

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A)

15 JUNE 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

To you glory and praise for evermore.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is a beautiful Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity painted by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the three Divine persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But the thing that immediately strikes you as you look at the picture is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. The vacant place is meant to convey openness, hospitality, and welcome towards the stranger and outsider. This vacant place is meant for all of us and for all the human family. It signifies God's invitation to all of us to share in the life of the Trinity. God doesn't exclude us. He doesn't talk to us at the doorstep. He invites us to come in and sit at his table. He wants us to share his life with us. In the words of the Gospel, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

Many of us can, perhaps, feel intimidated by the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. This is perhaps because we do not – and cannot – completely understand it. God calls us, in today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, to see the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as friends to whom we can relate, and to whom we can talk to and listen to in prayer. Because God's Son, Jesus, befriended us, we are no longer strangers or outsiders in God's eyes. We are his children. We are part of his family. He has already given us a place at the banquet of earthly life. But he wants us to have a place at the banquet of eternal life too. Only at God's table can we find the nourishment our hearts are hungering for. From all this we are called to see God as a God of love. Our response has to be to trust him and to love each other. What Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians is meant also for us: "Help one another. Be united. Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Every year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Every Christian baptised "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" is claimed for Christ by the Church: our souls branded, indelibly tattooed with the triune life of God. Baptism marks us as daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Christ, drawn by the Spirit to worship the Father of us all.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

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**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Audrey Atherton, Mgr Richard Atherton, Alf Case, Alicia Cox (nee Porter), Agnes Ellis, Frank Evans, Julie Fletcher, Glynis Hindley, Raymond Jarvis, Susan Jones, Julie Lock, John & Ellen Lynn, Peter Lythgoe, Vincent Lythgoe, Terry Malley, Glynn Morris, Doris McCarrick, Nelly McManns, Roy Parr, Daniel & Catherine Porter, John Price, Valerie Russell, John Smith, Lilly Tither, Special Intention, Special Intention Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention Carlo, Annitta, Angiola, Louis Manfredi.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For the children who will be receiving the Sacraments at St Joseph's on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, there will be a practice in church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm. It is very important that all children attend this meeting.

### COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF COLUMBAN FATHERS

The total amount raised to date for this effort is £344. Thank you so much to all who helped to achieve this grand total, whether by sending goods, attending the event or giving donations. Your generosity has been overwhelming. The fourteen raffle prizes have all been claimed - the numbers are listed in the church porch. Thank you again.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CAKE SALE

Today is our Cake Sale and Nearly New Sale. Please stay after Mass and pick up a bargain and get your cakes for tea.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary would like to thank Ammee & Dona for sharing their First Holy Communion with them on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. They looked so lovely. Father and Dennis didn't look too bad either!

### 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>)

Jun 12

I wish everyone a wonderful World Cup, played in a spirit of true fraternity.

Jun 10

Let us pray for all victims of sexual violence in conflict, and those working to end this crime. #TimeToAct

Jun 9

May we never talk about others behind their backs, but speak to them openly about what we think.

Jun 8

I ask all people of good will to join us today in praying for peace in the Middle East. #wepprayforpeace

Jun 7

Prayer is all-powerful. Let us use it to bring peace to the Middle East and peace to the world. #wepprayforpeace

Jun 6

Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed. #Wepprayforpeace

## 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 finalised and is now on display in the porch in alphabetical-by-name as well as date-assigned orders. Please refer to the list to know when your candle will be lit.

### LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

The Pilgrimage takes place from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### DIAMOND JUBILEES

Congratulations to Mgr Richard Atherton, St Joseph's Parish Priest 1988 -1991, now living in retirement in Yorkshire, who was ordained on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1954. Also to Fr Brian Coakley, an assistant priest to Canon Cowell for a short time in St Joseph's. Ordained in May, 1954. He is retired in Southport.

### THE HOLY TRINITY

by Rev. William G. Most

Perhaps the deepest, the most profound of all mysteries is the mystery of the Trinity. The Church teaches us that although there is only one God, yet, somehow, there are three Persons in God. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet we do not speak of three Gods, but only one God. They have the same nature, substance, and being.

We came to know this immense mystery because Christ revealed it to us. Just before ascending He told them: "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). We know that these Three are not just different ways of looking at one person. For at the Last Supper, Jesus told us: "I came forth from the Father." So He is different from the Father. But He also promised: "If I go, I will send Him [the Paraclete] to you ... He will guide you to all truth" (John 16:28, 7, 13). So the Holy Spirit is also different.

