

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

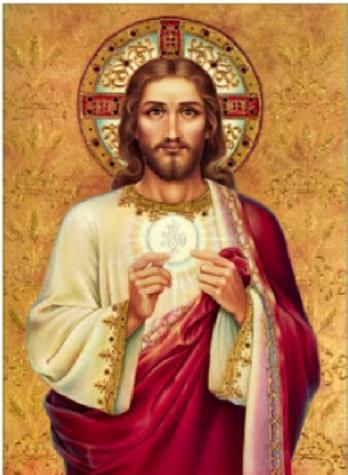
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Yr A) 22 JUNE 2014



**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

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread which has come down from Heaven,
says the Lord.**

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As human beings we cannot live on bread alone. We suffer from many kinds of hunger. Throughout the Gospel Jesus offered various kinds of bread to different people satisfying many different kinds of hunger ...

- To the people who followed him into the desert, and who were starving, God offered ordinary bread and satisfied their physical hunger.
- To the leper whose body was falling apart, Jesus offered the only bread that mattered to him – the bread of physical healing.
- To the lonely woman at Jacob's well, he offered the bread of human kindness and thus satisfied her hunger for acceptance.
- To sinners he offered the bread of forgiveness, and thus satisfied their hunger for salvation.
- To rejects and outcasts, by mixing with them and sharing their bread, he offered the bread of companionship, and so satisfied their hunger for self-worth.
- To the widow of Nain who was burying her only son, and to Martha and Mary who had just buried their brother Lazarus, he offered the bread of compassion, and showed them that even in death we are not beyond the reach of God's help.
- With Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector who had robbed the bread from the tables of the poor, he began by inviting himself to his table. Then, having awakened within him a hunger for a better life, he got him to share his money with the poor.
- To the thief who died at his side he offered the bread of reconciliation with God, thus bringing peace to his troubled soul.

But, surprisingly, there were some who refused his offer of bread ...

- There was the rich young man to whom he offered the bread of discipleship, but who refused because he was not willing to part with his riches.
- There were the Scribes and Pharisees to whom he offered the bread of conversion, but they refused to eat even a crumb of it.
- There were the people of his beloved city of Jerusalem to whom, with tears in his eyes, he offered the bread of peace, but they refused it resulting in the destruction of their Temple.
- There was Pilate to whom he offered the bread of truth, but he had no appetite for it because it meant putting his position at risk.

Jesus shared himself with others in many different ways, and under many different forms, before offering himself to them as food and drink at the Last Supper. Jesus nourishes us in so many ways, and of course especially in the Eucharist. The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist becomes a problem only when we have lost our sense of his presence in everything. Those of us who have a deep sense of the presence of God in the whole of creation, will not have great difficulty in believing that Jesus is present in a very special way in the Eucharist. God alone can satisfy all the longings and hungers of our hearts, because he alone can give us the bread of eternal life. This is the bread we receive in the Eucharist. Without this we would not have the strength to follow Christ.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Audrey Ashurst, Joan Gibson, Helen Hudson, James Hurst, Mary Marsh, Anthony Meagher, Peter McCarthy, Joe Shovelton, Sheila Smith, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Angiola, Annitta, Carlo & Louis Manfredi. Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special thanks Fr Silviu.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the gardeners who came for both the gardening days and to Robert who is here every week keeping the grounds tidy. The gardens are looking lovely. A very big thank you also to Mosses, who have again this year donated all the plants in the church grounds.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 24th June at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

We are currently trying to raise funds for the renovation of the monument in memory of the St Joseph's men and boys who lost their lives in the First World War. If you are not sure where it is it can be found on the left hand side of the gardens when walking towards the church. Its a stone cross surrounded by a stone wall, there is a plaque at the front which was donated by the children of St Joseph's at the time. If you wish to help or donate towards the renovation please contact Pauline Dowsett 01942 604603 or Keith Hindley. Hopefully it will be completed in time for the Anniversary.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all who donated in any way to our fund raising event on Sunday. We raised £315.

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 19

There is never a reason to lose hope. Jesus says: "I am with you until the end of the world".

Jun 17

Sometimes we cast the elderly aside, but they are a precious treasure: to cast them aside is an injustice and an irreparable loss.

Jun 16

May the Lord bless the family and strengthen it in this moment of crisis.

Jun 14

We run the risk of forgetting the suffering which doesn't affect us personally. May we respond to it, and may we pray for peace in Syria.

Jun 13

May we not resist the Holy Spirit but allow him to work in our lives, so that he can renew us, the Church and the world.

