

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 13 OCTOBER 2013



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Thanks to the book "Schindler's Ark", and the film, "Schindler's List", the name of Oskar Schindler became known to millions of people around the world. Schindler was a German industrialist. During World War II he saved over one thousand Polish Jews from the concentration camps. As the war ended the Germans pulled out of Poland, and the people awaited the arrival of the Russians. Just before the Russians arrived, Schindler too decided to flee to the West. When the now free Jewish workers heard he was leaving, they got together to see how they could express their gratitude to him. All that they had to make him a gift was base metal. Then one of them suggested something better. He opened his mouth to show his gold bridgework. "Take this," he said, "Were it not for Oskar, the SS would have had the gold from my mouth anyway. My teeth would be in a heap in some SS warehouse." At first the others resisted the man's offer but he insisted. So he had his bridgework extracted by a prisoner who had once been a dentist in Cracow. A jeweller among them melted the gold and fashioned a ring out of it. On the inner circle of the ring they inscribed these words from the Talmud: "The one who saves a single life, saves the entire world."

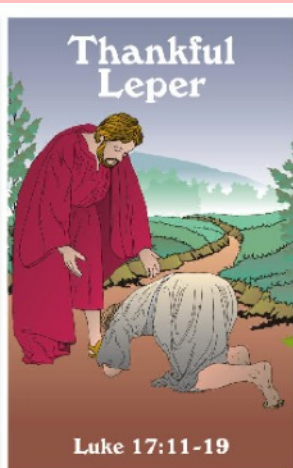
It was an astonishing and deeply moving gesture of gratitude. The people whom Schindler saved wanted to give something back. According to a French proverb, "Gratitude is the heart's memory." But then some might say that it was the least they could do since they owed their lives to Schindler.

The ten lepers in today's Gospel owed their lives to Jesus. Yet only one of them came back to thank him. It seems strange that the one who came back to give thanks was an outsider – a Samaritan. Perhaps the other nine were so eager to see their families again that they forgot to say thank you, leaving this task to a later date. Perhaps they simply took Jesus for granted. The outsider sees everything as gift, especially the healing Jesus had brought into his life. We hear a similar story in today's First Reading. We see the foreigner, Naaman, coming back to thank Elisha for curing his leprosy. It is important for us to be able to show our thankfulness. It's good for ourselves in the first place – it enables us to acknowledge the debt we owe to others. And of course, it's good for the other person – it helps them to feel appreciated and encourages them to be just as helpful in the future. As for expressing our thanks to God, he doesn't really need our thanks. But it is good to thank him because it reminds us that everything we have we owe to him. It's easy to be thankful to God for all the good things that happen to us. But we must try to be thankful for the whole of our lives – the bad as well as the good, the sorrows and the joys, the failures and the successes. As we thank God for our lives today, let us pray that, in good and bad times, we can look back and see the guiding hand of God, drawing us closer to him and to each other.

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Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Boone & Campbell Families, Tony Broster, Teresa Cooney, Teresa Conway, Margaret & Kevin Fleming, Pegg Lawton, David Mason, Dcn. Francis Newton, St Jude, Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of church after both Masses for the next couple of weeks, beginning on Sunday 20 October.

MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 4 November. Thank you.

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.

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 Eileen Hurst.

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

... today, Sunday, 13 October. Enjoy a tea or coffee and help build our community.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Autumn mini-market after Mass on Sunday 27 October.

Many thanks for those who have donated to the Autumn Market. We are also having a cake sale and would appreciate any offers to bake cakes, pies etc. Also we need help setting up on the day before and on the day. Please see Brenda, Josie or Kath. Christmas draw tickets on sale shortly – donations for both these events will be gratefully received.



TWELVE APOSTLES

Please use the Parish Centre for your special occasion and support the many groups who use it. 01942 209192 for info. NO Wednesday Bingo this week. Hobby & Craft Fair Sunday, 20 October, 11.00-3.00. Over 20 stalls. All profits are to help with the running costs of the club. Christmas Fair 17 November - we will be looking for donations for raffle/tombola prizes please see Therese Thompson, Ann Clews or Lesley Garvey.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND

Our next 200 club draw is on Wednesday, 23 October.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 October. Everyone welcome.

HELP NEEDED

Sr Megan is looking for help for a family who are in difficulties. Any item of furniture, white goods, bedding etc would be appreciated; especially a Hoover. Please ring 01942 683554. Thank you.

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 food bank. 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 food bank to provide emergency food for local people in crisis.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,456.24

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to Natalie Kiejko, Kian Dean Hughes, Leo James Gordon Culshaw

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom Brennan, Malcolm Ferris, Terence Sammon

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

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

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.

ROME & ASSISI PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Pictorial are organising a Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi and a short break in Sorrento in May 2014. If anyone is interested, please call 0151 733 5492.

PARISH VISITORS

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, member of the SVP or the Bereavement Teams, or undertake some other form of ministry and visit people in their homes, then you are invited to a **Safeguarding Awareness** meeting on **Tuesday, 19 November**, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at Holy Family, Boothstown. The meeting will be led by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and will involve information on elder abuse as well as how to keep yourself safe when carrying out your ministry.

**HOBBY AND CRAFT
FAIR**

Sunday 20th October 11am till 3pm

Ring 01942 209192 for stall bookings

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 Des 01942
674868, 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 12 October

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

Mon 14 October Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 28)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
10.45am FUNERAL SERVICE Howe Bridge Crematorium Malcolm Ferris
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 15 October Memorial: St Teresa of Avila, ODC, D. V. (16th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Fr Michael Williams
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wed 16 October Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
StJ 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Terence Sammon
SH 7.00pm MASS John Tighe

Thu 17 October Memorial: St Ignatius of Antioch, B.M. (1st/2nd c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am NO MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Arthur Hennessy

Fri 18 October FEAST: ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR 10.00am MASS John Fisher
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 19 October Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS
12A 5.30pm MASS People of St Edmund Arrowsmith and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

Sun 20 October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Jim Dootson
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Josephine & Roman Grosvernor
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 4 October the numbers drawn were 6, 16, 24. No winner of £448. Last week's estimated jackpot was £520.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club & Bonus ball: £10 296 M Roach, £5 403 J Waterfield, £3 293 K Grimshaw, £2 167 B Ryan. Bonus Ball 38 C Ackers

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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