

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

8 JUNE 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

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last summer, Pope Francis celebrated World Youth Day on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro with three and a half million young people, priests and bishops from all over the world. Flags were waved, people sang, new friends were made and gifts exchanged. The young people celebrated their faith with enthusiasm and joy. There was an atmosphere of a carnival. Many made great sacrifices to get there. One woman spoke of a three day bus journey from Bolivia. Another man told of many hours travelling from Tonga by boat and plane. Young Brazilians welcomed people with warmth and the request of a photograph. There are online clips of scenes from the beach and even bishops swaying and dancing to the rhythm of the music.

This uplifting and inspiring experience captured for a moment the reality that the Gospel HAS spread to the ends of the earth: from Jerusalem to Galilee, from Arabia to the Philippines, throughout Europe and the Americas, beyond New Zealand to Tonga and the Polynesian islands, throughout Africa, Asia and practically the whole of the world. The young people celebrated ONE faith, ONE Church, ONE Lord. Pope Francis, in his humble yet powerfully charismatic style, urged the young people to go forth as missionaries to spread God's Word and God's promises to all the people they would meet. Since the celebration could not be held at the flooded airfield, which had been called "Campus Fidei" – the "Field of Faith" – they, the young people themselves, became the "field of faith" on the beach. Here the Lord was at work sowing the seeds of faith and love to build his Church.

Like the young people on the beach in Rio, we are sent out on this Feast of Pentecost as missionaries of Jesus. We are sent to share our hope with others. The Pope spoke about the young people making a noise about their faith, in the way that only young people can make a noise! We are sent out from Mass into our families, our workplaces, our schools to share the hope of our faith with others. There are times when it is right to speak loudly about our faith, even if we are opposed or ridiculed for the sake of the truth. At other times, we do this through love when actions speak louder than words.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we need to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon EVERYONE. We need the gifts the Spirit can bring, not only to spread the Good News, but to make our world a better place. The Holy Spirit is the "delightful guest" who touches our hearts and lives and works through us whenever we feel love and compassion for others, the love and compassion that Jesus calls us to share with others every day.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tom Gibbon, John Ingham. (incomplete)

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for the children who will be receiving the Sacraments at St Joseph's church in June, will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 6.00pm.

ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the support group will be on Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the presbytery. The meeting is open to all parishioners and more volunteers would be very much welcomed. 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.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting at St Joseph's at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 10th June. All ladies welcome.

TWELVE APOSTLES & CLUB

Please support the parish centre for your special occasion. A function room is now available free of charge. Ring 01942 209192 for terms & conditions.



Pope Francis [@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex) (<https://twitter.com/Pontifex>)

Jun 5

Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love.

Jun 3

Thank you to all teachers: educating is an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true.

Jun 2

At times we can be self-absorbed. Lord, help us to open our hearts to others and to serve those who are most vulnerable.

May 31

In the difficult moments of life, Christians can turn to the Mother of God and find protection and care.

May 30

Every Christian can witness to God in the workplace, not only with words, but above all with an honest life.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

At Sacred Heart church we thank those who have sponsored eight-day sanctuary lamp candles dedicated to deceased loved ones. The list has been completed for the next 44 weeks and is now closed until next year. The candle that will burn from 8th June is dedicated to Thomas & Anthony Hunter. A list will soon be displayed in the porch of names and the date their candle will be lit.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

The Pilgrimage takes place from Friday 25th July to Friday 1st August. While it may not be possible for you to join us, you can join us in spirit by becoming an Associate member of the

Pilgrimage. All that is asked is that you recite the prayers on the leaflet (to be found in church porches) during the Pilgrimage. If you are able, we would also be very grateful for any contribution you can make to the Sick Fund, which goes to provide the many things necessary to make our sick pilgrims' journey and stay in Lourdes as comfortable as possible. Without your help and prayers, many of our sick pilgrims would not be able to travel to Lourdes.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the St Edmund Arrowsmith parish council will be at Our Lady of the Rosary at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th June. Everyone is welcome.

PENTECOST



At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church which exists to evangelise. On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed. Every baptised person is invited to be a missionary, proclaiming their faith in God's unconditional love and mercy, through prayer, word and action. The Solemnity reminds us to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we are not only sustained in our Christian life, but also able to respond ever more generously to the call to evangelise.

Definition: A feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10).

Prayer

Come, O Holy Ghost, the Lord and Lifegiver; take up Thy dwelling within my soul, and make of it Thy sacred temple.

Make me live by grace as an adopted son of God. Pervade all the energies of my soul, and create in me a fountain of living water springing up into life everlasting.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc.

