

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 18 JANUARY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we see John the Baptist introducing two of his disciples to Jesus. In doing this he introduces them to a new future. The disciples follow Jesus and stay with him. John points away from himself to Christ. This is his role. In the fourth Gospel this man sent by God runs the first introduction agency for those on the lookout for the Messiah. Andrew is one of these two disciples.

He leaves his master, John the Baptist, to follow in the footsteps of his new master, Jesus. He needs John to point him in the right direction, to make a new start. And what John the Baptist did for Andrew, Andrew does for his brother, Simon. He shares his experience of meeting the new messiah with him. He tells him he has met the Christ and introduces him to Jesus. In the other three Gospels, Andrew is known simply as "the brother of Peter". But in the fourth Gospel Andrew has a special function of introducing people to Jesus. Before the feeding of the 5000, Andrew discovers a small boy who has five loaves and two fish. The disciple introduces the boy to Jesus, who takes the little food, blesses it and offers it for distribution. The last appearance of Andrew is just before the Passover festivities in Jerusalem. Some Greeks speak to the apostle Philip and express their desire to meet Jesus. Philip tells Andrew, and together they introduce everyone to Jesus. Like Eli the priest in the First Reading and John the Baptist, Andrew's role is to bring others into the presence of the Lord.

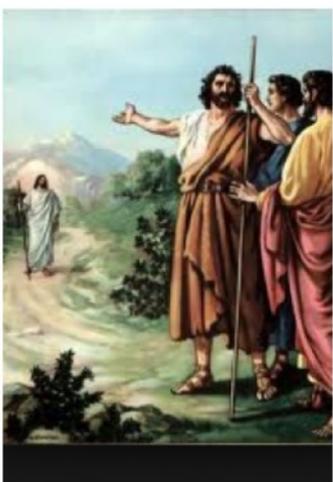
When we reflect on the beginnings of our own Christian faith, we recall the people who first told us about Jesus, and therefore first introduced us to him. Most of us can, perhaps, think of a particular person who enabled us to begin our own journey of faith, as we can think of others who introduced us to the person of Jesus. Many of us have come to believe in Jesus through the faith of other people, especially those we have grown up with in our younger days. As we begin a New Year we are reminded that we too are called to be like Andrew and John the Baptist in introducing others to the Lord.

We must never think that our faith will simply continue to exist unless we share it with others. It will die away if we don't witness to our faith and share our faith with the next generation, whoever they may be. Let us always be aware of our discipleship and therefore our calling to share our faith with others. In this way, like Andrew and John, we will keep our faith in Jesus alive and help spread this faith in the world today.

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**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 call on 07921 816501. Please consider us for your special occasion. Bingo on Wednesday: please support the groups who regularly use your club. Please check your numbers for the Selection Box Raffle. Due to illness there will be no Wednesday Bingo until further notice. The next 200 Club Draw will be after Mass on 24th January, payments can be given to Therese or Jane Thompson, you can also put the money and your details in an envelope and either put it with the offertory collection, through the church or club letterboxes.

ST JOSEPH'S

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Our votive stand is now in place at St Joseph's statue. Please come and light a candle to our Patron.

MASS INTENTIONS

When we receive a Mass intention we will do our best to accommodate the date you request. However, if a funeral comes in for that day, the Mass will have to be postponed to the next available date. We receive a lot of Masses at St Joseph's - too many for them all to said here: some are sent to the Sacred Heart Fathers Mission, to the other churches in our parish or to Animate. Taking this into account all Masses will be printed when they are received as well as when they are going to be said in St Joseph's. The Masses received so far this year are as follows:

Brian Ashton, Marie Buckley nee Greenwood, John & Agnes Coan, Catherine Crook, Terry Fallon, Robert Farrimond, Louisa Farrington, Mary Fildes, Richard Fletcher, Dr. Patrick Fullton, May, John & Christine Gillbanks, Olivia, Ken & Stephen Hartnell, Annie Johnson, Joseph Joyce, Julie Lock, Michael Monaghan, Michael Mallowney, Annie & James McDermott, James Owen McDermott, Jack McWilliam, Gerard Oddie, Hannah O'Hara, Daniel & Catherine Porter, Greta Quong, Bob Smith, Andrea Southern, Eddie Unsworth, Fred Unsworth, Kathleen White, Florence Yates,

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 19th January. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy for 2016/2017

Catholic schools across the Archdiocese are consulting on proposed changes to Admissions Policies to take effect for school admissions for September 2016. The consultation period will run until the 23 February 2015 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Schools Department, LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Alternatively you may wish to e-mail Mr C.Williams at: c.williams@rcaol.co.uk. Comments should also be sent to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.

A copy of the proposed Admissions Policy can be found at: <http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/admissions2016> or on the school website at <http://www.saintjosephs.wigan.sch.uk>. A copy can also be obtained from the school office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next meeting for the children who are being confirmed and making their First Communion this year will be:-

St Joseph's	Wednesday 21 st January 3.45pm in the Mather Room.
XII Apostles	Wednesday 21 st January, 4.30pm in the School Hall

Sacred Heart Thursday 22nd January 4.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall

WALSINGHAM TRIP

This year is our 40th year of running the Walsingham Pilgrimage. We leave on 6th of April for five days. The approximate cost of the trip will be £150 and a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. Please contact Mr & Mrs Hawkins, if you would like to go, on 01942 675368.

