

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)

2 NOVEMBER 2014

Responsorial Psalm

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.**

Alleluia!



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Matthew gives us a summary of Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. To the inner circle of his chosen followers and the great crowds that regularly gather to listen to him, Jesus recognizes as "blessed" a wide range of people, from the poor in spirit to those persecuted for their faith. This is not a belated recognition of the dead, but a joyful recognition of the living people of God. Those who are absolutely destitute, those who have no access to influence and power, those not represented in any parliament are the ones who are dear to God himself. Whoever depends completely on the favour of God is already a saint in his Kingdom. The gentle ones are not overlooked. On the contrary, they shall inherit the earth. Those who mourn, those who grieve for their sins, those who are moved by the affliction of others will know God's comfort. The people in our community who hunger and thirst for what is right, who refuse to live by bread alone, will find satisfaction in God's Kingdom. The people who show mercy, who don't hoard hurt as if it were gold, can be sure that they will be greeted with mercy in return. If anyone will have the privilege of looking on the face of God, it will be the pure of heart, those whose commitment is undivided and whose loyalty is sure. Those who actively promote peace are recognized as God's children, for they are like their Heavenly Father, the bringer of peace. Finally, those who suffer persecution in the cause of what is right are assured of a place in Heaven.

All these people are the family of God. These are the people who have enlivened the history of the Church with their quiet witness, the people whose lives are unheralded and whose names are often unknown. But Jesus knows their name – they are his people, the saints. And they are here among us today. Today's feast of All Saints invites us to celebrate our own people, to take pride in the saints who have preceded us and those who are saints today who bless our Parish Community. To celebrate with pride is not to be triumphant. It means thanking God for the lives of those who have inspired us to follow him in the past and those who continue to inspire us today. We thank God for those who attend to the hungry, the orphans, the aged, the lepers, the outcast, the overlooked. We thank God for those who have out-smiled the jibes and taunts of oppressors, for those whose whispered prayers have enriched the holiness of us all, for those who struggle honestly against ending up selfish and unloving. We thank God for those whose lives are welcomed as Good News by the poor, for those who confront religious bigotry and for those who keep on forgiving with an energy that is worthy of God himself. For all these saints among us still, we give thanks. And if you feel thanked in the process, don't be too confused, for you are called to be part of the same crowd.



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. Christmas Fair 23rd November, there are lists at the back of church for raffle prizes we are also looking for Tombola prizes. Books of raffle tickets will be on sale shortly.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COFFEE MORNING

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass today Sunday 2nd 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.

Appeal from the collection counters Our Lady of the Rosary

If you donate using envelopes, please can you check that the date shown on the envelopes is **within the current financial year** ie from April 2014? This is particularly important for those who use the green envelopes as these enable the parish to claim gift aid, however, this year there was a reallocation of envelopes by church, so the number used last year may relate to a different person this year.

Also if you miss a week and eg pay double the following week, simply put the total amount into the most recent envelope. There is no need to include the empty envelope.

If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your contributions, speak to Jacqui at the parish office.

SACRED HEART AUTUMN FAIR

This year the fair will be held on Saturday, 29th 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.

SACRED HEART LITTLE SHOP

A selection of seasonal cards, calendars and small gifts are now available from the shop next to the confessional inside Sacred Heart church.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held on Tuesday 4th November 7:30pm at St. Josephs. All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will continue to be on sale at the back of St Joseph's church until Sunday, 23rd November.

ST JOSEPH'S RAFFLE 2014

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the porch after both Masses again 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 SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Final arrangements for the 2014 Autumn Fayre and Grand Draw will be discussed. More helpers would be much appreciated.

ST JOSEPH'S AUTUMN FAYRE

Sunday 30th 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.

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

There will be a short service at the War Memorial in the grounds of St Joseph's church after the 10.30am Mass.

All welcome.

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.

