

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 3 AUGUST 2014



Responsorial Psalm

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mother Teresa told how she once came across a Hindu family that hadn't eaten for days. She took a small quantity of rice and gave it to the family. What happened next surprised her. Without a moment's hesitation the mother of the family divided the rice into two. Then she took one half of it to the family next door, which happened to be a Moslem family. Seeing this Mother Teresa said to her, "How much will you have left? Do you not have enough for yourselves?" The mother immediately replied, "But they haven't eaten for days either!" Generosity like this makes us feel very humble.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes could be called a miracle of generosity. First of all, there was the marvellous generosity of the boy who, with his gift of five loaves and two fish, made the miracle possible. It was a small gift in itself but, for the boy, it was a big thing because it was all he had. It's easy to give something that we won't really miss. But when the gift is needed by the giver as much as by the receiver, then this is real giving. It is a real sacrifice. Then there was the generosity of Jesus. He had just learned that his cousin, John, had been murdered in prison. He needed peace and quiet. This is why he and his apostles left for the far side of the lake. But when he stepped out of the boat he saw a throng of people waiting for him. He might have got angry and sent them away. Instead he had compassion on them and gave himself completely to them. Then there was the sheer generosity of his response to the hunger of the people. Not only did he feed them, but he saw to it that each got as much as they wanted, and even so there were twelve full baskets left over.

The story of the feeding of the 5000 was treasured by the early Christians. The miracle recalled the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. For them Jesus was the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert. The miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist. It was at the table of the Eucharist that Jesus nourished them. And it is here that Jesus nourishes us today. Only at God's table can we receive the nourishment our hearts are longing for. In the Eucharist we are nourished with the Word of God and the Bread of Life. And having invited us to share in the banquet of life on earth, God invites us to share in the banquet of life in Heaven. In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. the proof that we have experienced that love will be our willingness to love others and share our gifts with them. We may be able to give only in small ways and in small amounts. However, from the little boy in the Gospel we see that a small amount can become much more when placed in the hands of God.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Sienna Rose-Cecilia Newby, Grace Elizabeth Tepper, Maxymilian Lech Dysarz, ...

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Craig Geoffrey Anderson & Kelly Marie Bachegalop who married at St Joseph's on 26 July.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Terry Malley, Special intention, Margaret Featherstone, Hilda Henderson, Keith Turner, Teresa Grogan, George & Agnes Hayes.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

All ladies are invited to the next meeting which will be on Tuesday 5th August at 8.00pm in the Side Hall at St Joseph's.

TWELVE APOSTLES & PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday bingo resumes on 6th August.
During the month of August there will no weekday Mass at Twelve Apostles.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Today, Sunday there will be Tea & Coffee after Mass. Everyone welcome!

Fr Colin Fealey will take up residence, for the time being, at Our Lady of the Rosary Presbytery from 5th September. Fr Colin and Fr Kieran will work together to serve the people of the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith and the Pastoral Area.

PHILIPPINES VILLAGE RELOCATION

Many thanks to the generous people who have contributed in so many ways to this event. Financial result next week.

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 schools, has been baptised (proof needed) and wishes 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

Monday 4th August - World War One Memorial Service at Atherton Parish church at 2.30pm.

Friday 29th August - Twelve Apostles school 1950's, 1960's reunion at the Bowling Club in Leigh. Contact John Thompson (07724 185215).

Friday 5th September - Dancing to Swing Time, St Richard's church hall, Atherton. Tickets £10, buffet included from Ratcliffe's or Maurice McCarthy (518895)

PARISH FEAST DAYS

Please make a date in your diary for Tuesday, September 2nd when we gather together to celebrate the Parish Feast Days of St Edmund Arrowsmith and St Margaret Clitherow. The Mass takes place at 7.00pm in St Gabriel's church in Higher Folds. It is a really good way of bringing the Pastoral Area together after the Summer to celebrate the lives of these remarkable saints and to celebrate the faith we share together.

HOLY HAND OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

The annual pilgrimage to venerate the holy hand will take place at St Oswald and St Edmund's church, Ashton-in-Makerfield, on Sunday 24th August. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm, followed by veneration of the holy hand. The preacher on this occasion will be Fr Malcolm Prince.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OL = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard, HF = Holy Family, StG = Saint Gabriel, StAB = Saint Ambrose Barlow

Sat 2 August

12A	5.30pm	MASS Mary Langan & decd family
StG	6.00pm	MASS Vida Raines
StR	6.00pm	MASS M, A & T Harrison

Sun 3 August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

StJ NO 8.30am	MASS DURING AUGUST	
HF	9.00am	MASS Joan Heaton
SH	9.30am	MASS Special intention (E.L.)
StR	9.30am	MASS Mary Charlton
StJ	10.30am	MASS
OL	11.00am	MASS Special intention (M.S.)
StAB	11.00am	MASS Ian Close

HF NO 11.00am MASS DURING AUGUST

StR	6.30pm	MASS Bernard & Jane Neary
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Memorial: St. John Vianney P. (18th/19th c.)

Mon 4 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer
StJ	12.00noon	MASS

Tue 5 August **Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 18, Year 2)**

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer
SH	12.00noon	MASS Marion Woodward R.I.P.

Wed 6 August

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer
StJ	12.00noon	MASS
SH	7.00pm	MASS

Thu 7 August **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer
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12A NO 9.30am MASS DURING AUGUST

SH	12.00noon	MASS
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Fri 8 August **Memorial: St. Dominic, OP, P. (12th/13th c.)**

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer
OL	10.00am	MASS Eileen Massey
StJ	12.00noon	MASS

Sat 9 August

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, ODC, V. (19th/20th c.)

12A	11.00am	Exposition & Reconciliation
12A	12.00noon	MASS Mary Marsh (80 th birthday)
12A	5.30pm	MASS Dennis Sweeney
StG	6.00pm	MASS Olive Keeley
StR	6.00pm	MASS Jeffrey Rawson

Sun 10 August

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

StJ NO 8.30am	MASS DURING AUGUST	
HF	9.00am	MASS Madeline Meighan
SH	9.30am	MASS Teresa Cooney
StR	9.30am	MASS Fr Philip Orrell
StJ	10.30am	MASS People of the pastoral area
OL	11.00am	MASS Thomas Hynes
StAB	11.00am	MASS Peter Bousfield

HF NO 11.00am MASS DURING AUGUST

StR	6.30pm	MASS Sean Harper
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Sacred Heart Lottery On 25 July the numbers drawn were 14, 15, 20. No winner of £512. Last week's estimated jackpot was £570.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10, 432, B&F Quinn, £5, 303, Mrs C Ellis, £3, 304, Jessica Flannery, £2, 021, Mrs Ratcliffe.

Bonus Ball 11, W Hancock.