JUSTICE & PEACE

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will take place in the Parish House at St. Richard's, Atherton, on Tuesday January 27th at 7.00pm. Please come along and get more involved in Justice & Peace issues.

SACRED HEART YEAR FOUR CHILDREN

On 1st February and on the first Sunday of most following months we will be inviting our Year Four children from Sacred Heart school together with their teachers and families to join us at Sunday morning Mass. We hope that they will enjoy these special Sundays and we will surely enjoy their participation in the readings and bidding prayers as well as leading us in song. Please help to make them welcome.



This Lent, the UK Government will match every pound you give up to the value of £3.5 million. Please give what you can this Lent Fast Day to transform the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. You can ensure more of the world's poorest people are able to not only survive, but thrive after a disaster strikes.

FRIDAY SUPPERS

Looking for inspiration for simple Friday abstinence meals? Make sure you get your hands on a copy of CAFOD'S new Friday Suppers recipe book. Written by Delia Smith's recipe-tester, its packed with delicious meat-free, fish, and vegetable recipes. All funds raised are donated to CAFOD's work. £6.99 available from shop.cafod.org.uk

Your kingdom come

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Lead us to worship only you, Lord, and not money,
to put people before profit
and 'being' before having'.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Inspire us to work together to change the world
so that everyone has enough
and all can live life to the full.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Create in us the desire
to live in harmony with creation
so all people may flourish
and your kingdom come.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,583.62
Christmas Offering	£ 148.42
Crib Offerings (St Joseph's)	£ 166.62

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially John Thompson, Pat Haury

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen White, William Henry Hulse, Veronica Whittaker, John Francis Grogan.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Jan 15
May God bless and protect Sri Lanka.
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Jan 14
Saint Joseph Vaz, teach us to grow in holiness and to live the Gospel's message of mercy.
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Jan 12
Please pray with me for everyone in Sri Lanka and the Philippines as I begin my trip.
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Jan 10
Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with him.

HELP NEEDED

Sr. Megan is asking for help for a young family she knows who are refugees and do not have anything. They need all items of furniture, bedding, kitchen utensils, white goods etc. If you can help please ring Sr Megan on 01942 683554. Thank you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015

The Well is Deep



This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, who have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable. The logic that undergirds this kind of behaviour is competition for the religious market. Increasingly, in Brazil, some Christian groups compete with one another for a place on the mass media, for new members and for public funds.

The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition. Although the competition between churches is less obvious in our islands, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge

that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women.

St Joseph's Players Present The Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

A Panto full of comedy, dance, and song, by the multi-talented cast. Plus Live Band.

St Joseph's Players Pantomimes have been bringing the best of entertainment to generations of families and this year is definitely no exception.

21st to 25th & 28th to 31st January
Matinées 24th, 25th & 31st January
Tickets: Adult £8 evening performances,
£10 matinées, under 16yrs £4
Concessions: 21st & 22nd January
all tickets £4

Ticket office: Ratcliffe's, Bradshawgate, Leigh
**Last year's winners of the BATS
Best Pantomime**

MISSIO IS

... the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. We share the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and trains future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place. The Association for the Propagation of the Faith, or the APF, is one of the four branches of Missio. It supports the 40% of the Church which is missionary. These dioceses and territories are too young, poor and vulnerable to be self-sufficient, so money raised by the APF is sent through trusted Church channels to bishops to help them run their parishes.

Would all Zelators who empty the Mill Hill red mission boxes in the Sacred Heart church community please ring Pat on 01942 677645.



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 17 January

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Fildes LD

Sun 18 January

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Day of Prayer for Peace; Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today

StJ 8.30am

MASS Mark Kelleher

SH 9.30am

MASS Anna, Alojzy & Frank Tesmer

StJ 10.30am

MASS Maurice & Isabella Phillips

OL 11.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Mon 19 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year 1, Week 2)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS James Unsworth & Anne Turner

Tue 20 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Louis Manfredi & family

Wed 21 January

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Thanksgiving St Jude

StJ 2.00pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Kathleen Anne White

SH 7.00pm

MASS Francis Derick Aspinall LD

Thu 22 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth

SH 12.00noon

MASS John Heneghan

Fri 23 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

James Farrington

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eileen & Alan Hogan

12A 1.45pm

FUNERAL SERVICE William Henry Hulse

Sat 24 January

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS James Frampton LD

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Smith LD

Sun 25 January

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS Dr Patrick Fulton

SH 9.30am

MASS Fr Graeme Dunne

StJ 10.30am

MASS Gerard Oddie

OL 11.00am

MASS Bernard Aspinall

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

ST GABRIEL'S, HIGHER FOLDS

Now that a planning application has been made to demolish the church building, there are a number of things we need to do in preparation for the closure of the church towards the end of February. So those who regularly come to Mass at St Gabriel's are invited to a meeting in church this Tuesday, 20th January, at 7.00pm. At this meeting, we will need to talk about a final Mass in the church, future provision of the sacraments, transport to other churches for those who need it, etc. For those who cannot make the meeting on Tuesday, it will be repeated after the 6.00pm Mass next Saturday, 24th January.

Sacred Heart Lottery On 9th January, the numbers drawn were 9, 15, 27. NO WINNER of £112. This week's estimated jackpot is £180.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 336 Mr N Jones, £5 No. 196 C Ellis, £3 No. 123 C Ackers, £2 No. 049 D Hindley.

Bonus Ball No. 39 P O'Brian

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.

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