

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 17 NOVEMBER 2013



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

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

Anne Frank was a teenage Jewish girl who lived in Amsterdam during the early years of World War II. When the Germans started rounding up all Jews, Anne and her family went into hiding. Seven people in all, they hid for two years in the attic. There they waited in daily fear of being discovered by the Nazis. During that time Anne kept a diary, which her father found after the war ended. Translated into many different languages, it has been read by millions of people. In it Anne expressed her thoughts and feelings with a maturity way beyond her years. In one remarkable passage she wrote the following:-

"It's twice as hard for us young people to hold our ground, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God. It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are good at heart. I see the world being turned into a wilderness. I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."

It's an amazing expression of faith and hope at a time of such horror and upheaval. Anne never saw peace and tranquility return. One day the dreaded knock came to the door. She and her family were taken to Belsen Concentration Camp where she died in 1944.

What is it that enables a person to endure? The rightness of one's cause can give a person great strength. The example and support of others is also a great help. And then there is the best help of all – faith. Faith can help us believe that goodness will triumph in the end, and that God will have the last say. Gandhi once said, "A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because they believe in the ultimate triumph of the truth." In a world of so much social and political turmoil, people of faith will sometimes be seen as naive and ineffective or irrelevant. However, we must not be afraid of scepticism and cynicism, but trust that God will give us the strength to hold our ground and remain faithful. Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid." We would not be human if we didn't feel fear when danger threatened us. It is not the fear but the overcoming of fear that is the question. The story of Anne Frank and the message of Jesus' life on earth remind us how important it is to have faith, especially when all around us seems to be falling apart at the seams. It is BECAUSE God loves us that he will ultimately save us from death and fear. Even though, like the early Christians, we may face times of trial, it is only with the help of God that our faith will endure. So let us trust him with all our hearts.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Nora Bailey, Catherine Hourigan, Keavney Family, James & Eileen Keavney, Carlo Manfredi & Family, Delia Reilly, Valdemans Stradins, Arthur Wilson, Sylvia Withington.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rotas are now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

ST JOSEPH'S AUTUMN FAYRE - Request for Donations

This Year's 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

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 the Kennedy family.

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 at 1.00pm in Sacred Heart School Hall. Refreshments, Tombola, Repository, Cakes, Fancy Goods, Paintings donated by various local painting groups. Volunteers to sell raffle tickets are still urgently required.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tickets will be available after Mass today and for the next few weeks for our Christmas Draw. A great result from the Autumn Fayre! You raised a total of more than £563. Well done, and thanks to all who helped to make the event a success!

TWELVE APOSTLES

CHRISTMAS FAIR is tomorrow (Sunday) from 12.30: please come along and make it a success. We will be setting up from 8.00am - all help much appreciated! If you have any items to donate or raffle ticket counterfoils please bring them along or ring 253507 and we will pick them up.

The next **200 CLUB** will be this Wednesday, 20 November. We will shortly be having our annual **SELECTION BOX RAFFLE** all donations much appreciated.

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.

ATHERTON & LEIGH FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

"On behalf of the Atherton & Leigh Foodbank may I thank you and your staff for all your help and assistance at your Harvest Appeal. Due to the generosity of pupils, parents, staff as well as your parishioners we have collected 475.9 kilos of food. Activities like this are absolutely vital to us as we strive to ensure that we are in a position to assist families and people who find themselves in crisis situations without any suitable food. The foodbank collected on its Harvest Appeal a total of just over 3.7 tonnes of food. So, once again, many thanks to everyone from Atherton & Leigh Foodbank".

Dave Hughes
Secretary

Our next collection for the Foodbank will be during Advent on 1 & 8 December.

ORDER OF DEACONS

There will be a meeting at St Joseph's, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB, 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Friday 6 December 2013. The meeting is open to all: it should be of special interest to men thinking about serving in the Ordained Ministry of Deacon.

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

St Joseph's Prayer Centre are holding a retreat: "**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 CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

... at this week's Bishops' Conference plenary in Leeds, called for prayers to be offered for the people of the Philippines, following the intense storm last weekend. Early indications are that over 10,000 people have died and over 10 million have been affected by Typhoon Haiyan, with up to a million made homeless. Mass will be offered for the Philippines and the Filipino community in this country at Westminster Cathedral at 17.30 on Friday 15 November. Aid agencies predict humanitarian needs will increase as the devastation becomes apparent in more remote areas. As part of the Aid response, CAFOD is organising an emergency collection in parishes this weekend. Archbishop Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, said: "So many parishes benefit from the lively faith and contribution of the Filipino community and we all benefit from their significant contribution to hospitals and the caring services in this country. "Now, in their hour of need, we must support them in prayer and generosity."

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,911.73
L.A.M.P. £ 129.20

The Second Collection after all Masses today will be for the CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the Philippines. The appeal will be left open until next weekend, money can be put in an envelope marked CAFOD and taken to any of the churches this week.

The second or retiring collection next weekend (Youth Sunday) at all churches in England & Wales will be for the benefit of Catholic Youth Services.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through Baptism to: Ruben Richard Carvel, Jack Mateusz Radley, Oliver Middleton-Adams, Vinney Bracek.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Williams, Valdemans (Val) Stradins, Marian Woodward, Mark Keleher, Joseph Kerefoot.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

Please remember: Vernon Byrne, Jack Jones, Mary Marsh, Mabel Mee, Geoff Prescott, 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

SAFEGUARDING

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 GREGORIANS

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.

HOWE BRIDGE CREMATORIUM

Howe Bridge Crematorium will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday this week. This may cause some delay in arranging funerals.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Manchester Road, Astley

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Thursday, 28 November 2013
5.30 – 8.00pm

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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 674868, 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 16 November

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 Parishes of St Edmund Arrowsmith and of St Margaret Clitherow

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 18 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 33)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 19 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 3.00pm EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour

Wed 20 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Christopher McCaul

Thu 21 November *Memorial: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 9.30am REQUIEM MASS Valdemans Stradins

12A 9.30am MASS John Fisher LD

SH 12.00noon MASS Liam Bradshaw

Fri 22 November *Memorial: St. Cecilia, V.M. (3rd c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Special Intention

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 23 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Special Intention

12A 5.30pm MASS Frances Newton LD

Sun 24 November **SOLEMNITY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (Year C)**

(Titular Feast of the Cathedral) (Youth Sunday)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Nora & Jack Pearson

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS In Thanksgiving for Ordination

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 8 November the numbers drawn were 2, 6, 18. One lucky winner of £820! Last week's estimated jackpot was £60.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club: £10, 091, J Newill; £5, 019, Kath Wilkinson; £3, 175, A Sharkie; £2, 281, K Grimshaw. **Bonus ball:** 13, K Dorothy D.

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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