

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5 OCTOBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learned from my Father.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

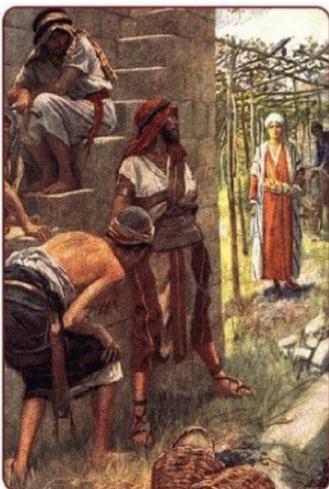
South Africa is a country blessed in a great many ways. It is a large country, has a good climate, and is rich in agricultural land and minerals, especially gold and diamonds. But the country which should have been a haven for all the peoples of Southern Africa became instead a haven for the privileged few. Many people tried in vain to change South Africa's apartheid system. Finally Nelson Mandela appeared on the scene. He too tried to bring about reforms. But, like reformers before him, he was rejected. Worse still, he was hounded by the government, and ended up spending twenty-seven years in prison. However, he not only survived prison, but came out of it with the respect of his enemies and the entire world. Furthermore, he came out without bitterness. In fact, he came out smiling, and immediately sought reconciliation with the leaders of the regime that kept him in prison for all those years. But even greater things were to follow. The man once rejected was to become the president of a new multi-racial South Africa. The story of Nelson Mandela is one of the great stories of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. What makes it so great is the fact that in it good finally triumphs over evil. A new, free society emerged. Mandela's story can help us understand Jesus' story of the vine-dressers in today's Gospel.

God had bestowed on his people the sort of love and care which a dedicated vine dresser bestows on a vineyard. But the vineyard failed to produce the fruits of good living. God sent messenger after messenger in the prophets. But, far from listening to them, the people abused them and killed some of them. Finally he sent his Son, Jesus. But the tenants killed him in the hope of taking over the vineyard themselves. What the tenants did was ugly and sinful. Yet God did not abandon or destroy the vineyard. He handed it over to others who would produce the fruits. Thus a new building came into being – the new people of God. Jesus, the one they rejected and killed, is the cornerstone of his new building, the Church. God never retaliated. He never returned evil for evil. He was not vindictive in taking the vineyard from the Jews and giving it to the Gentiles. The tenants brought it on themselves. God never gave up on his people. Just as the rain ensures that the earth becomes fruitful, so God persists until he gets a response. The parable shows us that there is only one way to overcome evil, and that is with good. No one can say that Jesus didn't live in the real world. He did. He experienced suffering and hardship just like anyone, perhaps even more than anyone else. But he didn't answer evil with evil. He answered it with goodness and with love. We are called to do the same and make our world a better place.

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**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TWELVE APOSTLES & PARISH CENTRE

Any enquiries for the club please use the new number 07921 816501. Please consider us for your special occasion, bingo every Wednesday at 8.30, please support the groups who regularly use your club. Date for your diary Christmas Fair Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### OUR LADY'S

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after Mass today. Everyone is welcome.

### MASS OF WELCOME

The 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, will be a special Mass of Welcome for our Reception Children at St Joseph's School. It will be a Mass for children, so there will not be a Little Church that day, but everyone is welcome, please come along and support our young families.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Can the Eucharistic Ministers at St Joseph's church please send a list of the people they visit into the office. If you have only recently updated your list you do not need to send in another one. Thank you.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St. Joseph's. All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Green Room. Arrangements for the 2014 Autumn Fayre and Grand Draw will be discussed and more helpers would be much appreciated.

### HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

A family in our parish is in urgent need of help. If you have any unwanted furniture, white goods, bedding, cutlery, carpets, etc. please contact the parish office or Sr. Megan 01942 683554. Thank you.

### PARISH TRIP TO BLACKPOOL

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October the coach will leave St Joseph's at 11.40am and pick up at Our Lady of the Rosary at 12.00noon. It will get back to Leigh about 9.00 - 9.30pm, going through the lights on the way back. The price is £7.50 per head. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to go.

