

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

4 MAY 2014



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we hear the Gospel about the disciples on their journey to a town called Emmaus. They had a very sad story to tell. The death of Jesus had plunged them into gloom. Their dreams about him being the long-awaited Messiah had been reduced to rubble. As they went along they were talking about his death. They looked at it from every possible angle, and still they couldn't make the slightest sense of it. A humiliated, crucified Messiah?! It was impossible. It was unthinkable. Then Jesus joined them. He showed great sensitivity by joining them as a stranger. People often find it easier to talk to strangers. With a simple, direct question, asked in a kindly manner, he got them to tell their story. And they began to pour out their sad story to him. When they started to talk, he listened patiently and lovingly so that all that was dammed up inside them poured out. What Jesus did was accompany them. Whatever age we are, whatever we are going through, we need someone to walk with us. Only when the disciples had finished speaking did Jesus begin to talk. He took up the story where they had left off. He opened their minds to a new way of looking at the Scriptures. He showed them how all the prophets had foretold that the Messiah would suffer and die, and thus enter into glory. So the death of Jesus, far from being the end of a dream, was precisely the way in which it could be realized.

However, it was not until the journey was over that the disciples began to realize what was happening. Isn't this the way it always is in life? We live our lives forward, but sometimes only understand our life backwards. We never know at the time what is happening to us. We have no perspective, no understanding. We have enough to do just to cope from day to day or hour to hour. It's only afterwards, perhaps long afterwards, that our eyes are opened and we begin to understand that experience. This is why reflecting on our experiences in life is so important. Meeting Jesus after the resurrection helped the disciples to turn their lives around. The two disciples in today's Gospel were going away from Jerusalem. They had lost faith. But after encountering Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem. They resumed their discipleship and their sense of belonging to the larger group of disciples. The life of each of us can be seen as a series of stories which come together to form one large story. This is our story. Jesus helped the two disciples to share their story so that it mingled with his. He drew it out of them, and then illuminated it with his own story, thus making their story more complete. The Resurrection of Jesus opens all our stories to the prospect, not just of a good ending, but of a glorious ending with God in Heaven. The first and last words in our story belongs to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Grimes, Maurice McCarthy Snr., Thomas Farrington, Eva McHugh, The Yates Family.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to : George Conor Henry Saunders, Emma Louise Danielle Saunders, Freddie George Albert Imhof.

GARDENING DAY

Gardening Days have been arranged for Saturday 10th May and Saturday 7th June 2014. There is much tidying up to do in the grounds around St Joseph's followed later by planting of summer bedding. Do please try to come along at 10.00am and donate a couple of hours general help and if you can bring your own gardening tools so much the better. Many hands make light work!

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 6th May at 7:30pm.
All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The final session for the children who are making their First Communion and being Confirmed is :-

- Twelve Apostles Wednesday 14th May 4.30pm
- Sacred Heart/Our Lady's Thursday 15th May 4.30pm

The theme is Mary the Disciple.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COFFEE MORNING

Tea & coffee after Mass today, everyone welcome.

TWELVE APOSTLES CLUB

HCPT fundraising Concert on Friday 16th May featuring 'Retronotes' an old fashioned Banjo and Eukele Band from 7.30pm.

Church Repair Fund: Next weekend is our monthly retiring collection, please be your usual generous selves.

There are still a few unclaimed Easter Egg raffle prizes, check your tickets, prizes can be claimed from the back of church. The organisers of The Walsingham Pilgrimage would like to thank all those who help to make it such a success. You were all remembered at Our Lady's Shrine, next year will be our 40th so it will be special.



Pope Francis[®]@Pontifex

Apr 29

Who among us can presume to be free of sin? No one. Let us ask God to forgive our sins.

Apr 28

Inequality is the root of social evil.

Apr 26

None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice.

Apr 25

We must not let ourselves fall into the vortex of pessimism. Faith can move mountains!

CHURCH CLEANERS

At Sacred Heart church we may not be able to afford to have the walls painted but we are used to having the benches and floors and brassware kept clean, at little expense, made so by a very small team of volunteer cleaners who have, up until now, been able to keep up a weekly schedule. Please, if you are strong enough and can spare the time, come along on Tuesday morning and offer your help (ladies & gents). It would be gratefully accepted.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Again at Sacred Heart church, at Christmas 2011 we offered the eight day sanctuary lamps candles for sale and they were labelled with the family intentions of the donors and burned during the Christmas week. In 2012 we tried to do the same but it was not possible to safely supervise them nor to relight and extinguish them between all services. Almost everyone consented to having the part-used candles burnt in the safety of the sanctuary lamps and the names on the dedicated candles were published each week. We have now almost exhausted the supply and it is proposed to offer the candles for sale again, but limited to fifty only. If you would like to dedicate a candle to deceased loved ones, please write their name on an envelope and enclose the payment of £5. A list will be displayed of names and the date the candle is scheduled to be lit (in order of receipt).

