appreciated. Forthcoming events: Coffee morning after Mass next Sunday 6 October; Autumn mini-market after Mass on Sunday 27 October. Christmas draw tickets on sale shortly – donations for both these events will be gratefully received.

PIOUS LISTS

... will be available this weekend at the back of church. As is customary in the Catholic tradition, the month of November is when all the Holy Souls are remembered. If you enter the names of your deceased family, relatives and friends on a pious list along with your donation and place them in the envelope provided, they will be especially remembered in all our Masses during November.

TWELVE APOSTLES

Please use the Parish Centre for your special occasion and support the many groups who use it. 01942 209192 for info. Bingo every Wednesday at 8.30pm in the Lounge. Hobby & Craft Fair Sunday, 20 October, 11.00-3.00. Ring the number above or e-mail: x11apostlesparishcentre@hotmail.co.uk for stall bookings. Christmas Fair 17 November - we will be looking for donations for raffle/tombola prizes please see Therese Thompson, Ann Clews or Lesley Garvey.

VOLUNTARY CLEANERS NEEDED

Fr. Stephen and Fr. Kieran are looking for voluntary cleaners to help at Twelve Apostles Parish Hall. There are a lot of groups that use the hall's facilities and so there is a constant need to keep it clean and tidy. If anyone could spare a few hours each week to help out, we would be very grateful. Either speak to us after one of the weekend masses or call the parish office.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

If you have made your First Holy Communion, you are invited to become part of our Altar Servers Team. Please speak to Fr Kieran or Fr Steve after Mass. Being an Altar Server is a great way of helping in your Church and learning more about the Mass.

THE ROSARY

A decade of the Rosary is prayed in St Joseph's church every weekday morning at 8.30am and Monday, Wednesday & Friday before 12 noon Mass. Also, during the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed at the Sacred Heart church on Tuesday & Thursday at 11.45am, before 12noon Mass.

ROSARY SUNDAY PROCESSION

Sunday 6 October 2013 at 2.00pm. Holy Family New Springs. Assemble at 2.00pm in the church car park. Turn left into Cale Lane and park in the street or Club car park. At 2.15pm recite one decade of the Rosary for peace in the world, then sing one verse of Faith of Our Fathers and one verse of the National Anthem. Stewards will call forward the Parish groups (Sacred Heart, Leigh is No. 20. St Joseph's Leigh is No. 25) led by the processional cross, altar servers, the Mayor of Wigan, The Very Rev. Canon McNally, clergy, religious, Catholic magistrates and councillors and Catenian guests. Walk in threes along the pavement to church for Rosary, Sermon and Benediction. Refreshments in the club room afterwards.

ATHERTON & LEIGH FOODBANK

Today in Atherton and Leigh there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis - redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill - can mean going hungry. Every day parents skip meals to feed their children and people are forced to choose between paying the rent and eating. Atherton and Leigh foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our harvest appeal, this year all the churches in our parish are collecting items of food on behalf of the foodbank. Please try to bring along to church something from the following list when you come to Mass: UHT milk, sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta sauce, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat or fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars. Any items will be collected and given to the foodbank to provide emergency food for local people in crisis.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,748.55

Second collection: The CAFOD collection for Harvest Fast Day (this Friday) will be taken on 12/13 October.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to Archie Colin Heather.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Harold Dean, Geoffrey James Mills, John Murray, Patrick McIlroy, Anthony Houlton (ex deputy head at St Mary's High School)

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

Please remember Tom Brennan, Margaret Poyner, Geoff Prescott, and all who are sick at this time.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC

We already have enough enquirers to make the course viable this year but we can always cope with a few more. Please pass on this message to anyone else you think would be interested. Weekly meetings will begin this Wednesday, 2 October at 7.30pm in the Chapel of Joy & Hope within Sacred Heart church. Invitations have been posted but just turn up on the night if you want to sample RCIA without commitment and decide whether it might be for you. We aim to complete each session by 9.00pm.