### JUSTICE & PEACE

The next meeting of the Pastoral Area Justice & Peace Group will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Saint Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Why not come along and get more involved? Everyone welcome.

### EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian initiation of adults) process in St Edmund Arrowsmith parish begins again on Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart church after 7.00pm Mass (optional) at 7.30pm. This week we will just be introducing ourselves, getting to know one another and answering any preliminary questions. Whether you have registered your interest already or have only just decided that now is the right time to learn more about the Catholic Church and her teaching - don't wait for another invitation. Just come along on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During the month of October the Rosary will be prayed before the 12 noon Mass at the Sacred Heart. It will be lead by the Legion of Mary. The Rosary is also prayed at St Joseph's Morning Prayer and before the lunch time Masses.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SAFEGUARDING DEPARTMENT

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding policies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales; to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from any form of abuse or maltreatment and to promote a safe environment for all. The Safeguarding Department work closely and openly with statutory agencies, to ensure that any concerns or allegations of abuse that are raised are promptly reported and properly investigated, victims supported and perpetrators held to account. Details of our Archdiocesan commitment to victims of abuse can be found within the *Hurt by Abuse* leaflet which is displayed on the notice board. The Archdiocese is bound by the requirements of statutory safeguarding legislation, which requires all Churches and Faith Communities to have written safeguarding arrangements in place, these include:

- Safe recruitment and selection procedures
- Procedures to respond to and report concerns
- Code of Practice, governing behaviour of all paid and volunteer staff

All these procedures are in place within our churches and you can view them on request by contacting one of the safeguarding representatives who are:

- Our Lady of the Rosary - Ursula Lightford
- Sacred Heart & XII Apostles - Eileen Johnson
- St Joseph's - Jacqui Costello

Alternatively, see the Safeguarding section of the Archdiocesan website [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Our parish relies primarily on conscientious volunteers, who give freely of their time in order to nurture and lead our young people, and to care for those who are vulnerable within our community. All who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults are subject to the safe recruitment and selection procedures of the Archdiocese. Volunteers are required to complete an application form and to declare in confidence if they have any criminal convictions or cautions. They also have to provide the names and addresses of two people who would be willing to provide a reference on their behalf. Finally they have to complete the Disclosure and Barring Service Application (DBS) process. Once all this is completed to the satisfaction of the Safeguarding Department they can be confirmed in post. Sometimes the requirement to meet safeguarding best practice causes unnecessary friction - for example within Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy of the Word is where the children gather in a way more appropriate to their level of understanding. Parents are encouraged to let their children attend and may stay for a short period, whilst their child settles. However, parents are not encouraged to consistently attend each week. They should have confidence in the catechists to look after their child, whilst they stay in church. Parents, who want to fully participate within children's Liturgy, must go through the Safe Recruitment Process. As a loving considerate Church, we trust the experience of all who come into contact with our Church community will be a positive one, where they feel valued and respected. All volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults within our Parish sign up to a 'Code of Conduct' requiring them to work within expected standards of behaviour when volunteering. Copies of the code of conduct are available on request from your parish representative.

Training in safeguarding best practice is available for all volunteers and can be facilitated by the Safeguarding Department for each parish on request .

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,473.82

## HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014



### Will you make a place at your table?

There is enough food in the world to feed us all. Yet one in eight of our poorest sisters and Brothers still don't have enough to eat. Give what you can this Harvest Fast Day and welcome them to your table.

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Dillon Hendrix Southerland, Jack John Gallagher.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Judith Ludlow Patricia Mary Pagan, Roy Ashbrook, John Mc Nought  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WW1 EXHIBITION

The exhibition to be held in St Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall will take place over the weekend of Remembrance Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November) and will remain on display throughout that week. The exhibition will not only commemorate those who died in WW1 but also WW2 and other 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century conflicts. There are very few people still alive from the first world war days, but I have spoken to a number of parishioners and others living in the Astley / Tyldesley area about their memories of the second world war. It would be good to hear memories and stories from members of the other church communities across the Deanery. Also, if you have any memorabilia relating to any of the wars that you would be willing to loan for the exhibition this would be gratefully received. Looking forward to hearing your stories. You can contact me on (01942) 876487. Many thanks. Steve Cooper.

