

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 12 OCTOBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew's story of the Wedding Feast in today's Gospel is full of images and symbols. At the heart of the story is the image of God who hopes that everyone will come to his banquet. After some of the people reject his invitation, everyone else, the bad and the good, are invited to join in the feast. Yet at the end of the story, we hear that one of the guests are not dressed properly and they are thrown out into the dark. This bit of the story seems to go against the main theme of the parable – that everyone is invited to the feast and therefore God wants to welcome everyone.

This part of the story is another parable, the parable of the wedding garment. It is similar to a parable of Rabban Johanan ben Zakkai, who was teaching about the same time that Matthew's Gospel was written. In his parable a king invited his servants to a feast, without saying what time it would take place. The wise servants prepared themselves at once and waited at the palace gates, for they believed a palace could prepare a feast very quickly. The foolish ones went off to their work, for they believed the preparations would be long enough to give them plenty of time. Suddenly the king announced that everything was ready. The wise ones came into the royal presence as they were, dressed in clean clothes, the acceptable wedding garment. The foolish ones arrived as they were, in their dirty work clothes. The king welcomed those who were properly dressed, and commanded the others to stand and look at the joy they had missed out on.

Matthew's version is overlaid with symbols. The outside of the hall is described as outer darkness, where men and women will weep and gnash their teeth. This represents the hall of life and outside represents hell. The wedding garment, the condition for entering the feast, is readiness or conversion. At the final judgement, only those who are clothed in goodness will be allowed into the banquet of life. For ourselves, we hold a precious image of God who invites the good and the bad to the banquet of his Kingdom. The expectation is that we will prepare ourselves now by being dressed appropriately for the occasion.

Perhaps the best description of the proper wardrobe for a Christian is given to us by the apostle Paul. If we wear the clothes he describes we will always be accepted into God's eternal banquet:

*"You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience ... over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts."* (Colossians 3:12-15)

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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. The next 200 club draw is on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct anyone who would like a number, which is £1 a month, please see John Thompson. Date for your diary Christmas Fair Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### 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.

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HEATING

We put the heating on in church last week and experienced a few problems. We hope these have now been solved and you find the church warm this morning, but if not, please bear with us, we are doing our best to sort things out as quickly as possible.

### WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HARVEST MASS

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October in church. Come and celebrate the Harvest Festival with St Joseph's School.

### 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.

### 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

Unfortunately, the trip to Blackpool has had to be cancelled, only a very small number of people have signed up.

### 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 led by the Legion of Mary. The Rosary is also prayed at St Joseph's Morning Prayer and before the lunch time Masses.

### LEGION OF MARY

A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Grace is taken to homes in the parish. The statue stays for one or two weeks and the Holy Rosary is prayed by the family. If you would like to have Our Lady's statue please telephone Lynn Burgess on 01942 607868 or the parish office on 01942 673517.



## ANIMATE

### Lourdes

After another successful pilgrimage to Lourdes the application forms for the pilgrimage next year will be going on-line on the Animate web site on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Forms should be downloaded and returned to the office at Lowe House, 99 Crab St, St Helens WA10 2BE.

Places fill up very quickly so, if you are a young person who would like to go to Lourdes with Animate, complete and return your form as soon as possible. The cost is £490 and the pilgrimage is for young people aged 15 - 25.

### World Youth Day

Last summer 4 million people gathered in Rio De Janeiro for World Youth Day. The Holy Father asked for the next World Youth Day to be held in Krakow in 2016. Although still some time away preparations have already begun. World Youth Day is aimed at young people 18+. Join Pope Francis and 2 million young people for Mass in Krakow City Centre. Meet new people and experience new cultures, celebrate your faith and make new friends from 20<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, cost £1,200 inc. transport, accommodation and meals. Application forms and a deposit of £100 need to be in at the Animate office by 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please inform the parish office if you are interested.

