

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 10 NOVEMBER 2013



Responsorial Psalm

I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength
to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel the Sadducees, a religious group in Jesus' day, pit their interpretation of the law against what they regard as a strange innovation, that is, the belief in the resurrection. They attempt to ridicule the resurrection of the dead by recalling the Law of Moses on Marriage. The Law stated that if a man dies and has no son, and therefore no legal heir, his brother must marry the widow so that the "first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his brother who is dead." (Deuteronomy 25:5). In this way the continuity of the family line was guaranteed. The Sadducees develop an example about seven brothers; each one marries the same woman and each one of them dies childless. Their argument, made before Jesus, is whose wife would the woman be in the resurrection of the dead? In his reply Jesus makes it clear that there is no comparison between human life, shared by all, and the resurrection, shared by those who are children of God. Jesus makes the distinction between two ages and two peoples: the people of this age and those who are chosen to share in the resurrection. Jesus does not speak of the resurrection of all people, but resurrection from the dead of those people who "are accounted worthy" to share this new age with God. As children of God they cannot die again – therefore marriage does not apply to them. There will be no need to increase the human race in this new age, or to ensure legal succession. Therefore, the question of the Sadducees concerning Marriage is irrelevant. Since in the resurrection of the dead ALL are sons and daughters of God, therefore their relationship is as members of the same family.

Jesus uses the scripture that the Sadducees do accept. Moses called God the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. If there were no resurrection the Sadducees' argument would imply that these great names from the Old Testament – very important figures to the religion of the time and to Jesus himself – would be dead forever. This would not make sense for any practising Jew at the time. If the Lord is God of the living, then he will continue to be so to those who have died. Relationship with God does not end in death. To God ALL people are alive. Jesus' argument with the Sadducees may seem too remote for our modern ears. However, through his argument Jesus reveals something of his own belief in God – a God who keeps his promise to all his faithful ones even when they die. Jesus does more than argue the point. He himself becomes the case in point when he dies on the cross and experiences the glory of the resurrection when God refuses to let death have the last word. Jesus himself becomes the ultimate argument against the Sadducees.

In this month of November, when we remember those who have gone before us, Jesus' words should echo in our ears as we pray for all our loved ones. They challenge us to ask ourselves who or what do we believe in. There are so many moments in the Gospel when Jesus promises us a place in Heaven if we follow him here on earth. How do we show that we believe this in the way we live our lives today?

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Eileen Appleton, Liam Baker, Phyllis Bailey, Tony Broster, Alf Case, Elizabeth Cleweth, Bernadette Kay, Aileen Leigh, Ann Marsh, John Murray, Eva Worthington, Margaret Yates, Special Intention, Special Intention St Jude.

GIFT AID

We are pleased to report that a sum of £2,950.07 for Sacred Heart, £7,750.56 for St Joseph's, £823.97 for Our Lady of the Rosary & £1,207.77 for Twelve Apostles, has been received from the Inland Revenue in respect of the tax refund due on the Gift Aid Donations for the tax year ending 5 April 2013. Thank you to all those who contribute using the Gift Aid Scheme and may we remind you to let us know if your address changes or if your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax.

The Gift Aid Scheme is an excellent way to boost our much needed Funds and at no extra cost to Parishioners as we are simply reclaiming income tax paid on your contributions.

If you pay tax and are not already in the Gift Aid Scheme please think of joining, it is very easy. There is just one form to sign, giving your name and address. You then use numbered offertory envelopes for church collections or pay directly by Standing Order from your Bank. If you wish to cancel at any time just let us know. The Gift Aid Team can be contacted via Fr Cooper or the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next meeting for children and parents will be tomorrow, Monday, 11 November at 6.00pm in church.

CAKE SALE

After Mass today in the coffee morning there will be a cake sale in aid of one of our young parishioners, Lewis Shevelan who is raising money to go to Peru with scouts in August next year, to help build a water storage system in a remote village in the Andes, which will allow the villagers to water their crops in the dry season. Lewis is currently walking Hadrian's Wall to raise money. If you would like to sponsor him there are sponsor forms at the back of church.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality this Tuesday, 12 November at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

THE LEGION OF MARY

We have a statue of Our Lady of Grace which we take to homes within the parish. If you would like to have Our Lady's statue in your home for approximately one week and share in this devotion, please telephone 01942 675721 and we will happily put your name on the list.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

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

ST JOSEPH'S AUTUMN FAYRE - Request for Donations

This Years Fayre is on Sunday, 24 November after the 10.30am Mass. Donations of tins and packet foods for the Food Hamper, 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.

SACRED HEART

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME (SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S)

The next meeting for children and parents will be this Thursday, 14 November at 4.30pm.

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 Mum & Dad McGinley.

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

Tickets will be available after Mass today and for the next few weeks for our Christmas Draw.

TWELVE APOSTLES

CHRISTMAS FAIR next Sunday, 17 November at 12.30pm - donations are much appreciated there are lists at the back of church for raffle prizes, tickets on sale £1 a book. If you have anything that requires collecting please ring John Thompson (253507). Our monthly **REPAIR FUND** retiring collection will be next Saturday, please be your usual generous selves. The next **200 CLUB** will be on Wednesday, 20 November. We will shortly be having our annual **SELECTION BOX RAFFLE** all donations much appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The next meeting for children and parents will be this Wednesday, 13 November at 4.30pm

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.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

St Joseph's Prayer Centre are holding two retreats: "The Path To Acceptance", which takes place between **15-17 November**, is a residential weekend retreat exploring how we can heal the wounds of our poor self esteem. "Preparing for Christmas", held between **6-8 December**, will be a retreat helping us to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

For more information or to book a place, please phone 07722 572753 or 01704 879665.

THE TEN MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

Jeff Cavins, American Scripture Scholar and Director of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota will be giving a talk: 'The Ten Marks of a True Disciple' at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 12 November. Places are limited to 120, and are on a strictly 'first-come-first-served' basis. For information and to register to reserve your place visit: www.catholicbibletour.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,757.97
L.A.M.P. £ 571.52

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to:
Jessica Louise Dennett, Aiden Jakob Brown, Annie Francesca Marsh, Layla Rose Goulden, Florence Rose Ball.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Wasył Swatkiw, Steven Buterworth
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

Please remember: Vernon Byrne, Jack Jones, Mark Keleher, Kathleen Lythgoe, Mary Marsh, Mabel Mee, Geoff Prescott, Marian Woodward, 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

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED

The Parish Annual Mass for those who have died in the past twelve months will be held in St Joseph's church on Thursday this week, 14 November at 7.00pm.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The November Pious Lists are 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 are being 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.

VACANCY

A part-time Clerical Administrator for the archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is to be appointed. The closing date for applications is Monday, 11 November. Full details in the newsletter area of leighpastoralarea.co.uk

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.

OLD GREGORIAN'S

The Annual Mass for deceased former pupils and teachers of St Gregory's R.C. High School, Ardwick Green, Manchester is to be celebrated at St Kentigern's church, Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 7DW at 7.30pm on Friday, 29 November 2013 and will be followed by a gathering in the St

Kentigern's Social Club. For further information telephone Terry O'Neil on 0161 442 6839 or e-mail terry.oneil43@ntlworld.com. St Gregory's was a school which drew its pupils from all over Greater Manchester and surrounding areas and who are now living far and wide. Over recent years attendances at the Annual Mass have increased to around 200.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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Atherton & Leigh Foodbank Charity Night

Top Majorcan Legends Act
Singing live, songs from

The Jersey Boys
& Westlife

Plus local Singing Sensation
Zoe Unsworth

Formby Hall, Atherton.
Nov 22nd 8.00 p.m.

Tickets £10 from Formby Hall or 07976 266960

New Years Eve Celebration

St Joseph's Parish Hall
Chapel St, Leigh

Starring
Eddie Robbins
The Sunbeams
Boogie Nights

Spot prizes Bar Free Raffle

Tickets £12.50 including Traditional Supper
and glass of wine on arrival
Available from Des 01942 674848, Pauline
604603 or the Parish Office 673517

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 9 November

12A 5.30pm MASS Nora & John Devaney & Jimmy Maxwell

Sun 10 November

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)
(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)**

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Arthur Hennessey LD
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Tom Sales
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 11 November

Memorial: St. Martin of Tours, B. (4th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 12 November

Memorial: St. Josaphat, B.M. (16th/17th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS John Tighe LD
SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wed 13 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 32)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 7.00pm MASS Winnie Carney

Thu 14 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS John Fisher LD
SH 12.00noon MASS
StJ 12.00noon REQUIEM MASS Steven Buterworth
StJ 7.00pm MASS PARISH ANNUAL MASS for those who have died during the last twelve months

Fri 15 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS In Thanksgiving
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 16 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS
12A 5.30pm MASS Baugh family

Sun 17 November

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)
(Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants)**

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Eileen Hurst
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 1 November the numbers drawn were 3, 9, 16. No winner of £726. Last week's estimated jackpot was £800.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club: £10, 352, T Ellis; £5, 374, P Leonard; £3, 242, M Moore; £2, 163, F Hilton.

Bonus ball: nn, K Sales.

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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