ALL SOULS

Since the Feast of All Saints falls on Saturday/Sunday, 1st & 2nd November this year, All Souls is transferred to Monday 3rd 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 7th 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

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The annual Mass to remember the deceased of the parish will take place at St Joseph's Church in Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm.

INDULGENCES

A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who:

- 1) on any and each day from 1 to 8 November devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
- 2) on All Souls Day, or, according to the judgement of the Ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A *partial indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who:

- 1) devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
- 2) devoutly recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the prayer Eternal rest.

PIOUS LISTS

Printed envelopes are available at the back of our churches for you to list the names of departed family and friends. They will be placed on the altar during all Masses in November.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015

Application forms for next year's pilgrimage will be on-line at the Animate web site (www.animateyouth.org) on 5th November. Forms should be downloaded and returned to the office at: Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,706.12
SVP £ 368.39

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: .
Holly Rose Crumbleholme, Patrick Michael Coogan

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Michael Frederick Burns & Natasha Lee Nolan, who were married at St Joseph's on 25th October.

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret McCarthy, Pauline Reynolds
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

WARTIME EXHIBITION

The exhibition, to be held in Saint Ambrose Barlow Church Hall, will be open to the public free of charge on Saturday 8th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm and again on Sunday 9th November from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. The hall will also be open for a short time after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 11th November. Invitations have been sent out to most of the local schools inviting them to bring parties of children along (by appointment only) from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November. If you know any other groups or parties who might wish to view the exhibition outside the public opening hours, please contact Steve Cooper (01942 876487) or Jack Farrimond (01942 884689) to make arrangements. Thank you to the many people across the Pastoral Area for your contributions. There are some fascinating stories and memorabilia that paint a vivid picture of how families in our local area were affected by both World Wars, and by other wars and conflicts where British Forces have been involved over the years.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 30
The principal mission of the Church is evangelization, bringing the Good News to everyone.
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 28
May we help people to discover the joy of the Christian message: a message of love and mercy.
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 25
Jesus' Cross shows the full force of evil, but also the full power of God's mercy.

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.



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 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. 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.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Back by popular demand

EDDIE ROBBINS

And the
JETSONS

**WELCOME DRINK, HOT POT SUPPER,
FREE RAFFLE**

Tickets £15

Available from Des Cooney 01942 674868
Parish Office 01942 673517

We are delighted to welcome our newly appointed Bar Manager, Stephen Jackson. Stephen is the owner of the Railway at the junction of Twist Lane and Findlay Street in Leigh. He will be providing the bars at all future functions in the Main Hall and Mather Room and we look forward to working with him.

At the same time we are saddened to say goodbye to Mark and Donna Wood. We would like to thank them for their service over many years and pass on our best wishes for the future.

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

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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

World Gifts area good way of supporting our brothers and sisters in poor communities around 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 2nd 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 1 November

12A 5.30pm MASS Theresa Bostock LD

Sun 2 November **SOLEMNITY: ALL SAINTS** **(LAMP SUNDAY)**

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

Mon 3 November **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am MASS Mary Fildes

Tue 4 November **Memorial: St. Charles Borromeo, Bp. (16th c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

Wed 5 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 31, Year 2)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Pauline Reynolds

SH NO MASS

Thu 6 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Kevin & Pam Unsworth (a happy marriage)

Fri 7 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Margaret McCarthy

Sat 8 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon MASS Special Intention

12A 5.30pm MASS Norah & John Devaney

Sun 9 November **FEAST: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA** **(Remembrance Sunday)**

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS Ronald Gore

StJ 10.30am MASS John Donohue

OL 11.00am MASS Chris Herlihy

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 24 October, the numbers drawn were 6, 24, 25. NO WINNER of £360. This week's estimated jackpot is £420.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 316 A Unsworth, £5 No. 401 Mr & Mrs Ellis, £3 No. 289 N Flynn, £2 177 A Sharkie
Bonus Ball No. 3 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 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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