

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 6 OCTOBER 2013



Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is a tendency among religious people to think that God owes them something. They imagine God as an employer. If we do the work, then in justice our employer owes us our wages. God owes us a reward in Heaven provided we serve him faithfully here on earth. This is a very understandable attitude. But it introduces a mercenary attitude towards something that should be a loving relationship between ourselves and God. It is also completely opposed to the Gospel message. The truth is that we can NEVER put God in a position where he is in debt to us. Jesus says that even when we have done all we are expected to do – and who among us could be so bold as to make that claim? – we still cannot make demands on God.

At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the idea of merit – much like the new translation of the Roman Missal today! Jesus was challenging that attitude. Our faith in Christ is a religion of grace and NOT of merit. Salvation CANNOT be earned. We can never put God in our debt. But the Good News is we don't have to. God is our father. We are his children. He blesses us and helps us because we are his children and because we need him.

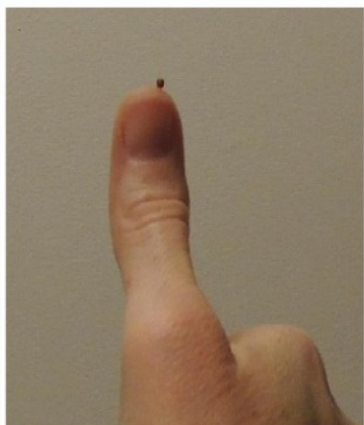
It should come as a great relief to us to discover that we don't have to prove ourselves to God. He loves us despite our sinfulness, despite our wrongdoing. We don't have to earn God's love. It would be impossible to do so even if we tried. God loved us long before we could have done anything to deserve it. And he loves us even when we are sinners. Our task is to return his love and share this love with others. We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us. We keep the commandments BECAUSE God loves us. He wants us to serve him out of love, NOT out of a sense of duty. Therefore, faith alone is not enough. We need love too.

What God wants from us is that we should come to him as children come to their father. He wants us to live out his commandment of love, not out of the hope of receiving a reward, but out of love for him and for others. If we do this then perhaps we can make the world a better place.

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Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monica Bibby, John & Mary Gillbanks, James Houton, Pauline Keaveny, Annie McCabe, James, Owen & Annie McDermot, John Murray, Elizabeth Palmer, Dcn. Francis Newton, Kathleen Reynolds, May Roach, Raymond Stewart, Florence Yates.

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.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 October at St Joseph's. All mothers and grandmothers 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 M & A Fletcher.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Sacred Heart & Our Lady of the Rosary

The second meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 October at 4.30pm.

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.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

... will return to the usual second Sunday in the month next Sunday, 13 October.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Coffee morning after Mass today, 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The second meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 October at 4.30pm.

MISSION BOXES

Mission Books are at the back of church. If Jeff Fyldes emptied your box, can you please bring it to church. Many thanks.

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 Sacred Heart church on Tuesday & Thursday at 11.45am, before 12noon Mass.

ROSARY SUNDAY PROCESSION

Today, 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

£1,749.09

The CAFOD collection for Harvest Fast Day (Friday 4 October) will be taken next weekend.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to Thomas William Mann, Myla Grace Jones.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anthony Helm, Annie McCabe, Phyllis Sarbutts, Malcolm Ferris.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

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

CAFOD

(Catholic Agency For Overseas Development)

Harvest Fast Day

Friday, 4 October 2013

What could we have done to help sisters and brothers in greatest need in our world family? Can we give up tobacco, alcohol, sweets, treats, etc. and give the money saved to CAFOD? Can we refrain from wasting food, filling land and blocking drains? One in eight of our world family goes to bed (if they have one) hungry tonight, through no fault of their own. Please consider Gift Aid, where your donation will be increased by 25p for every £1 you give, at no cost to you. Please bring your envelope next weekend.

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.

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 October production.

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.

TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH THE FABULOUS NOSTALGIA SHOWBAND



50s & 60s Rock & Roll

St Joseph's Hall Chapel St, Leigh

Bar Refreshments

Saturday 2nd November 8.00pm

Tickets £7.50 available from Pauline 01942
604603 or St Joseph's 01942 673517

BUILDING MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

A new and exciting 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 community of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow, Leigh.

Salary £12,500-£14,000 per annum dependant 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.

Reporting to the Pastoral Area Dean and working closely with the wider diocesan surveying team, the successful candidate will be required to carry out day to day supervision of programmed works, mostly in churches, presbytery's and non licensed premises, identifying defects, recommending corrective action and ensuring all workmanship undertaken on site conforms to approved specifications. 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.

Applicants must have empathy with the ethos and mission of the Catholic Church and a commitment to the work undertaken in all aspects of building and maintenance works in the local parish community.

The successful candidate must have:

- Evidence of good general level of education
- Experience of working in construction industry or similar trade
- Experience of identifying technical problems and recommending corrective action
- An understanding of current planning legislation and building regulations
- Project management skills
- Strong interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with people at all levels
- A flexible attitude to work and tasks undertaken

The following would be advantageous:

- Experience of undertaking the role of project manager on building projects
- Experience of working on buildings which are places of worship

A full application pack including job description is available to download. <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=172>

Closing Date: Extended to Friday, 18 October 2013

This post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check

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 5 October

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

Mon 7 October

Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS Austin Woods

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Tue 8 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 27)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Ann Buttery (get well)

StJ 2.15pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Anthony Helm

SH 3.00pm

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wed 9 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

REQUIEM MASS Annie McCabe

SH 7.00pm

MASS Barry Scotson

Thu 10 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 9.00am

School MASS of WELCOME in Church. All welcome

12A 9.30am

MASS Special intention (PC)

SH 12.00noon

NO MASS

12A 1.30pm

REQUIEM MASS Phyllis Sarbutts

Fri 11 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.15am

St Joseph's School HARVEST MASS in Church. All welcome.

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Sat 12 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS Special intention (G)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Dennis & Joan Frain

Sun 13 October

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS Teresa Cooney LD + Julie & Timothy Cooney

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS Anne Devlin

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 27 September the numbers drawn were 9, 11, 23. No winner of £374. Last week's estimated jackpot was £440.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club & Bonus ball: please refer to the notice board at the back of church.

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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