

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,  
for my name to be there for ever.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It may seem like a strange feast for us all to celebrate here in England but the Lateran Basilica, the Basilica of St John in Rome, is the Pope's cathedral and is widely accepted as the "Mother Church" for the whole of the Catholic Church throughout the world. This feast celebrates our unity and our love for and union with the Holy See in Rome. Today's feast reminds us that we are part of a great family, the family of God's Church, throughout the world. Today's liturgy celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called the "mother and head of all the churches of the city of Rome and the whole world." In fact, the Lateran Basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, which granted Christians the freedom to practice their religion. The Emperor himself gave Pope Miltiades the ancient palace of the Laterani family and the basilica, and the Bishop of Rome – that is, the Pope – lived on this site until the Avignon period. The Basilica's dedication was celebrated by Pope Sylvester around 324 and it was named "Most Holy Saviour". Only after the 6<sup>th</sup> century were the names of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist added. Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome. Then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches throughout the world which used the Roman Rite. So we celebrate today the fact that we are part of the Church which extends throughout the world, with the Pope as our central leader.

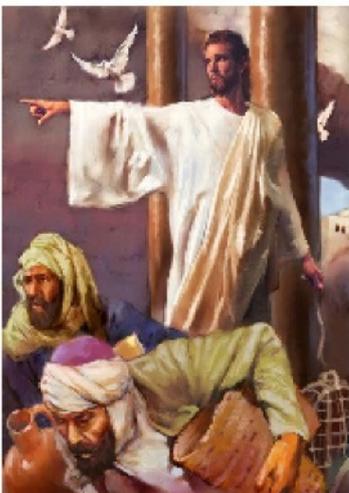
On this feast day the Word of God reminds us of an important truth – the temple of stones is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian Community, which in their letters St Peter and St Paul already understood as a "spiritual building", built by God himself with "living stones", namely Christians themselves, upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, who is called the "cornerstone." St Paul tells us that we are "God's building" and later reminds us "holy is God's temple, which you are." In other words, it is not necessarily the churches that we worship in that give praise to God but ourselves. We ARE the Church today. Even if all our churches should be destroyed there would still be a Church in our Pastoral Area because we, the people, are God's Church here on earth today. This must give us hope, especially in these days when we have to consider decisions to close more churches. Today's feast reminds us that God wants to renew the Church and rebuild it, perhaps in a way that is not very familiar to us, but to rebuild it and renew it once again. The Gospel reminds us that God can rebuild the Church in a matter of days. We are in his hands and under HIS power, not our own. And St Paul reminds us that we are "God's building" and he loves us as his own.

As we face a difficult future let us allow this feast to bring us hope and encourage us to know that we are in God's hands and that we are part of a family which is much greater, perhaps, than we can ever know.

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and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
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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. Christmas Fair 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. If anyone has any items for the Fair that need collecting please ring John Thompson on 01942 253507. The next 200 Club is in Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards will continue to be on sale at the back of St Joseph's church until Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

Walk With Me and My Day by Day are available from the card rack in St Joseph's church, price £1. My Day by Day children's edition is also available, price 50p.

### **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.

### **WOMEN'S SODALITY**

There will be a meeting of the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All Ladies welcome.

### **ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS**

The annual Mass to remember the deceased of the parish will take place at St Joseph's church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

## **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 (23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015) went on-line at the Animate web site ([www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)) on 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **NUGENT CARE**

### **Christmas Homeless Appeal**

St Teresa's Catholic Social Club, College Rd, Upholland, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, children free. This includes refreshments. All proceeds go to the Homeless Appeal. The concert will feature Liverpool Voice Choir and the Maghull Handbell Ringers. For more information about Nugent Care visit [www.nugentcare.org](http://www.nugentcare.org)

## **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**

If you are interested in joining the Sixth Form at St Mary's, then you are warmly invited to attend the Open Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30 - 8.00pm. This will give you a chance to see what subjects are on offer, talk to subject leaders and give you a feel for Sixth Form life. There will be talks at 6.00 & 7.00pm.

## **OLD GREGORIANS**

Annual Mass for deceased former pupils and teachers of St Gregory's RC High School, Ardwick Green, Manchester to be celebrated at St Kentigern's Church, Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield M14 7DW at 7.30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, followed by a gathering in St Kentigern's Social Club. Further information from Terry O'Neil (0161 442 6839).

## **WORLD GIFTS**

Our World Gifts range of alternative presents make a huge difference to people in developing countries, because they do something no pair of socks can ever do – they help people break free from poverty!

Buy World Gifts for your friends and family, or fundraise towards World Gifts as a group to help make even more of an impact

World Gift catalogues available at the back of Church.

**CAFOD**  
just one world

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**  
**PARISH TOTAL** £1,694.91

**BAPTISMS**

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Jacob Daniel Love, Leela-Mai Kilshaw.

**SICK**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Paul Hewson, Mary Joan Goulden, Peter Topping, Trevor Seddon.

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 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 4.00pm and again on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. The hall will also be open for a short time after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. 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 · Nov 6  
Indifference towards those in need is not acceptable for a Christian.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 4  
Being humble helps us share the burdens of others.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 1  
A good example brings about so much good, but hypocrisy brings about much evil.

**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 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. All are welcome.

**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.

**Christmas Market**

On behalf of the Guides

at

**Twelve Apostles Club**

**Westleigh Lane, Leigh.**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**11am to 4pm**

**Stalls £10 pre-booked**

**Telephone 07921 816501 or 01942 887709**

**Entry 50p**

**Children free if accompanied by an adult**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



**Lest we forget**

## 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 8 November

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

### Mon 10 November **Memorial: St. Leo the Great, Pope D. (5<sup>th</sup> c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 10.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Mary Joan Goulden

StJ 12.00noon Mass Marie Corner RIP

### Tue 11 November **Memorial: St. Martin of Tours, B. (4<sup>th</sup> c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Marion Woodward (Anniv.)

### Wed 12 November **Memorial: St. Josaphat, B.M. (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> c.)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Anne Barnes

SH NO MASS

### Thu 13 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 32, Year 2)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Winnie Carney

### Fri 14 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.30am MASS

StJ NO MASS

### Sat 15 November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Alf Case

12A 5.30pm MASS Thomas McLoughlin (sick)

### Sun 16 November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)** *(Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants)*

StJ 8.30am MASS Vernon Byrne Anniv.

SH 9.30am MASS Stradins (Anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington b'day memorial

OL 11.00am MASS Bernard Byrne LD

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 31 October, the numbers drawn were 10, 18, 19. NO WINNER of £412. This week's estimated jackpot is £470.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10

**Bonus Ball** No.

### 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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