

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 16 NOVEMBER 2014



## Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A good deal of Jesus' teaching in the Gospels is about the Kingdom of Heaven – that great promise of a future in which God the Father draws all creation into harmony. The images that Jesus uses to describe this Kingdom draw on the familiar domestic life of the people of the time. The woman who loses a coin, for example, the seed that grows into a great tree, the family and friends gathered to celebrate a marriage. In today's Gospel we see a picture of the Kingdom – a picture of household management. Three men are given talents but only two of them use the talents well. The story is not meant to be about bankers. It is about using our gifts and talents to the full. To be people of the Kingdom, according to Jesus' parable, is to be a people aware that we carry great gifts that belong, not to us, but to God. Jesus reminds us that the good use and effectiveness of these gifts is what should take up our time and energy, even if it seems risky or foolish. We have been given gifts from God. The Gospel challenges us to ask ourselves how well we use them.

Today we are all being called to a new kind of mission - a fresh witness to the world about the love of God in Jesus, and the joy that life in his Spirit brings. All too often we leave that work to others. Perhaps we ask ourselves, "What can I do?" We feel like we are totally unqualified to do God's will, to be a witness to Him for others. We can be overwhelmed by the "littleness" of our rôle in God's Church, or by family commitments or daily concerns. We pray that others will do great work for the Church. Such prayers are important but today's readings remind us that, first and foremost, it is often in the daily routines of life that the power of God's Kingdom can find a home in our world. By our loving attention to the simple things that are right in front of us, we can become great evangelists and great witnesses to God's Kingdom. Sometimes we think we have to do something extraordinary for God. but his expectations of us are so often much simpler. So, next time we are cleaning, picking up the phone to a colleague or friend, cooking for our children, or waiting for a bus, let's call to mind our great vocation to serve God's Kingdom in ordinary things.

As we take on the routine tasks, let's find a simple prayer that offers them to the Father, asking that he send the Holy Spirit into this work he entrusts to us. In such small steps, the world will be consecrated more and more to the love of Christ himself.

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Twelve Apostles,  
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 raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church £1 book the Fair is next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 12.30. The Church Repair Fund annual selection box raffle will take place shortly all donations gratefully received. There are lists at the back of church for raffle prizes we are also looking for Tombola prizes. 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 19th 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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Please come along on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am, to Our Lady of the Rosary to help with the church cleaning. Many hands make light work. If you can only spare an hour we will be grateful. Thank you.

### **SACRED HEART AUTUMN FAIR**

This year the fair will be held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, in the School Hall. Admission from 1.00pm. 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 next 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.

### **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 this 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.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

The third meeting for the Sacramental preparation will be held at St Joseph's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 3.45 in the Mather Room.

Sacred Heart Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.45 Parish Hall

Twelve Apostles Wednesday 4.30pm

## **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)

## **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).

## **FOOD BANK**

There will be a collection for the food bank in all our churches on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December. The food bank would prefer to receive:

instant mashed potatoes, instant noodles, tinned fish, tuna, etc., tinned fruit, long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, coffee, biscuits. Other items are welcome but they have sufficient baked beans.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND**

Our archdiocese (which has been supporting Christians in the Holy Land for several years) invites you to stand in solidarity with our Christian sisters and brothers of the Holy Land by sending a Christmas card. On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November there will be cards available for you at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's churches but you may bring your own small or medium size religious Christmas card with your greeting (English or Arabic) and your name (address optional) inside and leave in box at Sacred Heart Church rear. No stamp required but postal donations welcome (20 grams costs £1.28). Your envelope will be posted for you to one of the Holy Land churches.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,706.60

The retiring collection next weekend will be on behalf of Catholic Youth Services.

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Alexis Mae Prescott, Jacob Joseph Dick-Roberts

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Andrew Owen Speakman & Julia Gregson on their wedding at St Joseph's last Saturday.

## SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially James Frampton, Paul Blackburn, Kathy Palmer, Samuel Heaton (Baby)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Derek Kedward (formerly of St Joseph's Parish), Mary Teresa Smith, Agnes Mary Bent, David Ramsdale.  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 13  
War destroys, kills, impoverishes. Lord, give us your peace!  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 11  
Work is so important for human dignity, for building up a family, for peace!  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 9  
I ask all people of goodwill to help build a culture of encounter, solidarity and peace.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 8  
The Church is ever on a journey, seeking new ways to announce the Gospel.

## 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

Doors open at 7.00pm

## Get your ticket to board Aladdin's Magic Carpet

Now is your opportunity to jump on board Aladdin's magic carpet as Turnpike Community Theatre take audiences on a magic journey. Tickets are selling fast with some performances nearly sold out so audiences are encouraged to buy their tickets to avoid disappointment.

This is an all-new production with fun and laughter for all of the family. It will mark the end of a year of celebrations as Turnpike mark 30 years of Community Theatre in the Leigh Area. Commenting on the anniversary production, the show's producer and director commented, "The story of Aladdin makes for a great pantomime and this production has all the ingredients for a great night out. There is something for everyone with lots of jokes and laughter, song and dance, and traditional family fun."

Turnpike's chairperson, Gill David, commented, "This has been a wonderful year for the group and having observed the rehearsals this show promises to be a great night out. It will mark the start of the festive period and we have been able to freeze prices to make the production accessible to as many people as possible. Tickets have sold quickly, so now is the best time to get your tickets before they all sell out!"

Performances will be held at Twelve Apostles Club from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.15pm. To ensure you get a seat on this magic carpet ride, you can purchase your tickets now at: [www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com) by telephoning 01942 603195, or visiting Finesse Gift Shop (Bradshawgate, Leigh). Tickets are priced £4.50, £4 (concessions) and £15 (Family – 2 adults & 2 children). Tickets purchased at the venue will be £5 per person.

## MUSIC AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

"Two Cathedrals "Messiah" – The choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Liverpool Anglican Cathedral join together under the baton of Christopher McElroy to sing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm: Tickets £10. "A Dickensian Christmas" – the choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with special guests lead an evening of Christmas carols and songs for all the family on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm: Tickets £5 or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children). Tickets for both concerts available from [lpoolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk](http://lpoolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk) or via the Cathedral Gift shop 0151 707 3525. For further details, email [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk) or phone 0151 708 7283.

## 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 15 November

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

### Mon 17 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 33, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Mary Teresa Smith

### Tue 18 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Tommy Devlin (L.D.)

### Wed 19 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 7.00pm ANNUAL MASS for deceased relatives and parish members

### Thu 20 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Agnes Coleman (Anniv.)

### Fri 21 November Memorial: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Tom Devlin (LD)

StJ 12.00noon MASS Samuel Heaton (sick)

### Sat 22 November Memorial: St. Cecilia, V.M. (3<sup>rd</sup> c.)

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Deceased members of McArt & Murnan families

12A 5.30pm MASS John Fisher

### Sun 23 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (YEAR A)

*(Titular Feast of the Cathedral) (Youth Sunday)*

StJ 8.30am MASS Mandy Barwick

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral area

StJ 10.30am MASS Mary Unsworth

OL 11.00am MASS M Houghton

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 7<sup>th</sup> November, the numbers drawn were 20, 21, 23. NO WINNER of £460. This week's estimated jackpot is £510.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 472 E West, £5 No. 077 M Sanderson, £3 No. 452 E West, £2 No. 185 C Ellis  
**Bonus Ball** No. 1 T Ellis.

### 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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