

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

27 OCTOBER 2013



## Responsorial Psalm

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Reading we hear the story of the prayer of the Pharisee and the tax collector. They were two very different people who had very different standings in society. The Pharisee, for example, seemed to be completely unaware of his own sinfulness. In fact, he didn't think he had any sins at all. He felt he wasn't a sinner like the rest of society. He was different. Therefore, instead of examining his own conscience and confessing his own sins, he examined the conscience of others and confessed their sins – greed, injustice, adultery, etc. Yes, he did have sins, the main one being the sin of pride. The tax collector might well have confessed the same sins as the Pharisee but he didn't. He concentrated on himself, and left the sins of others between themselves and God. With great honesty and humility he laid bare his heart before God and acknowledged his sinfulness. He made no attempt to hide anything. He stood before God and, in all humility, said, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." As a result, as Jesus says, he went home at rights with God.

We can learn from both of them. Is there a bit of the Pharisee lurking in all of us? Like him, we may be very conscious of the sins of others but we may be blind to our own. It's easy to get into the habit of noticing the sins and faults of others. People do it all the time. But this can be dangerous because it stops us from looking at our own lives and our need to be reconciled with God. We can learn from the tax collector because he shows us how to confess our sins. God calls us to humility. Humility is about knowing that we are nothing without God. Instead of preparing a list of sins, as many of us would do when we go to the Sacrament of Confession, the tax collector simply said, "Lord, I am a sinner". In other words, "Lord, I need your help. I need your love and forgiveness." God is not necessarily bothered about hearing a list of our sins. He would rather we come before him with open hearts and open minds. The problem with the Pharisee was that his heart was closed to the goodness and needs of others. His mind was closed to hearing of new ideas.

As we celebrate God's love and forgiveness this weekend, let us pray that God may heal us of the Pharisee in each of us, so our hearts and minds may be open to the needs of others, especially the tax collectors – that is, those who so often feel rejected – in our lives today.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

#### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tom Brennan, Michael Cain, Joseph Green, George & Agnes Hayes, Aileen Leigh, Edward Nigparanon, Terence Sammon, John Topping, Susan Williams, Thanksgiving & Special Intention St Blaise, St Theresa

#### CLENT HILLS SPONSORED WALK

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Chris Hallinan on the Clent Hills Sponsored Walk for the Sacred Heart Father & Brothers of Betharram Missions. He raised a marvellous £500.

#### WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on 29 October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

#### CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas cards will be on sale at the back of church after both Masses.

#### 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 PARISH SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Support Group will be on Monday, 4 November at 7.30pm. The main topic for discussion will be the Autumn Fayre. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please attend the meeting, if you are not able to attend, you can contact St Joseph's presbytery and leave your details.

#### 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.

### 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 Danny Smith.

#### REPOSITORY

A new supply of Christmas cards is now available to buy in our little shop in church. The shop is next door to the confessional on the right hand aisle and stocks a wide range of religious items both for yourself and suitable for gifts.

#### 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 for a Christmas Hamper will be on sale after Mass today. 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 today Sunday, 27 October.

Many thanks for those who have donated to the Autumn Market. We are also having a cake sale and Christmas Hampers. We also need 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. Christmas Fair 17 November - we will be looking for donations for raffle/tombola prizes please see Therese Thompson, Ann Clews or Lesley Garvey.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Hobby and Craft Fair. It was a great success.

On Friday, 8 November from 7.00pm Leigh Guides are holding a Christmas Market, please come along and support them.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

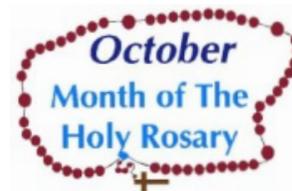
If you have made your First Holy Communion, you are invited to become part of our Altar Servers Team.

