

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

19 APRIL 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we see how the disciples cannot make sense of Jesus' recent death. Nor can they make sense of what is going on when Jesus appears to them. When Luke writes his Gospel he writes it to strengthen the belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He has his own way of doing this and when he comes to the story of the resurrection he chooses to emphasize how only the Risen Christ can make sense of the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. By themselves the disciples cannot arrive at an understanding of what is going on. They need the Risen Christ to uncover the meaning of all that is happening. Luke demonstrates this dramatically in today's Gospel. The two disciples from Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to be reunited with the assembly of Jesus' followers. Luke tells us that the two disciples "told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread."

But the question remains: can the assembled disciples actually make sense of all that has happened? This question is soon answered by Luke. While the disciples are still talking Jesus appears among them. Rather than rejoice in his presence, they are alarmed and frightened. Rather than recognizing Jesus, they think they are seeing a ghost. They are unable to make sense of what is happening, any more than they have been able to make sense of the recent events in Jerusalem. Jesus appeals to the disciples' sense of touch, so that they see who it is that they are touching. He appeals to their reason, "ghosts have no flesh." But it is only when he tells them what he meant when he was with them and opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has happened the Risen Jesus draws the disciples out of their confusion. Only the Risen Jesus can take the disciples from mystery to revelation, from confusion to understanding. This is his Easter gift.

In this new understanding the disciples become witnesses – not just eye-witnesses to what has happened, but witnesses to the meaning of all that has taken place. So when Luke tells of the preaching of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles – just like Peter's sermon in today's First Reading – the evangelist shows how the disciples explain the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles certainly illustrates a set of disciples changed from the Gospels. The Acts shows us how the understanding of the early Church is firmly based on the teaching of the Risen Jesus. This is its unique authority. The understanding of the Church today is based on this experience of the first disciples. We will always be indebted to them for their insight and courage. Happily, they did not keep their new experience of Jesus to themselves. They did not hoard their new insight. They shared their experiences with anyone who had ears to listen. The first disciples turned their new experience into a message of Good News for all people.

Every generation must make the message of Jesus their own and pass it on to others. It is a message enlivened by the witness of generations of Christians who have continued to have life in the name of Jesus. We keep the message alive only by giving it away. That way, the Gospel never dies.

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Arrowsmith
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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 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. There is a list of winning numbers in the Easter Egg raffle at the back of church. A few prizes remain unclaimed, please check your tickets. We made £100. Many thanks. The next 200 club draw will be this Wednesday in the lounge. Many thanks to the organisers of our Walsingham pilgrimage, it was a great success

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Ashton, Carol Dowling & Peter Marsh, Deirdre Grundy (nee Foly), Margaret Hayder, Margaret & Frank Pemberton, Josie Pilkington, Wallace Standing, Mary Stout, Special Intention, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention & Thanksgiving Louis Manfredi & Family, For A Parishioner

WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting for the Women's Sodality will be on Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

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.

FLOWERS

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

EASTER RAFFLE

There are still a number of prizes unclaimed, please check your tickets. The numbers are: 781, 121, 296, 696, 15, 930, 753, 580. Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA

"Community Prayer is a powerful weapon in the hands of the Church and the faithful."

"If more souls unite together in prayer, they form a formidable power." St Pio of Pietrelcina.

Please come and share an hour of prayer with the Padre Pio prayer group each Saturday from 10.00am at St Ambrose Barlow church.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still spaces available to travel to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, 24th – 31st July 2015, by air from Liverpool Airport or by Jumbulance from Burtonwood. Assisted pilgrims (those with medical, mobility or other special needs) will be accommodated in the Accueil St Frai or in hotels depending on need and travel circumstances. For more information, or to register as an assisted pilgrim, please call Adam Taylor at the Lourdes office on 0151 727 4000 or visit our website <http://www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk/lourdes-2015/> before the deadline of April 30th (deadline applicable to assisted pilgrims only). The pilgrimage is open to everybody in the Archdiocese and beyond.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Apr 14

The Lord never tires of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for pardon.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Apr 10

We can bring the Gospel to others only if it has made a deep impact in our lives.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN

CAFOD believes that climate change is the single biggest threat to reducing poverty. This is because, whether it is typhoons or floods destroying communities or unpredictable seasons for farmers leaving millions hungry, climate change is undoing years of work of improving people's lives. Today, action cards calling on our political leaders to act to prevent climate change and also to support the transition from polluting fossil fuels to sustainable energy for all are available at the back of church. Please support this campaign if you can by signing a card and placing it in the box. They will then be sent to CAFOD who will inform party leaders, in the run up to the general election, how parishes want them to act. You can also email your candidate by going to cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World

CLIMATE CHANGE FACTS

- Current projections suggest that over the next 20 years up to 200 million people will be at risk of hunger if the planet sees the possible 2-3 C rise in temperature.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the lead authority on climate change science) says with 95% certainty that human activity is the main cause of climate change.
- