

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

1 MARCH 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we listen to Mark's account of the Transfiguration. After they come down from the mountain Jesus tells the disciples, Peter, James and John, not to tell anybody about what they have just seen until after "the Son of Man has risen from the dead". They do not understand what Jesus means by this. But we, the readers of Mark's Gospel, are now seeing all this in the light of the cross AND the resurrection. We know that without the cross there can be no resurrection. It is only AFTER Jesus has risen that the disciples will understand the significance of what happened on the mountainside. The mountain of the glorious appearance of Jesus only makes sense in the light of that other mountain, Golgotha, the place of the crucifixion. On the cross Jesus shares all our pain and suffering. This is Christ's glory.

When we think of earthly glory we think of those who have risen above our ordinary human weakness and vulnerability. The great sports-person very rarely experiences the disappointments of the ordinary competitor. Those who are rich and famous do not share in our daily struggles to make a living. Sometimes we think that sharing in the glory of Christ will make us invulnerable to human weakness and suffering. With Peter we can say that it is wonderful to be with the glorified Jesus on the mountaintop, and we may wish to build a dwelling place so that Jesus can stay with us forever. Yet remaining close to Jesus means following him at times to that other mountaintop, the place of the cross. Jesus enters into glory not through rising above the suffering of this world, but by embracing it.

In order to enter into his glory, Jesus calls us to follow him on the path to the cross. It is very tempting to stay on the mountain, but we are called to return to living out our daily lives. Each of us is confronted by suffering: the pain and disappointments of our own lives, the sufferings of those around us. Even a few moments in the presence of the Risen Christ can bring us relief, or at least hope, from such suffering. But this is not because Jesus does not share our sufferings. Rather, it is because he enters into and transforms our sufferings. As Christians we are not called to rise above the pain and sufferings of the world, but to follow the Lord and enter into those places where people suffer. We can only do this as his disciples, allowing him to enter our own suffering and pain, so that we can show to others his healing love.

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## 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 at 8.30pm. We are looking for a few volunteers to shout the Bingo on a rota basis, if you can help please contact Therese Thompson (01942 253507). Please support the groups who regularly use your club. The Church Repair Fund are holding their annual Easter Egg raffle shortly, all donations gratefully appreciated.

### WALSINGHAM TRIP

This year is our 40<sup>th</sup> year of running the Walsingham Pilgrimage. We leave on 6<sup>th</sup> of April, returning 9<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of the trip will be £165 and a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. Please contact Mr & Mrs Hawkins, on 01942 675368 or Therese Thompson on 253507.

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Gilbert Hollingshead, Pauline Reynolds, Desmond Sarsefield

#### SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

#### WALK WITH ME

Walk with Me booklets for Lent are now available from the card rack at the back of church, price £1.

#### CLEANERS

The ladies that clean the church have asked if anyone would like to join them. They clean every other Friday; the next time being Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along on Friday morning if you can help.

#### FLOWERS

Anyone willing to attend to the flowers in church, please contact the Parish Office.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### EASTER LILIES

If you wish to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, there will be a box at the back of church with envelopes, the cost of a lily is £1.50.

#### EASTER RAFFLE

We will be doing our Easter Raffle again this year and would appreciate any donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates or fancy goods. Thank you.

#### COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee Morning today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March after Mass. Everyone welcome.

### WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Composed by Christians of the Bahamas on the theme: *Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"* Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Kirkhall Lane Independent Methodist church, Leigh, WN7 1SA. Men, women, young people and children are all most welcome. All (male, female, any age) who enjoy singing are invited to the singers' practices on Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30-8.30pm, at the same church. Car parking opposite at B&Q and in Byron St.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

This weekend we welcome our Year 4 children and their families to the 5.30pm Mass at Twelve Apostles and the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart.

### JUSTICE and PEACE

Next meeting at Holy Family, 7.30pm, after Mass, on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome.

## VOCATIONS

### Responding to the Call: Monthly Discernment Meeting for those considering Priesthood

A series of meetings is being held at St Charles Borromeo church, Liverpool for anyone considering the priesthood. There is a poster at the back of church with all the dates and times. For more details please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations director, on 0151 727 2493.



### PRAYER VIGIL FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015, St John's church, Wigan.  
7.30 - 9.00pm

Aid to the Church in Need

This Lent, we invite you to stand shoulder to shoulder with suffering Christians around the world – especially in Pakistan, Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, across the Middle East.

#### Prayer: Your Faith... their Future

The persecuted faithful around the world need our help and our prayers. This Lent, please remember all those who face danger for holding fast to their belief in Jesus Christ. Over the next six weeks, as we spiritually walk the Way of the Cross with Our Lord, you might like to use our prayer suggestions and resources.

- Week 1: Please pray for everyone around the world who has lost family, friends, homes, jobs and security for their abiding faith in Our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- Week 2 Please pray for the Christian community in Pakistan, who as a minority group are often the target of discrimination, injustice and violence.
- Week 3: Please pray for the Christian community in Nigeria who despite violent and unprovoked attacks from terrorist group Boko Haram, find hope in their faith.
- Week 4: Please pray for the Christian community of Sudan and South Sudan, who after 30 years of civil war now continue to be beset by political instability and grinding poverty.
- Week 5: Please pray for Christians and their communities in Syria who are refugees amidst the rubble of a bitter civil war and who are specifically targeted by anti-Christian kidnappers.
- Week 6: Please pray for Christians in Iraq who face the profoundly troubling decision of whether to stay in the land they love or to leave the country that 'doesn't love them', and see the effective wipe-out of their 2,000 year Christian tradition.

