

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 6 JULY 2014



Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God, my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is one of the best known, most quoted and hope filled passages of scripture. Countless people have found comfort as they have faced difficulties too great for them to handle, or perhaps at the end of a busy day when the idea of resting in God's presence, even if only for a few moments, has been enough to bring comfort and hope.

When Jesus told his listeners that they could come to him, it was at a time when he himself had little time to spare, encountering not only those who loved him, but also those who could not cope with his message and sought ways of silencing him. Jesus was busy, but not too busy to welcome those who were sick and troubled, those regarded as important or considered unimportant, young people and old people. To him, everybody is of value and worth accompanying. That is why he made time for others, regardless of the pressures he faced. Jesus told the crowd that if they were to shoulder his yoke, they would find it "easy". It would fit their shoulders. He did not mean his followers would have a trouble free life. Jesus himself experienced opposition that would lead to the Cross. He promised, however, that, with his support, nobody need find that any burden would be too great to carry. That is why today's Gospel has given comfort to so many people. We know we are not alone – and this makes the difference. With Jesus alongside us, we are never alone.

Many people will tell you that being a parent is not easy. But being a parent can bring great joys. There is a sense of fulfilment and happiness when a child comes looking for consolation and reassurance. Even when life seems to be filled with one problem after another, most parents are there for their children through thick and thin. They love them whatever the cost. "Great" parents are those who take one step at a time, accompanying their children from their earliest days and through all the worries and difficulties that life can bring.

Jesus came among us on a donkey. He walked long distances. He preached on countless occasions and touched people's hearts in a way that nobody else could have done. Jesus did not boast of being God. Neither did he boast of his relationship with God or the Holy Spirit. He was not stuffed with false pride. Jesus was the perfect parent in his attitude towards others in the way he loved them and accepted them as they are. As we listen to the words of Jesus, calling us to trust in him and rest in his presence, may we be like good parents to others in the way we love them and care for them.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tony Broster, Elizabeth Cleworth, Marie Corner, (Wilding), Terry Fallon, Tom Gibbon, Jason Houghton, Anne Marsh, Martha Prescott Thomas Ramsdale, Birthday Blessings, St Jude, Thanksgiving, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady, All Saints

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 8th July 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

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

TWELVE APOSTLES PARISH CENTRE

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>)

Jul 3

Dear young people, do not give up your dreams of a more just world!

Jul 1

To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.

Jun 30

Jesus, help us to love God as Father and our neighbour as ourselves.

Jun 29

May Saints Peter and Paul bless the city of Rome and the entire pilgrim Church throughout the world.

Jun 28

To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

Jun 27

In the face of life's difficulties, let us ask the Lord for the strength to remain joyful witnesses to our faith.

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".

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our Sacramental Preparation Programme will be starting again in September. If your child will be in Y4 in September, and does not attend XII Apostles, Sacred Heart or St Joseph's and has been Baptised (proof of Baptism needed) and they wish to be Confirmed, make their First Confession and Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office with the child's name address and contact details as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be at St Joseph's on Thursday 10th July at 7.45pm. All welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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. 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 Sylviu.

"LOURDES AT HOME" DAY FRIDAY 25th JULY 2014

We have decided to hold the annual "Lourdes At Home" Day at St Ambrose Barlow again this year because there is the opportunity to celebrate Mass outside at the Grotto. The day will follow the same pattern as previous years:

8.00am	Early Morning Mass
8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11.00 am)
12.00noon	Mass of Anointing of the Sick (followed by lunch)
7.30pm	Holy Hour & Procession

At the back of each church, there are two sign-up sheets: one sheet asks whether or not you would like to be anointed, are staying for lunch or need space for a wheelchair; the second asks for volunteers to help with the day. Please look at the lists and sign up. Many thanks.

ORDER OF DEACONS Open meeting

at Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for Evangelisation,
Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th July 2014

On the subject of

BECOMING A DEACON

The meeting will be of special interest to men thinking about serving in the Ordained Ministry of Deacon
Wives are very welcome to attend.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,967.45
Peter's Pence	£ 468.89

Next Sunday, Sea Sunday, the retiring collections will be in support of the Apostleship of the Sea.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Oscar Dylan Niescier,

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

Jason Houghton, Tom Ramsdale, Doris Noon
Eternal rest give unto them ...



SEA SUNDAY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work.

For more information about its work visit
www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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 benefited 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.

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.

OPERA HOUSE MANCHESTER



Wednesday 17th September

**£40 including return coach travel from Twelve Apostles
£15 deposit, +£15 by 20th July, balance by 20th August
Contact Therese Thompson 01942 253507 or
07857631087**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR Sunday 13th July,

straight after 10:30 Mass. tombolas, books, cakes, toys,
massive bouncy slide, treasure map with £50 prize.
Please come along and join in the fun.

Coffee morning will be cancelled at St Joseph's, everyone is welcome to go over to the school for tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.



Choristers from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral had a special appointment when they sang for Pope Francis.

The cathedral choir were singing at a Mass when their archbishop received his pallium - a lambs wool band symbolising his office - from the Pope. The 45-strong choir of teenage boys and girls and older males accompanied Archbishop McMahon as he received the band around his neck at a Mass in St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

SUNDAY MASSES DURING AUGUST

This year, for the first time, we have not been able to secure the assistance of other priests to allow each of us to have a break during the month of August. In other words, we do not have a priest for every Sunday Mass in the Pastoral Area during August. Therefore, given that the numbers attending Sunday Mass are generally lower during the summer, we propose to cancel the lower attended Masses at the two churches that have two Sunday Masses for the month of August. So, Holy Family will have one Sunday Mass at 9.00am and St Joseph's will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am. (The 11.00am Mass at Holy Family and the 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's will resume at the beginning of September). By doing this, three priests can cover all the Sunday Masses each week during August, allowing the fourth a break. We realise this is not ideal, but it is the best we can offer without making substantial alterations to the Sunday Mass schedule at this time. **The Pastoral Area Clergy**

"CELEBRATE THE CHILD" MASS

This year's Mass will take place today, Sunday 6th July at St Mary's, Lowe House, St Helens at 1.30pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

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 5 July

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

Mon 7 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 14, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ **NO MASS**

Tue 8 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS

Wed 9 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.15am Year 6 School Leavers' MASS

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Doris Noon

SH **NO MASS**

Thu 10 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A **NO MASS**

SH 12.00noon MASS

Fri 11 July

FEAST: ST. BENEDICT, OSB, ABBOT (5th/6th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am Year 6 School Leavers' MASS

OLR **NO MASS**

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 12 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Ann Marron LD

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 13 July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

(Sea Sunday)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Special Intention

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 27 June the numbers drawn were 20, 22, 24. No winner of £242. Last week's estimated jackpot was £300.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 248 N Flynn, £5 No. 160 B Welding, £3 No. 403 J Waterfield, £2 No. 381 M Sweeney
Bonus Ball No. 42 Mary Roach

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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