## ROSARY SUNDAY

Today is Rosary Sunday. Archbishop Malcolm will lead the 54<sup>th</sup> St Helens Annual Family Rosary Procession. Those wishing to take part should assemble at 2.45pm in Church Square, St Helens for a 3.00pm start. The procession will follow a route to the church of Holy Cross and St Helen and will conclude with Benediction.



Pope Francis@Pontifex · Oct 2

A Synod means walking together but also praying together. I ask all the faithful to participate. #Praywithus

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Sep 30

Division within a Christian community is a very grave sin; it is the work of the devil.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Sep 27

There is the tendency to place ourselves and our ambitions at the centre of our lives. This is very human, but it is not Christian. Jesus understands our weaknesses and sins; and he forgives us if we allow ourselves to be forgiven.



£10 booked in advance, £15 on the day

## AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

Day trip to Ampleforth Abbey, West Yorkshire

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October Cost £33 per head

Includes executive coach travel

Collection points St Richard's, St Ambrose Barlow

Lunch of soup, sandwiches, cake, tea & coffee (special dietary requirements will be catered for)

Tour of the Abbey orchards and distillery with FREE tasting of the products,

Mid-day service in the Abbey with time to explore the grounds and visitor centre

Disabled access to all parts of the abbey

To book and obtain full details contact Barbara on 01942 879416 (After 6.00pm)

**Hurry! Not many seats left**

## St Joseph's Players

Present

## SPRING AND PORT WINE

A COMEDY BY BILL NAUGHTON,

FROM TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO SAT. 11<sup>TH</sup> OCT.

ADULTS £8, 16YRS AND UNDER £4,

PAY ON THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT.

BAR, RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

## PRE-ADVENT REFLECTIONS

You are invited to a series of reflections based on the Sunday Gospel readings for Advent. These will be held at Holy Family church hall on Thursdays November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Each session will be from 7.30pm - 9.00pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list at the back of church.

## EMBRACE Liverpool

... is the Youth Event taking place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. It is aimed at young people aged 16-25 and further details can be obtained from the organiser John Griffin Tel: 07944 287690 or email john@embrace-liverpool.org.uk or browse to the website www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk

## JOB VACANCY

Pauline Books and Media in Bold Street, Liverpool are looking for a Sales Assistant, their advertisement can be viewed at

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/cd5141bd5911a5777f769fc94/files/St\\_Paul\\_Multimedia.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/cd5141bd5911a5777f769fc94/files/St_Paul_Multimedia.pdf)

The closing date for applications is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

# 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 4 October

12A 5.30pm MASS Allen & Agnes Newton

## Sun 5 October

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*(Rosary Sunday) (Special Prayer for Nugent Care Society)*

StJ 8.30am MASS Sarah Ann Jones

SH 9.30am MASS Francis Tesmer LD

StJ 10.30am MASS St Jude

OL 11.00am MASS Anne Devlin

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Mon 6 October** *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 27, Year 2)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tue 7 October** *Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Tony Broster

SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention (MC)

SH 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Patricia Mary Pagan

**Wed 8 October** *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Roy Ashbrook

SH 7.00pm MASS

**Thu 9 October** *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Anne Marsh

SH 12.00noon MASS Barry Scotson

**Fri 10 October** *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Lee Jones

OL 11.30am FUNERAL SERVICE John Mc Nought

StJ 12.00noon MASS Eddie Unsworth

**Sat 11 October** *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Anne Harman

12A 5.30pm MASS Kathleen McArt

**Sun 12 October** **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

StJ 8.30am MASS Elizabeth Cleworth

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS Birthday Blessings

OL 11.00am MASS Joe Moore Anniv

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 26 September, the numbers drawn were 5, 13, 16. NO WINNER of £122. This week's estimated jackpot is £180.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 406 N Jones, £5 No. 438 K Grimshaw, £3 295 j Waterfield, £2 No. 219 Mr Collins

**Bonus Ball** 15 N Flynn

## 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



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