

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13 APRIL 2014



Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we are being first-hand witnesses to the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are being invited to watch closely as Jesus undergoes and endures the journey to Calvary. We are being asked to decide to stay close and walk with Jesus. On the first Good Friday, all of Jesus' disciples left him at various times along the route. Today we are asked to make the decision: to stay with the Lord, or to do as the first disciples did and desert him. The choice is ours. If we do choose to stay close to the Lord and walk by his side as Jesus takes each step, the horror of Calvary becomes clearer and clearer. Everyone has gone, and it seems that even God himself has abandoned Jesus. Clearly Jesus is desperate and in a voice of pain he cries out, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?", "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Our hearts are breaking and we can do nothing.

The Passion of Jesus can be very distressing for us as we watch helplessly, unable to do a thing. There is nothing we can do and, if we were there on Calvary 2000 years ago, there would have been nothing we could do then. Why? Because Jesus gave himself over to suffer and to die for us. It is a wonderful thing to behold and an awesome reality to try to learn from. This weekend, as God's Church throughout the world, we are called upon to pay close attention to the meaning of the Passion.

As disciples of Jesus in this present day there is much to do and learn if we are to be effective witnesses to the glory of God. Two men walked with Jesus in his daily life here on earth. The two of them were both there when he was arrested in the Garden. The two men are Judas and Peter. There are many theories surrounding Judas, about his life and what he did and where he came from. All we know from the Gospels is that, for a few years at least, he was a faithful disciple of Jesus but, at the end, he betrayed him and went to an early grave because of the guilt he felt when he realized what would actually happen to Jesus. Then there is Peter who, in one sense, did a similar thing as Judas. He denied knowing Jesus and when the cock crowed he realized what was happening. Then, as the Gospel says, he went out and wept bitterly. It would have been understandable if the Gospel writers had decided it was better to omit this bit about Peter's story. After all, he was the first Pope! He failed in such a spectacular way. But Peter's failure, and his subsequent forgiveness, allows future generations to learn that no matter how badly we fail, in whatever way, even if it means failing the Lord himself, there is always room for forgiveness. Even if WE desert the Lord and run away, he will always be longing to welcome us back.

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Arrowsmith
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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Cooper & Parry Families, John Johnson, Thomas McKail Jones, Irma McGuire, May Malley, Jess Naylor, Marlene O'Neill, Shaun Pemberton, Margaret Virginia Royle, Tony Shovelton.

Easter Cards are available from the card rack in St Joseph's church.

ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The meeting is open to all parishioners and if you are unable to attend but have any queries or suggestions regarding the church community, you could contact the Parish Office and these would be discussed at the meeting.

MISSION BOXES St Joseph's Red Mission Boxes

Will Collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 14th April.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting of the Women's Sodality on 15th April at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 15th April at 7.30pm at Holy Family, Boothstown

The **Sanctuary Lamp** candle that burns this week in Sacred Heart church was gifted in memory of Thomas Gallagher. We will be opening a new list again soon.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY EASTER RAFFLE

The draw has been made and winning numbers are listed on the notice board in the porch. Thanks to all who gave prizes and bought tickets.

EASTER LILIES

If you wish to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, paper and envelopes are at the back of church. It is £1.50 per lily and they will be placed on the altar for Easter. This is your last chance today (Sunday).

SACRED HEART LITTLE SHOP

Easter cards are available in the shop. We also have a selection of cards and small gifts for First Communion and confirmation. The shop is open before and after Sunday Mass and can be found on the right aisle, next to the confessional.



Twelve Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage from Easter Monday 21st April until Thursday 24th.

The cost is £165 for adults can you please pay the balance to Laurence Hawkins, Therese Thompson or Jane Lovett as soon as possible

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL

End of Term Mass in church Wednesday, 16th April 9.00am. All welcome.