### Holy Land

Next October Animate is hoping to run a youth pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is aimed at young people aged 15+. Application forms and a deposit of £200 need to be in at the Animate office by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

More information about all these events and other youth activities run by Animate can be found on their web site. [www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)

## IN ST MARGARET CLITHEROW PARISH SOLEMN ANNUAL EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Quarant Ore - 40 Hours)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Holy Family, Boothstown

The church will be open for three days so that we can come and pray to the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. During this Triduum of Prayer, there will be continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (except during Mass).

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 am Mass & Opening of Exposition  
The children from school will call in to pray at various times during the day.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer  
7.00 pm Praying with Pope Francis  
8.45 pm Night Prayer & Close of Exposition

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

10.00 am Mass & Opening of Exposition  
10.30 am Confessions (until 11.00 am)  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer  
8.00 pm Taizé Prayer  
8.45 pm Night Prayer & Close of Exposition

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

8.00 am Morning Prayer & Opening of Exposition  
9.00 am Mass  
11.00 am Mass  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction  
(to conclude the 40 Hours)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,677.51

Thank you to Mr Kurian & Mrs Mathew for their generous donation of £100.

This week's retiring collection is on behalf of CAFOD.

## 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: Felix John Eric Daniel Peebles, Max James Cooper, Lydia Freda Regan, Niamh Charlotte Robinson.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Laura Veronica Barella-Fleming & Tony Warriner and also to Adele Taylor & Shaun Ronald McDermott who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheila Mary Monaghan, Thomas Glakin  
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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 7

Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to speak badly of others, not to criticize, not to gossip, but rather to love everyone.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 6

Come, Holy Spirit. Bestow upon us your gifts during the Synod. #prayforsynod

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 5

As we begin the Synod on the Family, let us ask the Lord to show us the way forward. #prayforsynod

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 4

As Jesus told Martha in the Gospel, one thing is necessary: prayer. #praywithus

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 3

Happy families are essential for the Church and for society.



£10 booked in advance, £15 on the day

## 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.

## UNITAPES

The official launch took place last week of the Unitapes website. The cassette recordings from the original 800 talks at the Upholland Northern Institute have been digitised and are available for download at the website [www.unitape.org](http://www.unitape.org) CD copies can also be ordered, a catalogue is online and also available from The Secretary, Department of Pastoral Formation, LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA.

## THREE TOWNS OPERATIC SOCIETY

### Charity Concert

In aid of

### Leigh, Atherton & Tyldesley Girl Guides

St Joseph's Hall  
Chapel St, Leigh  
Tickets £6

Available from Sharon Goodland 01942 604007

# 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 11 October

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

## Mon 13 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 28, Year 2)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

## Tue 14 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 10.15am FUNERAL MASS Sheila Mary Monaghan

SH 12.00noon MASS Louis Manfredi & family

## Wed 15 October *Memorial: St. Teresa of Avila, ODC, D, V. (16<sup>th</sup> c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Pauline Reynolds nee Stewart

SH 7.00pm MASS Patricia Pagan LD

## Thu 16 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am FUNERAL MASS Thomas Glackin

SH 12.00noon MASS Eileen Taylor LD

## Fri 17 October *Memorial: St. Ignatius of Antioch, B. M. (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> c.)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.15am Harvest Mass St Joseph's School

OL 10.00am MASS Sister Margaret Kamien

StJ 12.00noon MASS Thanksgiving, Special In. Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints

## Sat 18 October **ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Special Intention (RMc)

12A 5.30pm MASS Deceased members of Frain & Daly families

## Sun 19 October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*(World Mission Day)*

StJ 8.30am MASS Thanksgiving

SH 9.30am MASS Marie Halliday

StJ 10.30am MASS Terry Fallon

OL 11.00am MASS Ellen Riley

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 3 October, the numbers drawn were 1, 17, 21. NO WINNER of £182. This week's estimated jackpot is £240.

**Our Lady's 500 Club  
Bonus Ball**

## 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.

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