

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29 JUNE 2014



Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

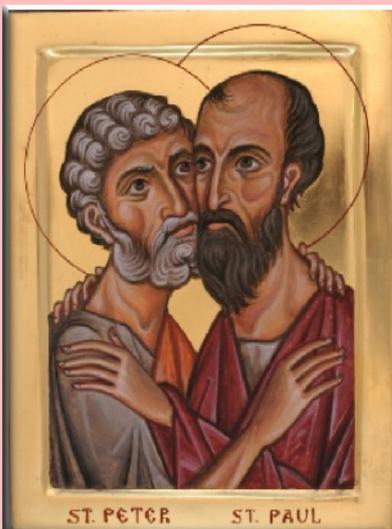
Today we celebrate the feast of two of the greatest saints in the history of the Church, St. Peter and St. Paul. Both of them were instrumental in spreading Christianity in the early Church, both of them suffered a martyr's death, and both of them are seen today as heroes of the early Church. As we reflect on their lives this weekend, it is important that we remember how different they were to each other. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates some of the moments when they had public arguments with each other, about the traditions that they should or should not uphold. The Acts share their difficulties, their joys, their sorrows, and most importantly perhaps, their boldness and determination in spreading the Gospel message, no matter how great the cost to themselves. About two years before Peter's imprisonment, the Church in Jerusalem was visited by a new convert, Paul of Tarsus. Paul had been an accomplished persecutor of the followers of Jesus and was feared for his fanatical commitment to this particular cause. But he had experienced a conversion in which Christ had spoken to him in a vision. Paul went to Jerusalem to share his experience with the apostles, but he stayed in the city for just 15 days. He tried to join the group of apostles but they were afraid of him. They could not believe he had become a disciple of Jesus. Nevertheless Paul started to preach in the city. Throughout his ministry he always claimed that he was in truth an apostle of Jesus, on an equal footing with the Twelve. Perhaps more than any imprisonment or flogging, Paul's real pain arose from his awareness that he would never be accepted without reservation during his lifetime. He always had to struggle to prove himself an authentic apostle, not a spy planted by his former employers. Perhaps this agony was his cross.

Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times. However he returned as a rock to strengthen and lead the Christian community. Paul had persecuted Christ but he had changed his ways to become the energetic apostle who pushed the Gospel message far beyond the confines of Judea and Samaria. Both men had fallen, yet both of them had risen again to new heights. Peter was Jesus' choice as leader of the early Christian community. Paul was God's choice to take the Gospel to the whole world. Both apostles were martyred in Rome under the persecution of Emperor Nero. In their final witness there is nothing doubtful about their love for God. Both of them had a love without reserve. This is why we honour them together this weekend. In honouring Peter and Paul we also celebrate the ancient foundation of the Church in Rome, which was to become the mother of ALL Christian Churches. The Church in Rome had these two great apostles and martyrs at its beginning, a fact the community regarded as a unique privilege. In their foundation they had a double dimension: apostolic leadership and evangelical energy, both marks of the Church today. Let us pray that we may do the same. Like Peter let us lead others to Christ. Like Paul, may we share God's message throughout the world.

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Audrey Ashurst, Rosa Atkinson, Tony Broster, Elizabeth Cleworth, Sarah Ann Jones, Anne Marsh, Birthday Blessings, St Jude

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.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held Tuesday 7:30pm 1st July 2014.
Mothers and Grandmothers welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea & Coffee morning, next Sunday 6th July after the Mass.

TWELVE APOSTLES & CLUB

Bingo every Wednesday at 8.30 in the lounge. Please consider us for your special occasion ring 01942 209192.



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

Jun 26

The family is essential to sustaining human and social development.

Jun 24

How I wish everyone had decent work! It is essential for human dignity.

Jun 23

Let us pray for the Christian communities in the Middle East, that they may continue to live in the land where Christianity was born.

Jun 20

There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.

Philippines Village Re-location

Charity Evening for Columban project for recovery after typhoons, Friday, 1st. August, 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Centre, Leigh. Extra parking next door at Crown House. Fr. Pat O'Donoghue, Columban regional director of the Philippines, will give a presentation. Bring & Buy, Raffle, Tombola and various stalls including home-made. Something for everyone. Ticket £1, including refreshments, available from Mary 675721 & Vera 01925 764291 (St. Josephs), Kathleen 07845620114 (Our Lady's), Susan 512567 (12 Apostles), Julia 676962 (Sacred Heart),

who will be pleased to receive donations, prizes and/or gifts for the stalls. Cheques payable to "Columban Fathers".

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Sylvius.

ATHERTON AND LEIGH FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Dear Volunteers,

Just a quick update to let you know how things are going. At the AGM we said that we would advertise for a Full-Time Project Manager on a six-month contract. I am pleased to inform everyone that that process has been completed and Warren Done will commence his full-time employment starting 1st September 2014.

Congratulations to Warren. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for everything that they have done since we started 18 months ago now.

However this is when the hard work begins starting on the 3rd, 4th, 5th July TESCO are having a National FoodBank Collection and we are collecting at BOTH TESCO LEIGH and TESCO ATHERTON. To paraphrase If ever we needed Volunteers We need them NOW. If you can forward your name to info@athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk OR telephone 07976 266960 we can make sure that you are on the rota. Alternatively contact Valerie on 01942 874160 or by e-mail valerie_thomas@tiscali.co.uk

N.B. that is valerie_thomas don't forget the underscore.

We will need to organise more fund raising events as well. Any one can fund raise by having a coffee morning to parachute jumping from lunch club to marathon running. Every little helps. If anyone is interested in helping to Fundraise contact me on 07976 266960.

Also at this time we will be saying goodbye to 3 of our Trustees Warren who as a paid employee can no longer be a Trustee, Adrienne Simpson who is moving away from this area and also Lisa Darlington who owing to work commitments has been unable to attend Trustee Meetings. I would like to thank them all for all their contributions to the Foodbank and of course Warren and Lisa will still be contributing.

A Lead Volunteer meeting will be being organised by the middle of July and people will be notified as soon as possible. If anyone is looking for a more active role within the foodbank and/or has any ideas as to other projects the foodbank could become involved in please contact me on 07976 266960.

Yours sincerely
Dave Hughes
Secretary

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£2,772.14
Priests in Retirement	£ 575.93

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

An ancient custom still alive today

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel, thus enabling them to devote themselves completely to their apostolic mission and to care for those in greatest need, is as old as Christianity itself (cf. Acts 4:34, 11:29).

By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father. It was thus that the *Denarius Sancti Petri* (Alms of Saint Peter) originated and spread throughout Europe.

Like other practices of its kind, this custom underwent many changes in the course of the centuries, until in 1871 Pope Pius IX gave it his approval in the Encyclical Letter *Saepe Venerabilis* (5 August 1871).

At present the collection is taken up throughout the Catholic world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Daisy-Mae Gardner, Ava Belle Selby, Vinny Ray Wyatt

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Sean Brendan Furey & Catherine Louise Barron, who were married at St Joseph's on Friday 20th June 2014

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

Ann Maron, Grace Olkusi
Eternal rest give unto them ...

"CELEBRATE THE CHILD" MASS

This year's Mass will take place next 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)

THREE TOWNS OPERATIC SOCIETY

Do you enjoy singing? Or do you know someone who does? Rehearsing now, the Three Towns Operatic Society is looking for people to take part in their concerts - a variety of Songs from the Shows, Broadway, Popular and Classical Music. This year the programme will include Broadway hits - The

Phantom of the Opera, Blood Brothers, Anything Goes, Miss Saigon; the foot-tapping songs of Irving Berlin - Let's Dance, Puttin' on the Ritz, Let's Face the Music and Dance, Steppin' Out with My Baby; Abba Hits and many more. Come along and experience singing an exciting repertoire of songs in four part harmony in a friendly atmosphere.

The society won **Best Musical** for its performance of The Yeomen of the Guard 2013. David Kay and Victoria Goulden were nominated **Best Actor** in a Musical and **Best Actress** in a Musical for their portrayal of Jack Point and Elsie Maynard. In January the Three Towns will be in rehearsal for the swash-buckling Pirates of Penzance, singing and performing on stage accompanied by professional orchestra.

The society rehearse on Tuesday evenings 8 - 10pm at Tyldesley Methodist Church, Elliott Street, Tyldesley M29 8JE
See Venues on website for exact location.

Contact Bob Horrocks on 01942 605369 for further information.

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TURNPIKE COMMUNITY THEATRE

It is now 30 years since Turnpike Community Theatre first took to the stage with their inaugural production of "Twice Around the Turnpike" involving a cast of over 100. The group has changed and travelled around Leigh over 30 years; although they are now very settled in the Westleigh area and have a strong a cast as ever!

To celebrate their 30 year anniversary, the group have benefitted from the involvement of local actor and director, Colin Kilbride. This was initially made possible by funding from the Wigan 4 Good Fund. After weeks of rehearsals and workshops the group have produced their own new production which brings together, and intertwines, a number of well loved fairy tales.

Commenting on the production, the show's director Colin Kilbride said "This fairy tale show is full of familiar faces like Dorothy from Oz, Alice from Wonderland and Little Red Riding Hood who live deep in the forest. What you might not realise is that these girls and the rest of heir pals have actually been the best of friends for years and years. There is nothing they enjoy more than looking back on their many adventures. There is magic, madness, revenge...oh, and a love story of course!"

Turnpike's Chairperson, Gill David commented, "This is a truly great production which showcases the skill of the group. I am so pleased that Turnpike Community Theatre has reached yet another milestone in the group's history. We continue to achieve our aims from 30 years ago in bringing live performances to the Leigh community. We have achieved so much in the past 30 years and have lots of happy memories from working with so many great people. The group are dedicating this production to the memory of Doreen Gill who was an active member of the group for so many years."

Turnpike Tales is a production for the whole family and promises to be an enjoyable night out this summer with shows at XII Apostles Parish Hall from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th July 2014. Tickets are prices at £4-50 and £4 (concessions) with family tickets (2 adults and 2 children) at £15.

For further details and online purchases visit www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com, or alternatively visit Finesse Gift Shop (Bradshawgate) or ring (01942) 603195.

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 28 June

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

Mon 30 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 13, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00AM MASS Austin Woods

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Tue 1 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS B & S Fletcher

Wed 2 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 9.10am School MASS of Thanksgiving in Church

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH 7.00pm MASS

Thu 3 July

FEAST: ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE (1st c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am MASS Mark Prescott

SH 12.00noon MASS

Fri 4 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR 10.00am **NO MASS**

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 5 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Irene & Derek Smith

Sun 6 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS John & Joe Hogan (his son)

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Betty Gill

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 20 June the numbers drawn were 8, 26, 28. No winner of £180. Last week's estimated jackpot was £220.

Our Lady's 500 Club £50 No. 162 E Hilton, £10 No. 410 M Moore, £5 No. 368 A Green, £3 No. 434 B Woods, £2 No. 272 N Flynn

Bonus Ball No. 19 U Lightford

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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