

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 19 OCTOBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The question posed to Jesus in today's Gospel was an attempt to draw him into politics. Politics can sometimes have a very bad name today. Politicians are frequently caricatured and laughed at. Hence, Christians tend to opt out of the affairs of the world, and leave to others dangerous, daring and responsible things such as politics, law-making and business. Yet, even though Jesus tells us to "give back to God what belongs to God", Christians should never shy away from public office but see it as a way of serving others and through them serve God.

The Pharisees in the Gospel opted out of real life and kept themselves apart. The result was a vain religiosity which allowed them to dominate others and glory in their own importance. It had nothing to do with real life. Dag Hammarskjöld was Secretary-General of the UN. When he died in a plane crash in Central Africa in 1961 at the age of fifty-six the world lost a great servant of peace. He was one of those rare people for whom public service was not simply a career or a means of achieving power, but a religious vocation, a way of being faithful to God. He drew inspiration from the Old Testament prophets. He once said, "Indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, and in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible." Gandhi is another example of a deeply religious person who involved himself in politics. He said, "I am in politics because I cannot separate life from belief. Because I believe in God I have to enter politics. Politics is my service of God."

Politics can play a vital role in creating the society in which we live. What greater vocation is there than to assume responsibility for national and international affairs, to work for peace and justice in the world, and for the betterment of human life everywhere? But politics is not an easy profession and the temptations are great. The chief temptation is to promote the good of one's self rather than the good of the whole of society. It's not easy for a Christian to be involved in politics and in business today. It means that he or she is God's servant and, in the context of today's Gospel, Caesar's servant too.

Yet Jesus tells us today, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Today we have to work out the implications of this. In practice it may not always be easy to draw a clear line between our civil lives and our religious lives. The lines of division are not always clearly marked. The boundaries are often blurred and areas overlap. Of course, if we truly believe in God's presence then everything is given to God. If it is a question of having to choose then the Christian has only one choice. As Christians we are called to be a good citizen of our country and a good citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are called to be faithful to God and the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters.

Our first and deepest loyalty should be to God. To God alone we give worship, but in all other things we gladly acknowledge and serve the world, praying that God will bring us together as one.

**LEIGH  
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

### 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. Wednesday is the 200 club draw. Date for your diary Christmas Fair Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 12 Apostles Piety stall will be selling Christmas Cards at the Craft Fair please support us

### ST JOSEPH'S RECEPTION CHILDREN

Welcome to St Joseph's Reception children and their families at the 10.30am Mass today.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you

### CLENT HILLS SPONSORED WALK

A very big thank you to everyone who sponsored Chris Hallinan on his sponsored walk for the Sacred Heart Fathers of Betharram. He raised £500. Well done Chris!

### MASS OF WELCOME

Please join us for the Celebration Mass for St Mary's High School Year 7 students this Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in St Joseph's church. The Mass provides an opportunity as a School Community and as Parish Communities to gather together to celebrate Year 7's first term in school. The Mass starts at 7.00pm and is followed by refreshments in the Hall.

### 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.

### 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)

### SACRED HEART AUTUMN FAIR

This year the fair will be held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, in the School Hall. Gifts of bottles, chocolates, gifts will be gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Hamper will be on sale in the next few weeks. Anyone willing to help or organize a game or stall please hand your name in at church.

### ALL SOULS

Since the Feast of All Saints falls on Saturday/Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November this year, All Souls is transferred to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. There will be two Masses in the Pastoral Area on All Souls Day - 7.00pm at Holy Family, Boothstown, and 10.30am at Sacred Heart, Leigh.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

St Mary's High School would like to invite you to a short Remembrance Service involving students, cadets and members of the Royal British Legion on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The service will take place in the Lower School Hall followed by the laying of a wreath at the school's Remembrance Memorial. Please arrive between 10.30-10.40am. The service will finish at approximately 11.55am. If you wish to attend, please sign in at the main reception and you will be directed to the School Hall. Please RSVP: [r.barrett@smchs.org.uk](mailto:r.barrett@smchs.org.uk)



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,546.69  
CAFOD £ 326.24

This week the retiring collection is on behalf of APF World Missions

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Amelia Lily Gittins, Holly Mae Firth, Harvey James Wood.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christopher John Byrne & Nicola Jones, who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday.

## SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially James Frampton

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Winifred Fleming  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## WARTIME EXHIBITION

Thank you to all who have contributed their stories and / or memorabilia so far. The exhibition material is shaping up quite nicely but we could still accommodate more personal or family recollections of the war years - and more memorabilia for the display. Some generous parishioners have offered to lend war medals and other items of great sentimental value and our aim is to be able to display these items but also ensure their safety from accidental damage or loss. To this end, we are looking to borrow a lockable display cabinet for the week concerned. The items will be stored securely in a safe overnight, but a degree of safekeeping during the hours the exhibition is open is also required. If you have a suitable display cabinet that you would be prepared to lend for the week, please contact Steve Cooper on 01942 876487 or Jack Farrimond on 01942 884689 and we can arrange collection and return.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 16

A Christian is merciful by nature; this is heart of the Gospel

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 14

O Lord, comfort all those who suffer, especially the sick, the poor and the unemployed.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 11

The spiritual power of the Sacraments is boundless. With grace, we can overcome every obstacle.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 10

Dear young people, Christ is counting on you to be his friends and witnesses to his infinite love.



£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

## THREE TOWNS OPERATIC SOCIETY

### Charity Concert

In aid of

### Leigh, Atherton & Tyldesley

### Girl Guides

St Joseph's Hall

Chapel St, Leigh

8th November , 7.30pm.

Tickets £6

Available from Sharon Goodland 01942 604007

**CAFOD**  
just one world

Christmas Cards and World Gifts are available from CAFOD ring 0191 491 0855 for a brochure or visit their web site [traidcraftshop.co.uk/cafod](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk/cafod)

World Gifts area good way of supporting our brothers and sisters in poor communities around the world and helping them to be self sufficient.

# 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 18 October

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

## Mon 20 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 29, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am

MASS Speedy recovery after surgery

## Tue 21 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Kathleen Reynolds RIP

SH

NO MASS

## Wed 22 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eddie Donis

SH 7.00pm

MASS Kevin Mulhearn LD

## Thu 23 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

St J 9.00am

MASS Martha Prescott

SH 12.00noon

MASS Mrs Sheila Monaghan LD

StJ 7.00pm

MASS of Celebration for Year Seven Students

## Fri 24 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS Nellie Flynn

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Jason Houghton

## Sat 25 October

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Tom Ramsdale LD

12A 5.30pm

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

## Sun 26 October

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS Marie Corner nee Wilding

SH 9.30am

MASS Thresiana (Anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Annie Leather

OL 11.00am

MASS Brian Diggle LD

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 10 October, the numbers drawn were 2, 19, 23. NO WINNER of £244. This week's estimated jackpot is £306.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** 5 October/12 October £10 221 R Ellis/081 J Newill; £5 472 E West/341 R Ellis; £3 376 P Leonard/209 J Causley; £2 225 B Waterfield/136 Two Bettys.

**Bonus Ball** 10 R Ellis/18 P Purcell.

## 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  
Tel: 01942 673517  
Email: [shleigh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:shleigh@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Priest: Fr. Dave Heywood  
Tel: 0161 790 2390  
Email: [frdave@virginmedia.com](mailto:frdave@virginmedia.com)

Priest Fr. Colin Fealey  
Tel: 01942 673517  
Email: [stjosephs@live.com](mailto:stjosephs@live.com)  
Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon  
Tel: 01942 883395  
Email: [paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk)