

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 26 OCTOBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength .

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment and responded by naming two, both found in the Old Testament. Jesus brought them together and made them of equal importance. Therefore we should not separate them. However, in practice, we often do.

In the time of the Desert Fathers there was an abbot by the name of John who had a great reputation for holiness. Easter was approaching, so the monks met to see what they should do to prepare for it. They decided to fast for the entire length of Holy Week. Having come to the decision, each monk went off to his cell to fast and pray. However, in the middle of the week, two wandering monks came to visit the cell of Abbot John. Seeing that they were starving, he cooked a little vegetable stew for them. To make them feel at ease he took a little of it for himself. Meanwhile the other monks had seen the smoke rising from Abbot John's cell. It could only mean one thing – he had lit a fire to cook some food. In other words, he had broken the solemn fast. They were shocked and, in the eyes of some of them, he fell from his pinnacle of sanctity. So they went to confront him about it.

Seeing judgment in their eyes, he asked, "What crime have I committed that makes you look at me like this?" "You've broken the solemn fast," they answered. "So I have," he replied. "I have broken our commandment, but in sharing my food with these brothers, I have kept the commandment of God that we should love one another." On hearing this the monks grew silent and went away humbled and wiser.

There can be a terrible emptiness to the lives of those who claim to love God, but in reality dispense themselves from all obligations to love other people. Such people are only living out half of the Gospel message. There are others who perhaps go to the other extreme. They exhaust themselves in working for a better world, but never think of God or pray to him. Though they are on a firm ground in a spiritual sense, they too are only living out part of the Gospel message.

Jesus showed us how to live the WHOLE Gospel message, that is how to love God and how to love others. Although he was a man of prayer, he always put the needs of others first. He allowed his love for God to be seen in his love for those around him. The simple challenge to all of us is to do the same in our lives today.

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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. There are lists at the back of church for donations for the Prize Draw. 12 Apostles Piety stall will be selling Christmas Cards at the Craft Fair please support us. Craft Fair is tomorrow, Sunday 11am 'til 3pm, please come along and support us bag a bargain for Christmas.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COFFEE MORNING

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Everyone welcome

### OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS DRAW

We will be having our usual Christmas Draw and would appreciate any gifts, bottles and food for hampers. There will be a box at the back of church for all donations. Thank you.

### 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.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of St Joseph's church from this Sunday to 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### WOMEN'S SODALITY

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

### ST JOSEPH'S RAFFLE 2014

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the porch after both Masses from today. Tickets are 50p each or £2.50 a book. Prizes £200, £150, £100, £50 x 3.

The Raffle will be drawn at the Autumn Fayre.

### ST JOSEPH'S AUTUMN FAYRE

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Donations for stalls are now being collected. Donations of the following would be gratefully received:

Good as new handbags, Books and CD's no (magazines thank you), Tombola Prizes, for the Gift Tombola and Bottle Tombola, Cakes especially home baked), Small new items valued at about £1 suitable for game prizes.

### 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm  
Our Lady of the Rosary church  
All welcome.

## 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)

## 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 - 10.00am at Sacred Heart, Leigh and 7.00pm at Holy Family, Boothstown.

## 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 £1,423.77

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend the second collection will be on behalf of the SVP Society. At this time of year, the SVP like to make up hampers and provide food and support to families in our area who are struggling. This is the only collection before Christmas, please be as generous as you can.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Thomas David Cadman, Joseph Jack Cadman, Rosie Evie O'Neill.

### SICK

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Pauline Reynolds, Trevor Jones  
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 23

The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 21

If faith is to be strong and healthy, it must be constantly nourished by the Word of God.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 18

To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

### 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.



£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



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 the world and helping them to be self sufficient.

### DISCOVERING YOUR VOCATION IN LIFE

A group for young men, aged 15-21, who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Charles Borromeo, Aigburth, Liverpool, 3.00pm. Make a small commitment of time to the Lord and join our monthly gathering. We pray together, share our experiences, listen to some teaching and benefit from meeting like-minded individuals. Please contact Fr James Preston on 0151 727 2493 for more information.

# 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 25 October

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 Thresiamia (Anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Annie Leather

OL 11.00am MASS Brian Diggie LD

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

## Mon 27 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 30, Year 2)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Susan Jones RIP

## Tue 28 October **FEAST: SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Patrick O'Sullivan Jnr.

## Wed 29 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Boon & Campbell Families

SH 7.00pm MASS Patricia Pagan LD

## Thu 30 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS William McDonough

SH 12.00noon MASS Agnes Coleman

## Fri 31 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Pam Sloan

StJ 12.00noon MASS William McDonough

## Sat 1 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS B&S Fletcher

12A 5.30pm MASS Theresa Bostock LD

## Sun 2 November **SOLEMNITY: ALL SAINTS**

StJ 8.30am MASS Phyllis Bailey Ann.

SH 9.30am MASS Kevin Mulhearn LD

StJ 10.30am MASS Margaret Royal

OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 17 October, the numbers drawn were 7, 18, 26. NO WINNER of £306. This week's estimated jackpot is £370.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 213 M Collins, £5 No. 175 A Sharkie, £3 405 B Ryan, £2 No. 479 K Jones.

**Bonus Ball** No. 42 Mary Roach

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** £40 no 4 J Lally, £15 no 173 F Burton, £5 no 116 M Gredecki, £5 no 112 S Peters.

## 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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