Even though the Three Persons are One God, yet they are distinct: for the Father has no origin, He came from no one. But the Son is begotten, He comes from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit comes or proceeds from both the Father and the Son. These different relations of origin tell us there are three distinct Persons, who have one and the same divine nature.

Even though everything the Three Persons do outside the Divine nature is done by all Three, yet it is suitable that we attribute some works specially to one or the other Person. So we speak of the Father especially as the power of creation, of the Son as the wisdom of the Father, of the Holy Spirit as goodness and sanctification.

The two doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation are the foundation of Christian life and worship. By becoming man, God the Son offered us a share in the inner life of the Trinity. By grace, we are brought into the perfect communion of life and love which is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sharing in the life of the Trinity is meant to culminate in heaven, where we will see the three Persons face to face, united to them in unspeakable love.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL 2 weeks** £ 2,946.93

Catholic Communications Network £ 212.88

The retiring collection next weekend will be dedicated to Provision for Priests in Retirement.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :  
Jacob Alfred Reeves, Charlotte Elizabeth Hewertson, Thomas Trevor Matthews, Kaydie Marie Dixon.

### 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

Susan Jones, Pauline Hunter, Doris Mary McCarrick, James Burns, Sarah Anne Jones, John Price, Rosa Atkinson, Agnes Ellis.

Eternal rest give unto them ...

### "CELEBRATE THE CHILD" MASS

This year's Mass will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's, Lowe House, St Helens at 1.30pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahan. 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. ( 01942 683554)

### 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 Twelve Apostles.

Next Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### SILVER JUBILEE

**Fr Dave writes:** "The Archbishop has invited all the priests who have a special anniversary this year to join him for Mass in the Cathedral on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm - the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This July, it will be 25 years since I was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Worlock. If you

would like to join me at the Cathedral for Mass with Archbishop Malcolm, you will be most welcome. There will be a coach going from Holy Family at 5.30pm. If you would like a place on the coach, please phone or email Holy Family - places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. I know this time may not be convenient for some, so I've been persuaded to celebrate Mass here in the Pastoral Area as well on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Details about that nearer the time."

## CAKE SALE & NEARLY NEW SALE



This weekend, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July** - "Lourdes at home" day at St Ambrose Barlow, Astley.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August** - World War One Memorial Service at Atherton Parish church at 2.30pm.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August** - Charity Evening for recovery after typhoons at Sacred Heart Centre, Leigh, 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Combined celebration of the Pastoral area Parish Feasts of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow at 7.00pm. Venue to be announced. At this Mass, we will have the opportunity to welcome Fr Colin Fealey who will be joining the Pastoral Area Team from September and to say goodbye to Fr Sylviou.

### VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM



Our new Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Malcolm Patrick McMahan OP, will be visiting us in Leigh Pastoral Area next week. He will have a meeting with the clergy and then celebrate Mass, in St Richard's at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. We need a team of people to help with tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass, and we would like to invite people from across the area to help. So if you could help, please contact Fr Paul and LEAVE A MESSAGE! Many thanks.

## 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 14 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY 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

### Mon 16 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 11, Year 2)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Tue 17 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Rosa Atkinson

### Wed 18 June

**Memorial: Saint John Rigby, Layman, M. (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 10.45am FUNERAL SERVICE James Burns

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS Bert Minister

### Thu 19 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS John Fisher

SH 12.00noon MASS Patrick A. O'Sullivan Jnr

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Sarah Anne Jones

### Fri 20 June

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR 10.00am FUNERAL MASS John Price

StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Sat 21 June

**Memorial: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ, Religious (16<sup>th</sup> c.)**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS

StJ 5.30pm MASS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Betty Wild née Raines LD

### Sun 22 June

**SOLEMNITY: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year A)**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Kitty Gallagher

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 6 June the numbers drawn were 2, 24, 25. No winner of £62. Last week's estimated jackpot was £120.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 265 M Smith, £5 No. 111 M Roach, £3 No. 346 M Moore, £2 No. 180 Kirstie

**Bonus Ball** No. 37 C Ellis There will be 2 spare numbers in the Bonus Ball from next week. Please see Roy if you are interested.

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** draw on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - 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](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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