

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (YEAR A) 23 NOVEMBER 2014



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate Christ as our King. The readings invite us to reflect on the kind of king Jesus is and what it means for us today to say that we belong to his Kingdom. The First Reading from Ezekiel suggests that human leaders have proved utterly unwilling to govern by using God's principles, and so the Lord himself will come to lead us. This promise is fulfilled in the person of Jesus, who used his authority to serve and to assist others. God's idea of leadership is to tend to the needs of those who are vulnerable. We have a king who pays attention to us and helps us not only when we are needy and disadvantaged, but especially when we are needy and disadvantaged. Specific actions mentioned in today's Gospel are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting prisoners and taking care of the sick. Is Jesus a "king"? The answer is "yes", but not in the sense in which other kings are kings. He is the only king who really does what we always, deep down, hope for from every kind of leader. He rescues us from evil and restores us to peace. He accepts us completely as we are. He rescues us, as St Paul says, from our deepest, darkest, most threatening enemies, sin and death, and brings us into a new place, into new relationships, with God, with each other and with the world.

God knows whether our hearts are compassionate like the sheep in the Gospel story, or if we are merely pretending to be compassionate, like the goats in the story. God wants us to have truly compassionate hearts, particularly looking after the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger who needs our help, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. Even if we don't feel we can make a difference on our own we could consider supporting charities which help people in these kind of situations. Perhaps we could help at our local food bank. We could try to find out more about the root causes of thirst and hunger in the world, and the many ways in which environmental groups are trying to conserve our natural resources. We could support peace groups that try to prevent wars. Do we welcome strangers to our area, such as refugees or people of other faiths? Do we ever support projects that help the sick or the poor or the needy? Or can we consider ways to support prisoners and their families? Jesus is a King who constantly ministers to those in most need. In fact his Kingship is illustrated by the way he did this throughout his life and in his message to us today. We may not feel like we can help people a great deal. But all we need is a loving and open heart. All of us can do something in service of our true King, and of each other.

**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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. Because of the pantomime there will be no Bingo on Wednesday: 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 this Sunday 23rd November at 12.30. We will be putting up tables from 8 am and setting up stalls from 9.30 all help much appreciated please support us. 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.

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. Tickets for the Draw will be on sale after Mass.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who came to clean Our Lady of the Rosary Church this week.

SACRED HEART AUTUMN FAIR

The fair will be held next Saturday, 29th 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.

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.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 25th November at 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 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 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. **Also mugs are needed and bottles for the bottle tombola.** Thank you to all those who have already donated.

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the Fayre.

There will be a meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 25th November at 7.00pm to finalise preparations for the Fayre.

PIOUS LISTS

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

ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

St Mary's Sixth Form would like to invite our Senior Citizens to their annual Christmas Party. If you would like to go please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of church. Please also stipulate if you need a parking space. The party is on Tuesday 16th December between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm.

NUGENT CARE

Christmas Homeless Appeal

St Teresa's Catholic Social Club, College Rd, Upholland, Saturday 6th 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

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, Fal-lowfield M14 7DW at 7.30pm this Friday, 28th 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 29th/30th November and 6th/7th 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 23rd and 30th 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.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

These people have done no wrong; they stand for justice against evil and merit our support. (List supplied by ACAT Action by Christians Against Torture). Cards will be available for you next weekend at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's churches, but you may bring your own small or medium size religious Christmas card(s), with your greeting (do not make any political comments) and your name (address optional) inside and leave in box at church rear. No stamp required, but postal donations welcome (20 grams costs £1.28). Your envelope will be posted for you to a prisoner of conscience.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,847.46

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to: Amelia Grace Wall, Ava Mai Wall, Riley James Hancock, James Iborra, Ruby Mae Rose.

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

Agnes Mary Bent, Francis Derek Aspinal
Eternal rest grant unto them ...



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 20

Let us seek to live in a way that is always worthy of our Christian vocation.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 18

There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Nov 15

A Christian brings peace to others. Not only peace, but also love, kindness, faithfulness and joy.

THANK YOU

James Reynolds and the family of the late Pauline Reynolds would like to thank the priests and parishioners of St Joseph's for their overwhelming support, thoughts and prayers during their recent bereavement.

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. 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 26th to Saturday 29th 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 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 6th 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 20th 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 or via the Cathedral Gift shop 0151 707 3525. For further details, email 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 22 November

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

Mon 24 November Memorial: St Andrew Dung-Lac, P. and Companions, MM. (18th c.)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.30am FUNERAL MASS Agnes Mary Bent

OLR 10.00am Karen Toolan

Tue 25 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 34, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.45am FUNERAL SERVICE Francis Derek Aspinall

SH 12.00noon MASS Maureen & John Lewin

Wed 26 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Pious List

SH 7.00pm MASS (in Chapel of Joy & Hope) Deceased members, Legion of Mary

Thu 27 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Marie Corner RIP

SH NO MASS

Fri 28 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS 90th Birthday

Sat 29 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary Atkinson

12A 5.30pm MASS Sheila Monaghan LD

Sun 30 November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Pious List Mass

SH 9.30am MASS Doris Stout, Doris Gaskell & families

StJ 10.30am MASS Brian Ashton RIP

OL 11.00am MASS Thanksgiving

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 14th November, the numbers drawn were 6, 8, 19. NO WINNER of £536. This week's estimated jackpot is £600.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 367 M Roach, £5 No. 377 P Leonard, £3 No. 031 Jan Atherton, £2 No. 272 N Flynn

Bonus Ball No. 40 B Woods

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40, 72, M Fairclough; £15, 186, K Hulme; £5, 74, L Stephens; £5, 142, C Clews.

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



Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
Tel: 01942 673517
Email: kjmogrady@hotmail.com

shleigh@blueyonder.co.uk (newsletter items)

Priest: Fr. Dave Heywood
Tel: 0161 790 2390
Email: frdave@virginmedia.com

Priest Fr. Colin Fealey
Tel: 01942 673517
Email: stjosephs@live.com

Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon
Tel: 01942 883395
Email: paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk

Deacons: Revv. Tony Arrowsmith, Robert Hewertson