

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 10 AUGUST 2014



Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

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

The idea of walking on water is often seen as a symbol of something which is impossible. For a few moments in today's Gospel, Peter managed to do it, but only with the help of Jesus. The Gospel story shows us the power of faith. The disciples are battling with the storm on the lake, in circumstances that make any encounter with God highly improbable. However, the Lord does appear to them – though the disciples think he is a ghost. Jesus reassures, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." But Peter voices the disciples' doubt, "If it is you ...". Jesus invites Peter to recognize who he is, to have faith in him, to take the step of faith and walk on the water. But it is only a step. Faced with the reality of the storm and the danger of death, Peter's faith wavers and he needs the Lord to save him. He allows his doubts, and also his fears, to get the better of him.

In our lives we can be like Elijah in today's First Reading and Peter. We can be living in fear, full of doubts, perhaps wishing everything would just come to an end. Like Elijah, we can discover that we don't find God where we expect to meet him – in the places and rituals where we have been comforted by God's presence in the past. Or, like Peter, the storms of our life may mean that we are so busy struggling simply to survive that we are unable to lift up our eyes to recognize the God who is already walking towards us in the midst of our personal battles. God comes to us unexpectedly, in the silence, in the midst of our busyness and our fear, in our tiredness and brokenness, in our doubts and desperation. The Lord invites us to come out of the darkness, to step out of the security of our little boats and place our trust in him. In a sense, both Elijah and Peter reveal a similar truth; that no matter how desperate, how frantic or even how hopeless our lives may sometimes seem, they are lives in which, at any moment, we can encounter the living God. Not because we can make ourselves worthy enough to meet him, but because he is quite simply always there reaching out to us – in the gentle breeze and the silence, in the storms and fears – with his strong hand, ready to save us. His words to us remain unchanged: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

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and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,284.71

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to :
Joseph Kenneth Whittle, Ffion Grace Strettle, Georgia Kate Burgess

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Adam Gordon Dyson and Gillian Clare Alker who married at St Joseph's on 1st August.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Kay & Frank Whitaker, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding.

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 SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th August at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Baby Bramley, Teresa Grogan, Margaret Poyner, Speedy Recovery, Our Lord Our Lady & All Saints, Golden Wedding, Special Intention

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St. Joseph's at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th August. All mothers and grandmothers welcome

TWELVE APOSTLES & PARISH CENTRE

The next 200 club draw will be on Wednesday 20th August. Any enquiries for the club please use the new number 07921 816501.

PHILIPPINES VILLAGE RELOCATION

The Charity Evening (at Sacred Heart) for the Columban project for recovery after typhoons realised £3,109.82. Praise and thanks to God for the very many of our Leigh area who worked so hard and donated so generously to achieve this.

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

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 - After a successful event in July 2012, Leigh Catenian Association again presents Dancing to Swing Time with live band, St Richard's church hall, Atherton. Raffle proceeds to HCPT. Tickets £10, buffet included from Ratcliffe's cycle shop or Des 876050 or Eamonn 892967.

PARISH FEAST CELEBRATION

This year's Parish Feast Days of St Margaret Clitherow and St Edmund Arrowsmith will be celebrated at St Gabriel's, Higher Folds, on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.00pm. The feast will also give us the opportunity to thank Fr Silviu for his help in the Pastoral Area and to welcome Fr Colin Fealey to the team. If anyone would like to help to organise and prepare the celebration, then please come along to a short meeting at St Gabriel's on Tuesday 19th August at 7.00pm.

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 9 August

12A	5.30pm	MASS	Dennis Sweeney
StG	6.00pm	MASS	Olive Keeley
StR	6.00pm	MASS	Jeffrey Rawson

Sun 10 August

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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Mon 11 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Memorial: St. Clare. V.(12th/13th c.)</i>
StJ	12.00noon	MASS	

Tue 12 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 19, Year 2)</i>
SH	12.00noon	MASS	Raymond Buck

Wed 13 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
StJ	12.00noon	MASS	
SH	7.00pm	MASS	Mary Walsh

Thu 14 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Memorial: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, OFM Conv, P.M. (19th/20th c.)</i>
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12A NO 9.30am MASS DURING AUGUST

SH	12.00noon	MASS	Jess Naylor
12A	7.00pm	VIGIL MASS	Special intention

Fri 15 August

StJ	8.30am	Morning Prayer	SOLEMNITY (Holyday of Obligation)
OL	10.00am	MASS	
StJ	12.00noon	MASS	
SH	7.00pm	MASS	Margaret&Frank Pemberton

Sat 16 August

StJ	11.00am	Exposition & Reconciliation	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
StJ	12.00noon	MASS	
12A	5.30pm	MASS	Ann Mary Wilson
StG	6.00pm	MASS	People of the pastoral area
StR	6.00pm	MASS	L&P Welby, M Baxendale

Sun 17 August

NO 8.30am MASS DURING AUGUST

StJ	NO 8.30am	MASS DURING AUGUST	
HF	9.00am	MASS	Margaret Langan
SH	9.30am	MASS	Ida Traynor LD
StR	9.30am	MASS	Marie Langin
StJ	10.30am	MASS	
OL	11.00am	MASS	
StAB	11.00am	MASS	Lois O'Neill

HF NO 11.00am MASS DURING AUGUST

StR	6.30pm	MASS	John Battersby
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Sacred Heart Lottery On 1 August the numbers drawn were 1, 12, 21. No winner of £574. Last week's estimated jackpot was £630.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 107 A Starkie, £5 No. 384 E Nuttall, £3 No. 261 M Smith, £2 No. 459 M Moore

Bonus Ball No. 25 U Lightford