CAFOD

HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER

I would like to talk to you about my brothers and sisters. We're all very different people and have quite different personalities, but we try to get along. The problem is, when we sit down to eat every night, I get a lot of food. Perhaps too much, and a great number of the others don't have enough, some at the other end of the table get the least useful parts of the meal, perhaps just the bread and salt. I can see how unfair this is: there is always enough food in the home, but every night one of my seven brothers or sisters will go hungry. This is my family. It is your family. It is our global family. As we sit here now, there are children in a slum in Kenya having to beg for food because they have no way of eating tonight. A few hours ago, there was a little girl in Nicaragua who ate her only meal of the day: a tortilla thinner than a cracker and no larger than your hand. How would you feel, how would I feel if something that just covered your hand was the only food you could give your child today? And what about tomorrow? Because the child in the slum is my child. He is your child. The little girl in Nicaragua is my sister, she is your sister. They are God's children, we are God's children. Today we have the opportunity to make a place at the feast God spreads out for everyone. Just imagine what could be achieved if every family made a place at their table. We are always grateful for your support. Without your prayers and generosity, the work CAFOD does to change the lives of thousands of people world wide would not be possible.

Thank you.



ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

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

Billy Liar

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

For this production 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.

Beauty and the Beast

Our annual pantomime is
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 October production.

LEIGH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

28 & 29 September, St Joseph's Hall, with layouts and show-you-how demonstrations. Full trade support and free advice. Refreshments available. 10.00am - 5.00pm Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £10. Under 5's free.

Archdiocese of Liverpool

Building Maintenance Assistant

An opportunity is available for a part time, permanent Building Maintenance Assistant based at St Joseph's Presbytery, Leigh to assist with the management, development and monitoring of buildings within the parish communities of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow, Leigh.

Salary £12,500-£14,000 per annum

dependent upon qualifications, skills and experience

Part-time – 20 hours per week

to be worked flexibly over 3-4 days

25 days holiday (pro rata), pension and salary exchange schemes

The nature of the work will vary from responsive to preventative maintenance programmes of small repairs to managing a wider rolling programme of works in response to quinquennial reports which may include dealing with roofs, rainwater disposal, internal structure and external walls and general building services.

A full application pack including job description is available to download from our website at;
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/job

Closing Date: Monday 30 September 2013

This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A Lay Chaplain is required at St Mary's Catholic High School. Contract: Permanent, Full-time, term time + 4 weeks.

Salary: G7 £22,443 -£26,536.

For further information, or if you would like to visit the school please contact Miss Foster, Human Resources Manager. 01942 884144. Full details of the post and application form and associated documents are available to download from the school website smchs.org.uk Closing date noon on Wednesday 9 October 2013.

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 28 September

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY McArt & Murnan family

Sun 29 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Peter Cosgrave
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Eileen Massey
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 30 September *Memorial: St Jerome, P. D. (4th/5th c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 1 October *Memorial: St Teresa of the Child Jesus, ODC, D. V. (19th c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 9.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Harold Dean
SH 12.00noon MASS Sebastian Wood
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wed 2 October *Memorial: The Guardian Angels*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.45am REQUIEM MASS Geoffrey James Mills
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 7.00pm MASS Maureen Lewin

Thu 3 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 26)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Joe & Irene Atkinson (Diamond Wedding)
SH 12.00noon MASS Kitty O'Connor
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS John Murray

Fri 4 October *Memorial: St. Francis of Assisi OFM (12th/13th c.) (Harvest Fast Day)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Thomas Hynes
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Patrick McIlroy

Sat 5 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
SH 12.00noon MASS Harvey Dowell
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 6 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) *(Rosary Sunday) (Special Prayer for Nugent Care Society)*

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Gail Hampson
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 20 September the numbers drawn were 9, 15, 21. No winner of £296. Last week's estimated jackpot was £360.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50, 095, Jennifer & Fiona; £10, 447, A Sharkie; £5, 410, M Moore; £3, 365, M Houghton; £2, 190, M Smith. **Bonus Ball** 9, D Vint.

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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