

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 13 JULY 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil  
and produced its crop.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospels are littered with parables. This was Jesus' favourite method of teaching. Among the religious leaders of the time there was an attitude of almost reverence towards the parable. So when Jesus adopted this method of teaching he was following a long and great tradition. But why teach in parables? For Jesus it was important because many of the people rejected his message when it was delivered to them straight away. The parables he shared with them got them to think for themselves and so made them more open to the hidden message. Sometimes the truth can be so painful that we are not able to take it straight. We have to dress it up. we have to adorn it. A story makes the truth more acceptable and perhaps a little easier to understand. A story has another great advantage. Just as a candle can help us find something in the dark, so a story can help us learn a great truth about ourselves, about the world, even about God himself.

So what is Jesus saying to us in his short parable of the sower? The Word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. Just as soil is barren without seed, so our lives are barren without the Word of God. the Word of God is our link with Jesus and to God himself. Therefore it is to be the very foundation of our spiritual lives.

The Church has always venerated the Word of God, just as it venerates the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. In the Eucharist it offers us from one table the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. Through his Word God is continually calling us to a better and more fruitful life. God doesn't speak to us like a dictator would speak to his subjects. He speaks to us as a Father speaks to his children. His Word is gentle and as weak and defenceless as a seed falling into the soil. Yet this Word is more effective than the word of any powerful dictator – it can change people's hearts.

As we listen to God's Word this weekend, and every day for that matter, may we allow the Word of God to be sown into our hearts so that we may live out God's message in our daily lives.

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PASTORAL AREA**  
[www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk](http://www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk)

**St. Edmund  
Arrowsmith  
Parish**

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



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Anne Barnes, Marie Corner, Ellen & Joseph Joyce, Annie Leather, Tom Ramsdale

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to St Joseph's Presbytery on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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.

### TWELVE APOSTLES PARISH CENTRE

Bingo every Wednesday at 8.30 in the lounge. Please consider us for your special occasion ring 01942 209192. Next week is the 200 club draw on Wednesday in Lounge. Those who have booked for the 'Full Monty' at the Opera House £30 needs to be paid by 20th July, still a few places left on the Coach (see poster). There is a reunion for anyone who went to 12 Apostles School in the 1950's or 1960's on the 29th August at the Bowling Club in Leigh, further info from John Thompson on 07724 185 215



Pope Francis'@Pontifex (<https://twitter.com/Pontifex>)  
Jul 10

Do not be afraid to cast yourselves into the arms of God; whatever he asks of you, he will repay a hundredfold.

Jul 8

With God, nothing is lost; but without him, everything is lost.

### 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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

**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 Sylvio.

### "LOURDES AT HOME" DAY FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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.

When visiting Lourdes, it is customary to leave written petitions (prayers) at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. If you would like your petition(s) to be presented at the Grotto in Lourdes, please bring them to the "Lourdes At Home" day in a sealed envelope marked "**Petitions**", and we will ensure that they are presented in the Grotto at Lourdes during the summer.

### ORDER OF DEACONS

#### Open meeting

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

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### UNITAPE Archive

Listen and download over 800 recordings from the Upholland UNITAPE online catalogue at [unitape.org](http://unitape.org)



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,533.13

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

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :  
Lilli-Mai Amanda Schuller, Katie Elizabeth Fletcher, Oliver Paul Hoffman

### 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, Wallace, Jolley, Olive Keeley  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...



### SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

## OPERA HOUSE MANCHESTER



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR TODAY, 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.*

## A PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

**Almighty God, hold in your arms those who go  
down to the sea in ships.**

**Give them patience to endure the hardships of  
their work and to keep hope alive.**

**May they know that they are neither forgotten  
by you,  
nor by us – whose lives are enriched  
through their labours.**

### 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**

### PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group are joining other prayer groups for a Day of Prayer at St Pio's Shrine in Pantasaph. If you would like to be there, please contact Pat on 01942 895566 for further details and to book a place. Alternatively, come along to the prayer group's hour of prayer, which takes place at St Ambrose Barlow every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm.

## DANCING TO SWING TIME

St Richard's Church Hall, Atherton

Dress: Smart Casual

5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

7.30pm - 11.30pm

Tickets £10

Buffet Included

Tickets from Ratcliffes  
of Leigh or contact  
Maurice McCarthy

01942 518895



## 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 12 July

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

### 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

### Mon 14 July

### *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 15, Year 2)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ **NO MASS**

### Tue 15 July

### *Memorial: St. Bonaventure, OFM, B.D. (13<sup>th</sup> c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Joe & Teresa Higgins  
SH 7.00pm Year 6 School Leavers' MASS

### Wed 16 July

### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS

SH **NO MASS**

### Thu 17 July

### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 9.30am MASS Mark Prescott  
SH 12.00noon MASS

### Fri 18 July

### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Wallace Jolley  
OL 10.00am MASS Callum Dale  
StJ 12.00noon MASS

### Sat 19 July

### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
StJ 12.00noon MASS  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

### Sun 20 July

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

StJ 8.30am MASS  
SH 9.30am MASS James & Ann Marsh  
StJ 10.30am MASS  
OL 11.00am MASS John O'Grady  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 4 July the numbers drawn were 6, 11, 18. No winner of £304. Last week's estimated jackpot was £360.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 494 P Purcell, £5 199 Ben, £3 240 Anita, £2 041 Jennifer & Fiona

**Bonus Ball** 9 D Vint

### 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.

### PASTORAL AREA TEAM

Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady  
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Deacons: Revv. Tony Arrowsmith, Robert Hewertson

Priest Fr. Colin Fealey  
arriving in September

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