

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 20 OCTOBER 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

None of us can really live out our lives as Christians without prayer. But we have to understand what prayer is and what it does. Once upon a time three men were trapped in a dark cellar which had no doors or windows.

One man, a writer named George, had no faith. He just sat down in a corner cursing the darkness "There's nothing we can do," he said, "We might as well resign ourselves to our fate."

The second was Peter, a very religious man. He prayed for a long time. When he had finished, he sat back and waited for a miracle.

The third man was a bricklayer by the name of Ivan. He was quite religious in his own way. But he was also a very practical man. He had a small chisel in his pocket. With the light of a match he found a small stone. Using this as a hammer he began to chip away at the wall. The work was slow, monotonous and extremely tiring. He got dust in his eyes, and blisters on his hands. Neither of the other two men showed any inclination to help him. George sat in the corner smoking. Peter sat in another corner praying. From time to time Ivan prayed too: "Dear God, I believe that with your help we can make it out of here. So help us now." Finally, after hours of painful work, a big stone dislodged itself and light streamed in from next door. He began to shout for joy, praising and thanking God at the same time. His two companions helped him to widen the hole, and eventually all three of them crawled through and were free.

All three had very different attitudes to prayer. George thought it was a waste of time. If he didn't believe in God who would he pray to? For Peter, prayer was the substitute to action. So, once he had said his prayers, he sat back and waited for God to come to his rescue. Ivan believed in prayer too, but not as a substitute for action. Having prayed, he immediately took whatever action he could. His prayer served the purpose of keeping us his courage and hope. It also gave him a sense of God's nearness and an assurance that God had not abandoned him. Faith and prayer are interconnected.

Whenever we pray, like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called upon to hope and have faith that one day our prayer will be answered. But sometimes God calls us to take action too and make our very lives a prayer to God. St Augustine once wrote, "Faith pours out prayer, and the pouring out of prayer sustains and strengthens faith." As we lift up our prayers to God this weekend may our lives be an expression of our faith in God as we seek to follow him each and every day.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

#### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Tom Brennan, John Featherstone, Joseph Green, May Gillbanks, Kath Lythe, Marlene O'Neill, E.A. & L.G. Palmer, Terry Sammon, Desmond Sarsfield, John Topping, Veronica Worrall, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Carlo, Angiola, Annita, Louis Manfredi

#### CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

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

#### WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 22 October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

#### MISSION BOXES

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

#### ST JOSEPH'S AUTUMN FAYRE - Request for Donations

This Years Fayre is on Sunday, 24 November after the 10.30am Mass. Donations of Good as New Handbags, Books & DVDs, Bottles for the Bottle Tombola, (alcohol & non alcoholic), Gift Tombola prizes, small new items valued at about £1 suitable for Game Prizes would all be appreciated. You can leave them at the presbytery during the week or bring them to Mass on Sunday.

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The first meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be held on Thursday, 24 October at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Main Hall.

### 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 Thomas & Anthony Hunter.

#### SACRED HEART LOTTERY WINNERS

Every week, the big winners of the Sacred Heart Lottery are Sacred Heart school and the parish (of St Edmund Arrowsmith). This week they each received a cheque for £1,000 from accumulated funds. We thank the volunteers who sell the tickets, the team that draws the numbers and checks for winners every week but mostly the people who always pay their 50p and buy a ticket (or several). If you want to support the causes or just would like to have a chance of winning one of our large jackpots please look for tickets at the back of Sacred Heart church.

#### 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

### Autumn mini-market after Mass next 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 any tins or bottles for the Christmas Hampers. We also need help setting up, please come along on Friday, 25 October at 10.30am. Help 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. Bingo Wednesday from 8.30pm every 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.

### 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.



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,668.22

The second or retiring collection in our churches this week-end is for the benefit of APF World Missions.

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today the Pope asks Catholics all over the world to join together at Mass to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church. A big part of our Church (40%) still needs our help to survive and grow to self sufficiency. Even more challenging is the fact that more than 50% of the world's people has never heard of Jesus.

Through Missio, your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. The money collected today will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Every gift makes a difference and, if possible please use the Gift Aid envelopes that are in both porches. Thank you for your help.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to Eryn Jean Davies, Ava Grace Whittaker, Neive Kathleen McQueen

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Brennan, Helene Elisabeth Pugh  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### SICK

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

### YEAR 7 MASS MASS OF WELCOME

The Mass of Welcome for Year 7 pupils at St Mary's will be held at St Joseph's church on Wednesday at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MASS

On Wednesday, 30 October, 7.00pm at Sacred Heart church there will be a Mass for present and past members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society together with their families. There will be refreshments afterwards in the presbytery.

### 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.

### NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The November Pious Lists will be available at the back of each church for you to place the name of your relatives and friends who have died. Please put your list, along with your contribution in a sealed envelope marked 'Pious List'. (If you have not got a printed November List envelope). The names of everyone on the lists will be placed on the altar at all Masses during November and they will be remembered during the Masses. Envelopes can be given in at the offertory or put into a box (if provided) in the church.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 8.00pm

Tickets £7.50 available from Des 01942 674868, Pauline 01942 604603 or St Joseph's 01942 673517



**We are setting up tables after 5.30pm Mass today. If anyone can help we would be very grateful.**

## 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 19 October

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

People of St Edmund Arrowsmith and people of St Margaret Clitherow parish

### Sun 20 October

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

*(World Mission Day)*

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS Jim Dootson

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS Josephine & Roman Grosvenor

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Mon 21 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 29)**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

### Tue 22 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Albert Finney

SH 3.00pm

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

### Wed 23 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

NO MASS (Concelebration at St Joseph's)

StJ 7.00pm

MASS of WELCOME St Mary's Year 7

### Thu 24 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am

John Fisher LD

11.30am

Funeral Service Howe Bridge Crematorium Helene Elisabeth Pugh

SH 12.00noon

Elena Rooney LD

### Fri 25 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OLR 10.00am

MASS in thanksgiving for successful operations

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

### Sat 26 October

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

OL 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon

MASS Terry Hill

12A 5.30pm

MASS Hugh Brown & family

### Sun 27 October

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

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS Francis Newton LD

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS Paddy McIlroy

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 11 October the numbers drawn were 6, 20, 22. No winner of £512. Last week's estimated jackpot was £580.

**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](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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