

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) 29 MARCH 2015**



## **Responsorial Psalm**

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Christ was humble yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.**

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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

As we listen to the account of the Passion of Jesus in Mark's Gospel this weekend we move with Jesus through the events of the first Holy Week. Against the background of plotting and betrayal, Jesus accepts the loving tenderness of one who prophetically anoints him in preparation for his burial. He shares his last Passover meal with his disciples, again prophetically acting out his approaching death in the sacrament of his Body and Blood, and, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus goes through the agony of anticipation, freely accepting the will of his Father, which will lead to his arrest and condemnation. In the meantime, we find the disciples in a complete state of denial. They had enjoyed a brief experience of triumph, but now their world was crumbling. Jesus was speaking of a betrayal of which they would all be guilty. He could not accept this, but their only response was to fall asleep while Jesus agonized, anticipating his Passion, and finally accepting it as the will of his Father. When Jesus was arrested, they all deserted him and ran away.

In his Gospel, Mark makes no excuses for the disciples' lack of understanding and cowardice. Indeed, he highlights it in Peter's threefold betrayal of Jesus. If the disciples could change so much, how much more could the crowds change? On Sunday they had shouted their Hosannas, while on Friday they shouted, "Crucify him!" On Sunday they welcomed him with palm branches, on Friday they saw him crowned with thorns and enthroned as "king of the Jews" on the cross at Golgotha, and they jeered and spat at him.

So how often can we effectively take part in the commemoration of the passion and death of the Lord this week? If we are truly to experience the transforming power of the resurrection when we celebrate Easter next Sunday, then we are called to take part as fully as possible in all the liturgical actions of this week, reminding ourselves that we are called to be disciples, to take up our cross and follow Jesus. In today's Second Reading, St Paul shows us that to be like Jesus, we're called to empty ourselves of anything that would prevent us from doing what God wants, even to the point of dying. Following Jesus then, especially in the tough times, is the way to glory and to eternal life. This is the way to acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and King, the way of the faithful disciples.

The challenge for us during Holy Week is this: can we remain faithful to the way of self-denial, following Jesus all the way to the cross, or will we be like the crowds, enjoying the good times, but giving up when the going gets tough? The only way to resurrection and new life is the way of Jesus, the way of pure love.

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**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 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 draw for the Easter Egg Raffle will take place on Wednesday during Bingo.

### WALSINGHAM TRIP

This year is our 40<sup>th</sup> year of running the Walsingham Pilgrimage. We leave on Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> of April, returning on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of the trip will be £165. Can all those who are going please pay the balance ASAP. Contact Therese Thompson (01942 253507).

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Edmund Barnage, Deceased members of the Batchegalup Family, Margaret Baxter, Carolyn Burke, Margaret Virginia Coyle, Robert Farrimond, Patricia Grundy, Kathleen & Thomas Jones, Gerald Stanislaus Newton

#### COFFEE MORNING

Every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass there is Coffee Morning in the Side Hall. Come along and have a chat and meet new friends.

#### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

#### 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

The Easter draw will take place today after Mass. Thank you to all who donated prizes. There will be a list at the back of church of the winners names. Thank you also to all who helped to clean our church.

### CLOSURE OF ST GABRIEL'S, HIGHER FOLDS

The schedule for the closure of the church is shaping up as follows:

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm The Easter Vigil & Rite of Closure

Once the church has closed, the Saturday 6.00pm Mass will continue for a temporary period at the nearest church in the parish which is St Ambrose Barlow. Transport to this Mass will be provided for those who live in Higher Folds. The Friday 10.00am Mass will continue during term time in St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals will be celebrated in the other churches in the parish of St Margaret Clitherow.

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 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.



### SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm  
Holy Family, Boothstown



### HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

#### Maunder Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Our Lady of the Rosary	7.30pm watching till 10.00pm
St Joseph's	7.30pm watching till 10.00pm
	9.45 pm Night Prayer

#### Good Friday

##### Morning Prayer

St Joseph's	9.00am Morning Prayer
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##### Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart	10.00am
St Joseph's	10.00am

##### Walk of Witness

Leave St Joseph's at 11.00am walking to Leigh Library, followed by a light lunch at the Parish Church.

##### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sacred Heart	3.00pm
St Joseph's	3.00pm

##### Meditations at the Foot of the Cross

St Joseph's	7.00pm
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#### Holy Saturday

##### Morning Prayer

St Joseph's	9.00am
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##### Easter Vigil

Twelve Apostles	7.15pm
St Joseph's	8.00pm

### SATURDAY NOON MASS

Please note that there will be no Reconciliation, Exposition or Mass on Holy Saturday morning and there will be no Pastoral Area Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of offertory envelopes for the new tax year beginning on 6 April are now ready for collection at the back of Sacred Heart church, other churches will be ready soon. Parishioners in the gift-aid scheme should look for a box with their name on it. Other envelope users should take an unlabelled box.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £2,321.78

CAFOD Total so far £1,024.24

The CAFOD collection is open until the end of Lent. Every £1 given to CAFOD will be matched by the government.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

## SICK



Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Carolyn Burke, Albert Hollingshead, Elizabeth Landers, Jack Parr.

## BAPTISMS



Welcome into our Parish through baptism to:  
Kaci-Louise Kimberly Jean Ann Ridgeway, Annabelle Kate Joyce, Stanley David Patrick Brown.

## WEDDINGS



Congratulations to Mario Giancarlo Scarpa & Clare Ainscough who were married at St Joseph's last weekend

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Gerald Stanislaus Newton, Margaret Hunt

Eternal rest grant unto them...



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Mar 26  
The laity are called to become a leaven of Christian living within society.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Mar 24  
Suffering is a call to conversion: it reminds us of our frailty and vulnerability.  
Pope Francis @Pontifex · Mar 23  
May every Church and Christian community be a place of mercy amid so much indifference.

## CHRISM MASS

The coach for the Chrism Mass will leave St Joseph's at 5.30pm, there will be a pick up at Twelve Apostles at 5.40pm, St Richard's at 5.50pm and Holy Family at 6.00pm. Please be on time, the coach will not be able to wait.

The coach is now full, if you did not put your name on the list you will not be able to go on the coach.

Due to Popular Demand

St Joseph's Players  
Present

## BRASSED OFF

By Paul Allen

(Contains some strong language)

Curtain up 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall Chapel St, Leigh  
Tuesday 21st April to Saturday 25th April

Tickets Adults £8 under 16 yrs £4  
Available from Ratcliffes Bike Shop,  
Bradshawgate, Leigh

## CATHOLIC PIC

Catholic Pic would like to recruit

### DRIVERS

To deliver magazines to churches in:

**Prescot, Whiston, Widnes.**

**Warrington, St Helens**

**Wigan & Leigh**

The magazines would need to be picked up from Liverpool each month. You will need an excellent knowledge of the area and, if possible, your own van.

The work is paid.

Please leave your landline number and name on

**0151 733 5492**

if you are interested and we will get back to you.

## THE GENERAL ELECTION

The Bishops of England and Wales have written to Catholics encouraging us to vote in the election (7 May 2015) and offering some key questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies of the letter are available from the back of church, please take one home.

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

To support those exploring a vocation to the priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director, at [frjamespreston@gmail.com](mailto:frjamespreston@gmail.com) or 0151 727 2493.

## 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 March

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Anthony Hunter

### Sun 29 March

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B)**

StJ 8.30am MASS Private Intention  
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
StJ 10.30am MASS Golden Wedding  
OL 11.00am MASS Ruby Wedding Marie & Bill Toye  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

### Mon 30 March

### **Monday in Holy Week**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Private Intention

### Tue 31 March

### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Edel Quinn, Frank Duff & deceased Legionaries

### Wed 1 April

### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 9.00am School end of term MASS in church, all welcome. John Thompson  
SH 11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Margaret Hunt  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Bill Fairclough  
7.30pm CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

### **THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

### Thu 2 April

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
OL 7.30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, watching 'til 10.00pm. Brian Wilding LD  
StJ 7.30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, watching 'til 10.00pm. Larry Bourke RIP  
StJ 9.45pm Night Prayer

### Fri 3 April

### **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

StJ 9.00am Morning Prayer  
SH 10.00am Stations of the Cross  
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StJ 11.00am Walk of Witness to Leigh Library  
SH 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
StJ 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
StJ 7.00pm Meditations at the Foot of the Cross

### Sat 4 April

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

StJ 9.00am Morning Prayer  
12A 7.15pm EASTER VIGIL, MASS OF EASTER NIGHT James Dunne LD  
StJ 8.00pm EASTER VIGIL, MASS OF EASTER NIGHT Carolyn Burke

### Sun 5 April

### **EASTER DAY**

StJ 8.30am MASS Steven Naylor  
SH 9.30am MASS Derek Kedward  
StJ 10.30am MASS Alf Case  
OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones  
StR NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 20<sup>th</sup> March, the numbers drawn were 1, 8, 27. No winners of £50. This week's estimated jackpot is £100.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10, No. 470, B + H Edward, £5 No. 279 M. Flannery, £3 No 397 B. Jones, £2 No 405, B. Ryan  
**Bonus Ball** No. 30 June Riley

### **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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