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.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

If you are looking for a Christmas present for someone who has everything, why not consider a World Gift from CAFOD. You can buy anything from a community well to drought resistant crops, from teaching someone to read to vaccinations for children. Gifts start at £4 for a queen bee. You will really be helping someone who needs a gift at Christmas! Catalogues available at the back of church.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,755.04
APF	£ 419.86
CAFOD	£ 12.00

**Thank you from Missio** Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and kindness will help missionaries across the world continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that they remain strong in their witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

The second or retiring collection in our churches next week-end is for the benefit of L.A.M.P. (Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project).

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to  
Jack Christopher Ryan

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Rowson, Aileen Leigh, Eddie Donis, Connor Donaldson.  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### SICK

Please remember Kathleen Lythgoe, Mabel Mee, Geoff Prescott, and all who are sick at this time.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

5.30pm	Twelve Apostles
6.30pm	St Joseph's
Midnight	Sacred Heart

#### Christmas Day (Wednesday)

8.30am	St Joseph's
9.30am	Sacred Heart
10.30am	St Joseph's
11.15am	Our Lady of the Rosary

### PREPARATION MEETING FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Sunday, 3 November at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Presbytery, there will be a meeting for anyone involved in or interested in helping to prepare the 6.30pm, 8.30am & 10.30am Christmas Masses at St Joseph's.

### SPONSORED TREK IN AID OF FRANCIS HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

In November this year, Deacon Ken Holding from Sacred Heart, Hindley Green and former parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary, will trek through the mountains and deserts of Jordan, walking from the Dead Sea to Petra. He is doing it as part of the first Francis House Children's overseas fundraising challenge.

Francis House was founded in 1990 by Sr Aloysius to support families in the North West who have children with life-limiting conditions, and it is open to all children under sixteen years of age who have a life-threatening or life-limiting condition, regardless of faith or cultural background. Care is given free of charge to families. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MASS

**This 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.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED

The Annual Mass for those who have died in the past 12 months will be held in St Joseph's church on November 14 at 7.00pm.

### 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.

### 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 – 9.00pm, 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. If you intend to go to the meeting, please phone Holy Family (0161 790 2390) to confirm **before the end of October**.

### 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.

### 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.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

St. Mary's Catholic High School History Department would like to invite you to take part in a short Remembrance Service on Friday, 8 November at 10.30am. The service, involving students, cadets and members of the Royal British Legion, will take place in the Lower School Hall. Following this, we will move outside to lay a wreath at St. Mary's Remembrance Memorial and observe two minutes silence. On your arrival, please sign in at the main reception and ask to be directed to the Conference Room in the Excellence Centre. RSVP by email to: r.barrett@smchs.org.uk

## 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 26 October

12A 5.30pm

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

MASS Hugh Brown & family

### Sun 27 October

StJ 8.30am

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

SH 9.30am

MASS

StJ 10.30am

MASS Francis Newton LD

OL 11.00am

MASS

StR 6.30pm

MASS Paddy McIlroy

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Mon 28 October

### FEAST: SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

StJ 1.30pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Thomas Rowson

### Tue 29 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 30)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Lilian, Harry and Michael Higginson

SH 3.00pm

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

### Wed 30 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

MASS for SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY *Everyone else is welcome too.*

### Thu 31 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am

John Fisher LD

StJ 11.00am

REQUIEM MASS Aileen Leigh

SH 12.00noon

Agnes Coleman

12A 7.30pm

All Saints MASS

### Fri 1 November

### SOLEMNITY: (Holy Day of Obligation) ALL SAINTS

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS Mary Flynn

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

MASS Emma Olden (speedy recovery)

### Sat 2 November

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SH 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Fr Phil Reece

12A 5.30pm

MASS Kathleen McArt

### Sun 3 November

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

### (LAMP SUNDAY)

StJ 8.30am

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

SH 9.30am

MASS Teresa Cooney LD

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS William Power

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 18 October the numbers drawn were 2, 3, 16. No winner of £588. Last week's estimated jackpot was £660.

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

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club:** £40, 38, J Osvnovianenko; £15, 142, C Clews; £5, 141, J Heaton; £5, 215, A Newton.

### 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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