Discovering your Vocation in Life

A discernment group for young men, aged 15-21, who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Today (Sunday) at St Charles Borromeo, Aigburth, Liverpool, at 3.00 pm. Further information from Fr James Preston on 0151 727 2493.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP



Archbishop Malcolm poses for a 'selfie' after the Mass of Installation on Thursday.

A warm welcome to our new Archbishop, the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, who was installed as the ninth Archbishop of Liverpool in the Cathedral on Thursday.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the 11.00 am Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 11th May. This will be much more informal Mass of Welcome than the Mass of Installation. All are welcome.



Following the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Atherton and Leigh Foodbank, it has been decided to advertise for a full time Project Manager. Initially the contract will only be for six months whilst further funding is being sought, If anyone is interested in applying for this post, then the Full Job Specification and all details are available from David Hughes (07976 266960) or email info@athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk Closing Date for Applications is 2nd June 2014.

Many thanks to all the churches and volunteers for your support during this past twelve months.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,954.87

HELP

A wardrobe and a chest of drawers are needed for a family in need.
Please ring Sr Megan if you can help on 01942 683554.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

To Mathew Stephen Evans & Elle Fleming who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday and Stephen Marsh & Stephanie Bridgewood who were married at the Sacred Heart on Friday.

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. The concert will include a break for cheese and wine and will conclude by 9.15pm. Tickets (Adults £5, Family £10) will be available after all Masses next weekend, or from Holy Family (0161 790 2390) and St Joseph's (01942 673517) from Wednesday this week.

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
Tickets: £11 & £13 Concessions available
Contact 01942 883722
www.thethreetowns.net



Intrigue, glamour and romance, set to Franz Lehar's enchanting Viennese music.

Spring Market / Craft Fair Twelve Apostles Club Westleigh Lane

On Friday 9 May, 6.30pm onwards

**Lots of brilliant stalls, bars, refreshments, raffle
Entrance 50p for adults, children free with an adult**

**Stalls just £10 pre-booked, £15 on the day
Stall holders can arrive from 5.00pm**

**Telephone Lesley or Cheryl
on 01942 887709 or 07719 357069**

The Retronotes



**At Twelve Apostles
Friday 16th May 7.30
In aid of HCPT
tickets £5**

Tel 01942 253507

A Northern Music Band with an old fashioned sound, playing their unique selection of music played on Ukulele, Bass Guitar, Mandolin and Six String.

MISSIO



"Missio exists because 40% of the worldwide Catholic Church is too poor to support itself. Missio plays a crucial role supporting the local Church overseas and sharing the light of Christ by combating injustice, disease, poverty and exploitation in 157 countries."

Since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official support organisation for overseas mission. We are present where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to build their Church infrastructure so that the vital humanitarian and development work of the Church can take place.

Missio is able to help those in need in mission dioceses because of the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Our regular funding comes from Red Box donations, direct debit contributions and World Mission Sunday, but we also run yearly appeals for specific Missio projects that are in particular need of financial help. We will always promote these causes on the homepage of our website so that they are easy to find.

If you can, please give generously to these appeals, they often highlight the areas that are most in need of our prayers and financial help.

APF-Mill Hill's Red Boxes can be found in over 200,000 Catholic homes in England and Wales. The pounds and pennies that are put into these boxes go to fund the vital work of the Catholic Church abroad, by bringing God's love and hope to the poorest and most in need.

It is easy to become a Red Box holder – you just need to contact the parish office and your details will be passed onto the organisers in your Church Community.

Our iconic Red Boxes are a simple way for Catholics to play an active role in the missionary activity of the Church.

By taking a Red Box into your home, you automatically become a member of the APF; a worldwide community of generous givers whose faithful prayers and support over the years have helped fund 1,069 missionary dioceses.

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 3 May

12A 5.30pm MASS Irma McGuire LD

Sun 4 May

StJ 8.30am **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

SH 9.30am MASS

StJ 10.30am MASS Philomena Gaughan

OL 11.00am MASS

StR 6.30pm MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 5 May

StJ 8.30am **Weekday of Easter (Week 3)**

StJ Morning Prayer

No MASS

Tue 6 May

StJ 8.30am **Weekday of Easter (Week 3)**

SH 12.00noon Morning Prayer

MASS

Wed 7 May

StJ 8.30am **Weekday of Easter (Week 3)**

StJ 12.00noon Morning Prayer

MASS

SH NO MASS

Thu 8 May

StJ 8.30am **Weekday of Easter (Week 3)**

12A Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

MASS

Fri 9 May

StJ 8.30am **Ferial (Week 3 Easter)**

OL Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon NO MASS

MASS

Sat 10 May

12A 11.00am **Weekday of Easter (Week 3)**

12A 12.00noon Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 5.30pm MASS

MASS

Sun 11 May

StJ 8.30am **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

SH 9.30am MASS John Heneghan

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 25 April the numbers drawn were 18, 28, 30. No winner of £56. Last week's estimated jackpot was £100.

Our Lady's 200 Club £10 104 Jennifer 7 Fiona, £5 4 A Wilkinson, £3 413 P. Purcell, £2 258 M Moore

Bonus Ball No. 12 B. Jones

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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