### LENTEN TALKS – FR CHRIS THOMAS

A series of Lenten Talks entitled "Lent – A Time of Change & Renewal", will place in the Pastoral Area during Lent this year. Many of you may remember that Archbishop Patrick gave a series of talks a few years ago. A number of people have asked for this to take place again. This year Fr Chris Thomas, who leads the Irenaus Group in the Archdiocese, will lead the talks every Tuesday evening in St Ambrose Barlow church in Astley. The five talks began on February 24<sup>th</sup> and continue until March 24<sup>th</sup>. Fr Chris has written a number of books on prayer and spirituality. He is a fabulous speaker. Please come along and join us for these very special evenings.

### HELP NEEDED

Sr Megan has asked if anyone has a TV they no longer need. she knows a family who are in need of one. Thank you.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,830.25  
White Flower Appeal. £ 366.17

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support. The Pro Life Times is available at the back of church today. Please take a copy.

The retiring collection this weekend will be for the CAFOD Family Fast Day.  
Next weekend the retiring collection is on behalf of the S.V.P. Society

## SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Carolyn Burke, Gilbert Hollingshead, Elizabeth Landers, Anne Monaghan

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen Prytarch, Mary Ellen Bickerton, William Fairclough

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Thomas Dawson & Rachel Elizabeth Hopkins who were married at St Joseph's church on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015.

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish through baptism to: Willow Hope Hesketh, George David Ganley, Rhys James Jackson,



## Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays St Joseph's 7.00pm  
Thursdays after 12 noon Mass Sacred Heart

## A Time for Change and Renewal

Evenings of Prayer and Reflection led by the Irenaeus Team  
**Tuesdays during Lent at St Ambrose Barlow**  
(24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March)  
7.30 - 9.00pm  
Everyone very welcome

## Ecumenical Lenten Talks

Every Thursday during Lent at 7.30pm  
Salvation Army Chapel, Atherton

## The Rosary

Each Wednesday in Lent the Rosary will be prayed before 12 noon Mass at St Joseph's :- the intention - Vocations.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 21  
There is no sin that God cannot pardon. All we need to do is ask for forgiveness.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 20  
The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 19  
Wherever there are men and women who have consecrated their lives to God, there you find joy.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 18  
Lord, grant us the grace to know we are sinners.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 17  
During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 16  
Jesus came to bring joy to everyone in every age.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 8  
Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Feb 6  
Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.



The focus of this year's appeal is the impact of changing weather patterns – including extreme weather events – on the lives of poor and vulnerable communities, and how CAFOD are working with them to reduce their vulnerability, as well as the impact of extreme weather on their lives and livelihoods.

Extreme weather poses an immediate threat to people; destroying ways of making a living, lives and entire communities. After a disaster such as a cyclone, women, men and children are often exposed to secondary risks such as disease, lack of access to clean water and lack of food. But then those affected have to piece their lives together – they may have lost their business or way of making a living.

The impact of an extreme weather event such as a storm can reduce a community's ability to cope with another one. For example: storms can destroy natural barriers, homes and ecosystems. This in turn can increase a community's vulnerability to future shocks

**The UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5 million.** Please give as much as you can in this week's collection, so that long term, deep rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

Please also consider Gift Aiding your donation, which will increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give.



## Lent 2015 Fast Day prayer

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us  
for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life  
affects our neighbours.  
Inspire us  
to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish.  
Amen.

*Stephen Davies/CAFOD*

## 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 28 February

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Terry Wilcock

### Sun 1 March **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)**

StJ 8.30am MASS Marie Buckley

SH 9.30am MASS Tom, Terence & Bernard Ward Anniv.

StJ 10.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

### Mon 2 March **Weekday of Lent (First Week of Lent)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Hannah O'Hora Anniv.

SH 12.00noon MASS Annie Connolly Anniv.

### Tue 3 March **Weekday of Lent**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Kathleen Prytarch

### Wed 4 March **Weekday of Lent**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Raymond Jarvis Anniv.

SH 2.15pm FUNERAL SERVICE Mary Ellen Bickerton

StJ 7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SH NO MASS

### Thu 5 March **Weekday of Lent**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS James & Annie McDermott RIP

SH 12.30pm Stations of the Cross

SH 7.30pm MASS Anne Marsh

### Fri 6 March **Weekday of Lent**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 10.00am MASS at Moss Bank Court Special Intention (D)

StJ 12.00noon MASS Gerard Oddie RIP

### Sat 7 March **Weekday of Lent**

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Josephine Grosvenor

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Agnes and Allen Newton

### Sun 8 March **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)**

StJ 8.30am MASS James Owen McDermott

SH 9.30am MASS Doris Gaskell & Doris Stout

StJ 10.30am MASS Pauline Reynolds Birthday Memorial

OL 11.00am MASS John Nee

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** This week's estimated jackpot was £460. Results in the porch.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 143 Mrs U Lightford, £5 No. 402 Mr & Mrs Ellis, £3 247 Mrs N Flynn, £2 No. 396

**Bonus Ball** 36 E Nuttall

## 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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