

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 16 FEBRUARY 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

They are happy who follow God's law!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

All of us are subject to the law. Jesus himself was subject to the law, both human and divine. As he grew up he obeyed Joseph and Mary. He obeyed the law of the land. And of course he obeyed the law of God.

In today's Gospel, it is Jesus' attitude towards the law that concerns us. He found no fault with the law itself. His problem lay with the way it was interpreted and applied by the religious leaders of the day. For them it was the letter of the law that mattered most. Once you fulfilled that you were OK. But for Jesus it was the spirit of the law that mattered most. The important thing for him was, not how many commandments we obey, but the spirit in which we obey them. The Pharisees looked only at the outward act. But God sees the heart of each person. So Jesus said we have to look not only at our actions, but at our thoughts and desires, even though these alone may never lead to any bad actions or sin. We may never kill anyone – hopefully (!) – but we do sometimes have hostile thoughts towards others. We may never have committed adultery, but we may have entertained lustful thoughts or desires.

Again, Jesus saw that the commandments were interpreted in a very negative way which led to minimalism. In other words, doing the bare minimum. But Jesus interpreted the law in a more positive way. For example, the fifth commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill." But Jesus said, "You must love your neighbour." The seventh commandment says, "Thou shalt not steal." But Jesus says goes much further and says, "You must share your goods with your neighbour when they are in need." He also saw that obedience was often rooted in fear. He wanted obedience to God to be rooted in love. His whole relationship with his Heavenly Father was based on love. When you love someone, you avoid doing anything to hurt them. Where there is real love, there really is no need for any law.

But the most significant thing that Jesus did was to bring in a law of love. Far from contradicting or abolishing the old law, the new law of Jesus goes beyond it, and so brings it to perfection. He said that all of God's laws of the Old Testament – there were many more than ten – could be reduced to just two. To love God and to love others in truth, there is only one law – the law of love. How do we live out this law in our lives today?

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and  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Dare, Kevin Fleming, Jean Neary, Marlene O'Neill, Carole Scully (nee Dare), Deceased members of the Yates Family.

**Victims of the Golborne Colliery Pit Disaster:-** John Terance Berry, Colin Dallimore, Desmond Edwards, Patrick & Peter Grainey, Raymond Arthur Hill, John James McKenna, Walter McPherson, Brian Sherman, Bernard Trumble.

### WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting of the Women's Sodality will be this Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** candle that burns all this week in Sacred Heart church was gifted in memory of Jack Brady. We will be opening a new list again around about Easter.

### TWELVE APOSTLES CLUB

No Bingo this Wednesday only. 200 club draw on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please consider us for your special occasion tel 01942 209192 for details.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Session 5: Teach us to Pray  
Sacred Heart & Our Lady of the Rosary on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4.40pm.  
Twelve Apostles on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.

### CARE OF THE SICK

If you have a sick relative in Hospital, in the Hospice or in a Nursing Home, it is important, because of Data Protection rules, that you inform the Nursing Staff that your relative is a Catholic and would like a visit from the priest or lay minister.

If you know of anyone who has come out of hospital or is in need of Holy Communion taking to them please contact the parish office with name, full address including postal code and telephone number.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at St. Mary's parish church, Leigh centre.  
Singers' practices on Mondays, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St. Mary's church. Men, women and young people all welcome to help us praise God.  
HCPT Quiz Night Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Twelve Apostles.  
Twelve Apostles School Prize Bingo 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### DE-CLUTTER SALE

There will be a Wardrobe De-clutter Sale at St Richard's Social Centre on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 2.00pm. Proceeds from the sale will go to CAFOD.

Good quality men's, women's, children's and babies' clothing and accessories donated for the sale can be left in the church porches at: Holy Family, St Ambrose, St Gabriel's or St Richard's on weekends February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>  
For further information, please contact Joan 07785112206.



Twelve Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage from Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. We require £20 deposit as soon as possible. Please see Laurence Hawkins, Therese Thompson or Jane Lovett as soon as possible.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 12

Let us pray for seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 11

I greet all those who are sick and suffering. Christ Crucified is with you; cling to him!



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 11

Today I ask you to join me in prayer for His Holiness Benedict XVI, a man of great courage and humility.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 10

Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 8

The Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, are privileged places of encountering Christ.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Feb 7

What zest life acquires when we allow ourselves to be filled by the love of God!

*The Pope's Lenten message can be found at:*

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco\\_20131226\\_messaggio-quaresima2014\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20131226_messaggio-quaresima2014_en.html)

### A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*Father,*

*Thank you for all those men and women who have given their talents to educating our young people.*

*Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.*

*We give thanks for the invaluable work of all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and we pray that they may continue to work in support of our schools.*

*Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.*

*Thank you for our Catholic schools.*

*Help us to pray without ceasing, to work without wavering and to give without grudging in order to ensure the future of Catholic education for all of our children*

*We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,  
Amen.*

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,783.82  
Anonymous Donation £ 40.00

This week the retiring collection will be for the Catholic Education Service.