Source: catholicculture.org

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£ n/a
Catholic Communications Network	£ n/a
12A Repair fund	£31.50

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Thomas Antonio Finch.

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.

LATELY DEAD

Norman Eckersley
Eternal rest give unto them ...

"CELEBRATE THE CHILD" MASS

This year's Mass will take place on Sunday 6th July at St Mary's, Lowe House, St Helens at 1.30pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of children and those who nurture them practically and spiritually. So children, parents, catechists and clergy are invited to attend and make this a vibrant celebration in a large beautiful church. Posters with more details are in our church porches or call the Safeguarding Department on 0151-522-1043.

HELP NEEDED

Sr Megan is asking for help for a homeless person who has just been given a flat. He has nothing at all so, if you can spare anything (carpets, curtains, furniture, bedding, cutlery, cooker, fridge etc), it will be most gratefully received. Thank you.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING

There has been some discussion, at recent parish meetings, as to how we should commemorate the centenary of the commencement of World War One. The Pastoral Area Justice and Peace group invite you to an evening at St Ambrose Parish Hall on Monday 9th June, commencing 7.00pm, to reflect on this question. There will be a short film, "Days that shook the world - the Christmas Truce", followed by structured discussion, a chance to share family memories and suggestions for how we might respond. All are welcome.

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

XII Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Headteacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our children that were confirmed and made their First Holy Communion yesterday (Saturday) at Sacred Heart.

Next Saturday, our children from Twelve Apostles will be confirmed and make their First Holy Communion.

On Saturday 21st June at 5.30pm our children from St Joseph's will also be confirmed and make their First Holy Communion.

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

CAKE SALE & NEARLY NEW SALE



On 15th June Our Lady of the Rosary are having a cake & new and nearly new sale after Mass.

Please come along and support us. Also we need help on the day and offers to make cakes.

Anyone willing to help set up: please come after 10.00am Mass on Friday 13th

Would anyone donating cakes or nearly new clothes (no jumble) please bring them in early so that we can set up the stalls.

"Dance Night"

5th September

St Richards Hall, Atherton

After a very successful Dance Night in July 2012, the Catenian Association of Leigh are delighted to sponsor and promote another live band "Dancing to Swing".

Ticket price of £10 will include live dance band and a buffet

Tickets are available now

as there was a strong demand last time

Please contact Des 876050 or Eamonn 892967

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th June - Fashion Show at 7.00pm by Twelve Apostles School in the Club everyone welcome.

Friday 25th July - "Lourdes at home" day at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley.

Monday 4th August - World War One Memorial Service at Atherton Parish church at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 2nd September - Combined celebration of the Pastoral area Parish Feasts of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow at 7.00pm. Venue to be announced.

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

Our new Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Malcolm Patrick McMahon OP, will be visiting us in Leigh Pastoral Area later this month. He will have a meeting with the clergy and then celebrate Mass, in St Richard's at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th June. We would like to encourage as many people as possible from the Pastoral Area to come along and join in the Mass. It will be a good opportunity to meet the new Archbishop and welcome him to the Archdiocese.

ST GABRIEL'S, HIGHER FOLDS

Now that St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School has relocated to Queensway, it's time to close the building on Kensington Drive. Today (Sunday), there will be Afternoon Tea from 1.00 - 3.00pm - an opportunity to share sandwiches, tea and cake, and have a wander round the school building for the last time.

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 7 June

12A 5.30pm VIGIL MASS Margaret Hurley (get well)

Sun 8 June

SOLEMNITY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

StJ 8.30am MASS
SH 9.30am MASS Alojzy & Anna Tesmer
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS Ann Devlin
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 9 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 10, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 10 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.15am FUNERAL SERVICE Norman Eckersley
SH 12.00noon MASS

Wed 11 June

Memorial: Saint Barnabas, Ap (1st c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS
SH 7.00pm MASS Special intention (MS)

Thu 12 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.30am MASS Mary Langan & members of the Langan family
SH 12.00noon MASS

Fri 13 June

Memorial: Saint Anthony of Padua, OFM, P.D. (12th/13th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR 10.00am MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 14 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am MASS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION Joseph & Edith Johnson
12A 5.30pm VIGIL MASS Irma McGuire LD

Sun 15 June

SOLEMNITY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A)

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
SH 9.30am MASS The McGuinness family
StJ 10.30am MASS
OL 11.00am MASS
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 30 May the numbers drawn were 5, 10, 13. One lucky winner of £360. Last week's estimated jackpot was £60.

Our Lady's 200 Club £10, 154, B Welding; £5, 453 M Moore; £3, 100, N&D Flannery; £2, 222, K James.

Bonus Ball 04, M Collins.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club draw on Wednesday 18th - a big one.

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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