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.



FR COLIN FEALEY

By now most of you will have heard the good news that we are being sent a fourth priest to the Pastoral Area. It has been a very difficult time since Fr Steve left and we have been wondering if there would be a permanent replacement. It has been great having Fr Silviu with us who has been helping us so much. In September, Fr Colin Fealey will join the team. Fr Colin has been a priest for 12 years now. His first appointment was in St. Luke's, Whiston. He has spent the last few years as Parish Priest in Holy Cross, St. Helens. Fr Colin also spent two years as a student with Fr Paul in Holy Name, Liverpool. Fr Paul taught him all his bad habits! Thankfully he has recovered from that and will be a great addition to the team in the Pastoral Area. He will move into the Pastoral Area on the first weekend of September. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to leave St Helens for the much sunnier climes of Leigh and beyond!

PAPAL MASS

As you may know, metropolitan Archbishops are presented with a Pallium by the Holy Father as a mark of the bond between them and the Holy Father in the teaching office of the church. The palliums are presented each year on the feast of St Peter & St Paul in St Peter's, Rome. All of the newly appointed metropolitan Archbishops appointed within the previous 12 months from across the world travel to Rome to receive the pallium from the Holy Father. This year Pope Francis has extended an invitation to the Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to take part in the Papal Mass next Sunday when our newly installed Archbishop, Malcolm McMahon OP, will himself receive the pallium.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,106.09

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

Next weekend churches all over the world will be making the Peter's Pence collection and sending it to the Pope.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Mason Thomas Booth

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

Mrs Mary Holyland, Miss Catherine Clarke.

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. (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 St Joseph's.

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 27th 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 21st July. Details about that nearer the time."

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.

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

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. 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 McMahon OP, will be visiting us in Leigh Pastoral Area this week. 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. 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 CHANGES

This week, because the Feast of the Sacred Heart is on Friday, the 12 noon Mass will be at the Sacred Heart Church. The 12 noon Mass on Thursday will be at St Joseph's.

PRAY FOR IRAQ

This week, the Archbishop of Baghdad, Jean Sleiman, spoke out against intervention by the international community: "ISIS needs to be stopped... and it needs the Iraqi leaders to work together to stop it. That is more important than getting the international community involved." He added: "I hope Iraqi leaders will find a consensus about how to tackle this situation or there will be a tragic outcome. I don't know what will happen next. Of course the military will resist ISIS, but who knows if it will be strong enough. It is a possibility that the terrorists will succeed but we don't know."

Speaking from Baghdad, the archbishop described how many people were trying to leave the city, fearing an onslaught from ISIS amid reports of it pressing south towards the capital. He reported that, with many roads out of the capital blocked, departures from Baghdad's airport were fully booked until the end of the month. "What all this means is that you can only leave Baghdad if you have got money to pay for a flight. In any case, flights are booked until the end of the month." Asked if he was considering leaving the city, the Archbishop replied: "I don't know if I should stay or go. I leave this problem to my angels."

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 21 June

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 Dominic Flannery

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 23 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 12, Year 2)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 24 June **SOLEMNITY: THE BIRTHDAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS In honour of Venerable Edel Quinn

Wed 25 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.15am School MASS of Thanksgiving

StJ 12.00noon NO MASS

SH 7.00pm NO MASS

StR 7.00pm PASTORAL AREA MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP McMAHON

Thu 26 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am MASS In Thanksgiving (CR)

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Fri 27 June **SOLEMNITY: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Year A)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR 10.00am MASS Austin Woods

SH 12.00noon MASS

Sat 28 June *Memorial: The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

Sun 29 June **SOLEMNITY: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Susan Jones LD

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 13 June the numbers drawn were 19, 20, 29. No winner of £120. Last week's estimated jackpot was £180.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10, 203 Mrs A Brurskill; £5, 216 Dominic Lee; £3, 114 Mrs B Ellis; £2, 412 Mr P Purcell.

Bonus Ball 15 Nellie Flynn. Two numbers are spare on the bonus ball. If you wish to join see Roy Ellis.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £100, 57, A Turnock; £50, 190, R Johnson; £25, 151, J Halliwell; £25, 132, J Thompson, £5 winners: 138 B Mather, 110 Marie Frain, 158 A Clews, 225 P Sharrock, 41 M Stott, 51 M Gredecki, 11 Marg Frain, 147 A Southern, 35 K Marsh, 112 S Peters, 223 J Harrison.

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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