### SICK

Please remember Kitty Gallagher, Baby Kara Hughes, Fr Patrick Shanahan M. Afr., Tom Ramsdale, Stephen Crompton and all who are sick at this time.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Community through Baptism to:  
Grace Amelia Ackers

### RECENTLY DECEASED

William Burke  
Eternal rest give unto him....

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Special Mass to celebrate Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Tom Williams **today** (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February) at 11.00am in the Cathedral. RSVP Mrs Julie Cassidy 0151 522 1040 or email: [j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk)

### CATHOLICS IN HEALTHCARE

Those working in our hospitals in whatever capacity, the ambulance service and the medical profession as a whole, as well as Eucharistic Ministers and all who serve the sick at home and in hospital, are warmly invited to join Bishop Tom Williams for a Mass with and for Healthcare Workers **today** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm in Christ the King & Our Lady's church, Queens Drive, Liverpool L15 6YQ

### EVENING COURSES & WORKSHOPS

See *Archdiocesan Website* for full details:  
[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

#### Christ in Scripture & Tradition

A module in the Diploma in Pastoral Leadership, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 6.30 - 9.00pm at Liverpool Hope University.

#### A Skills Workshop - Ways of Working with Scripture

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 - 9.00pm, at St Patrick's, Southport.

### Are you having a party? Do you need a venue?

Why not consider booking one of the Parish Halls?

The Main Hall complex at St Joseph's consists of a side hall for 80 or so guests, with a well maintained kitchen. The ballroom/theatre holds approx. 280/300 guests. The Mather Room (Sodality Hall) holds approx. 100 guests. Both locations have ample parking and are easily accessible and have been refurbished.

We take bookings in both halls for birthday parties, wedding, baptism & funeral receptions, dance classes, keep fit etc and in our main Hall dance shows, musicals, plays etc.

We also have Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Slimming World, Keep Fit, Zumba and Karate, dancing classes. Please contact Mrs Prince on 01942 709034 for further details of these classes or to enquire about a booking.

Twelve Apostles Parish Hall has a Lounge (30-40), Concert Room (100-120), Small Meeting Room (20-30) and the Common Room which can hold children's parties.

Sacred Heart also has a Meeting Room with catering facilities for groups of between 40-50.

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,

(The Best Band In The Land )

## ASHTON - ON - MERSEY- SHOWBAND

Presenting

### "A NIGHT AT THE PROMS"

St Joseph's Main Hall, Chapel St. Leigh,

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> March 8pm

Ticket only Event price £8-50p

Available NOW from Pauline on 01942-604603  
and RATCLIFFES BIKE SHOP BRADSHAWGATE LEIGH  
or St Joseph's 673517

**All profits to be donated to Pensioners Link, Leigh**  
(Voluntary service for the support of elderly persons in our community).

### MASS WITH CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS

Following his investiture as Cardinal, Vincent Nichols will return to his native city on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> **March** to celebrate Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3.00pm. It will be an opportunity for the clergy and people of his home diocese to congratulate him and to join with him in prayer as he embraces this added responsibility in his ministry. Bishops of the Northern Province have also been invited to participate in this Mass. On this occasion he will be presented with the gift from the archdiocese that has been collected for the Friends of the Holy Land.

### The feeding of the five thousand: a reflection on the CAFOD icon

CAFOD has been presented with an icon depicting the feeding of the five thousand to mark its campaign against global hunger.



By your feeding of the five thousand in the desert, grant us a readiness to share the goods you give us.

By your strengthening the hungry and giving life to the weary, strengthen us to share your life with others.

By your raining down manna in the wilderness for your wandering people, rain down your manna of good will for a fair distribution of food among all peoples.

By your giving us life in the Eucharist strengthen us to take and give your life to others and those less fortunate than ourselves.

And we give glory, praise and thankfulness for your merciful compassion and care for all peoples of the earth.

*Prayer and icon by Sr Esther of the Benedictine Community in Turvey, Bedfordshire and donated to CAFOD to support the Hungry for Change campaign.*

## 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 15 February

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Karol Gredecki

### Sun 16 February

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

*(Education Sunday)*

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS John Wilcock

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS Shaun O'Brien (LD)

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

### Mon 17 February

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 6, Year 2)**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

### Tue 18 February

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 7.00pm

MASS Margaret Arrowsmith

### Wed 19 February

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

MASS Molly Yates LD

### Thu 20 February

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am

MASS Terry Wilcock

SH 12.00noon

MASS Catherine Hoy

### Fri 21 February

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS

### Sat 22 February

**FEAST: THE SEE OF PETER THE APOSTLE**

OL 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon

MASS

12A 5.30pm

MASS John & Susan Gredecki (Ruby Wedding)

### Sun 23 February

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

StJ 8.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am

MASS Doris Stout

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 7 February the numbers drawn were 9, 19, 21. No winner of £308. Last week's estimated jackpot was £370.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 433 B Woods, £5 014 S Wilkinson, £3 267 M Smith, £2 187 A Sharkie  
**Bonus Ball** No. 4 M Collins

### 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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