TWELVE APOSTLES CLUB

HCPT fundraising Concert on Friday 16th May featuring 'Retronotes' an old fashioned Banjo and Eukele Band from 7.30pm. Twelve Apostles Morris dancers are holding a Family bingo and quiz night on Saturday 19th April At 7pm everyone welcome. Spring Craft Fair on Friday 9th May from 5pm a

fundraiser for the Guides. Ladies Pamper evening for Charity free entry Friday 26th April from 7pm. Church Repair Fund Easter Egg Raffle results: White: 11-15, 31-35, 231-235, 321-325(claimed), 336-340, 346-350, 466-470(claimed), Yellow: 6-10, 131-135, 176-180, 266-270, 291-295, 321- 325(claimed), 416-420, 471-475(claimed) Green: 66-70(claimed), 71-75 (claimed), 121-125(claimed), 131-135(claimed) Thanks to everyone for their support we raised £113 many thanks. Next week is the 200 club draw



Pope Francis has appointed the Right Reverend Malcolm McMahon, Bishop of Nottingham, to be the ninth Archbishop of Liverpool.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

The Installation of the new Archbishop will take place on Thursday 1st May at 12.00noon in the Cathedral. Unfortunately, it has to be a ticket occasion. We've been given 25 tickets for the Pastoral Area – two for each church community and seven additional tickets. If you want to go, please give one of the priests a slip of paper with your name and the church you attend **by Sunday (today) evening**. We will then draw two people out of a hat for each church community. Then we will draw seven others out of a hat from all the remaining names and publish a list for next weekend. If there is anyone who doesn't get a ticket but would like to go, there will be some 'unreserved' places which you can apply for. Details of how to do this will be announced next weekend.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Apr 10

Jesus teaches us to not be ashamed of touching human misery, of touching his flesh in our brothers and sisters who suffer. (EG 270)

Apr 8

We need to rediscover a contemplative spirit, so that the love of God may warm our hearts.

Apr 7

How good it is for us when the Lord unsettles our lukewarm and superficial lives.

Apr 5

In the Gospel we can hear Jesus speaking to us every day: may we always carry with us a small copy of the Gospel!

Apr 4

With Jesus our life becomes full. With him everything makes sense. (EG 266)

HOLY LAND EASTER CARDS

To encourage our suffering Christian sisters and brothers, you were invited to bring a small Easter card to church this weekend. You may write a greeting in your own small, religious, Easter card. There is no need to address the envelope or to buy the right stamp. Small cash contributions towards Air Mail postage are most welcome (20 grams costs £1.28).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,773.94

Thanks to the Ukrainian community who made a donation of £260 at Sacred Heart in recognition of their use of the church for monthly masses.

The Lenten Alms collection, remains open until the end of Lent.

The Retiring Collection today will be on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Retiring Collection on Good Friday will be for the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

HOLY WEEK

Maunder Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper St Joseph's church 7.30pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Joseph's church 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Twelve Apostles church 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Sunday 6.30 pm Mass at St Richard's on Easter Sunday (20th April). On Holy Saturday (19th) 7.30pm at Twelve Apostles, no 5.30pm Mass.

CHRISM MASS

Two coaches will be going to the Chrism Mass this Wednesday evening. **Coach 1** is for the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith and will leave St Joseph's promptly at 6.00pm.

Coach 2 is for the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow and will leave St Richard's promptly at 6.00pm and Holy Family at 6.15pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

... starting in St Joseph's church at 11.00am and walking to the Library Square for a short united service. All Leigh Christians are invited. Refreshments will be available at St Mary's church.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Community through Baptism to:
Zachary Thomas Griffiths and Daisy May Heald.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Keith Barrington Campbell and Claire Louise Postlewaite who were married at St Joseph's church on 5th April 2014.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Raymond Buck, Shaun Pemberton
Eternal Rest give unto them

SICK

Please remember Baby Kara Hughes, Fr Patrick Shanahan M. Afr., Stephen Crompton, Pat Wareing, Alan Pearson and all who are sick at this time.

The Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

I am delighted to announce that the Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will be coming to perform a concert for Leigh Pastoral Area.

The concert will be held on Saturday 17th May 2014 at 7.00pm in Holy Family, Boothstown.

The choir is among the best in the country and has an international reputation, so it is a real treat that they are able to come and perform for us. Tickets and programme details will be available shortly. The concert will include a break for cheese and wine and will conclude by 9.15pm. Meanwhile, please put the date in your diary! **Fr Dave**

The Three Towns Operatic Society

proudly present

The Merry Widow

Tuesday 13th – Saturday 17th May 2014

7.30pm

St. Joseph's Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh. WN7 2PR

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CAFOD

William Green is a second year student nurse at Sheffield Hallam University and an active CAFOD campaigner in his home diocese of Hallam. He recently became a CAFOD MP Correspondent, which means he will regularly contact his MP to call for action on development issues.

Write to your MP for CAFOD

I became involved with CAFOD in 2011 because I wanted to do something more practical with my faith.

I decided to become an MP Correspondent (MPC) recently after a friend invited me to attend CAFOD's Annual MP Correspondent Reception at the House of Commons. It was my first chance to represent CAFOD in Parliament and a really exciting opportunity.

The event was fantastic and it gave me the chance to link directly with Paul Bloomfield, my MP for Sheffield Central. As an MP, Paul has a decision-making power that means he can directly affect the lives of the world's poorest people. I want to make sure he considers how young people in his constituency feel when he's making those decisions and I see myself as representative of that voice.

I was involved in CAFOD's most recent campaign – Hungry for Change. The campaign established the need for a fairer food system and called for support of small scale farmers by encouraging more targeted aid for them. It also asked the Government to place tougher restrictions on big food companies.

Become an MPC today

In the coming months CAFOD is going to be looking at some of the reasons people go hungry – like climate change and a lack of access to sustainable energy. I know that bringing about change will take time, but I think my role as an MP Correspondent will go some way to ensuring the young people of my diocese have their voices heard on this issue.

My generation are going to feel the effects of climate change much more strongly than any before us in history, and CAFOD's work on the issue is going to be vital. If we don't take action, how can we hold our heads up as Christians and claim that we have truly shown love for one another? Our duties as Catholics include practising our faith inside and outside the Church. If we have resources available to us that mean we can talk directly to government – why wouldn't we use them?

And it works. Through letters and meetings with MPs, CAFOD supporters have already grabbed ministers' attention and changed government policy. We've helped secure tough laws to cut carbon emissions and tackle climate change, and to hold UK companies accountable for bribery carried out by their employees anywhere in the world.

Like with any relationship, getting to know your MP means keeping in contact, by writing to them and joining with others to meet them. When you meet your MP, campaigners across England and Wales will be meeting their MPs too. Together, you're a force to be reckoned with. Visit www.cafod.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 12 April

12A 5.30pm MASS Irma McGuire (LD)

Sun 13 April

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Mrs Kitty Gallagher
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Terry Jones
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 14 April

Monday in Holy Week

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 15 April

Tuesday in Holy Week

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention

Wed 16 April

Wednesday in Holy Week

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
7.30pm MASS OF CHRISM in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

Thu 17 April

HOLY THURSDAY

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 7.30pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Fri 18 April

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 11.00am Walk of Witness to St Mary's Parish church
StJ 3.00pm **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Sat 19 April

HOLY SATURDAY

12A 7.30pm **EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SATURDAY NIGHT VIGIL MASS**
Tommy Dunne (90th birthday)

Sun 20 April

EASTER DAY

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Phyllis Waterworth
StJ 10.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
OL 11.00am MASS Austin Woods
StR **NO EVENING MASS TODAY**

Sacred Heart Lottery On 4 April the numbers drawn were 2, 6, 17. No winner of £982. Last week's estimated jackpot was £1,100.

Our Lady's 200 Club On 6 April £10, 223, K Jones; £5, 088, J Newill; £3, 285, Mrs W Roach; £2, 478, Mr Collins.
Bonus Ball 41, B Hancock.

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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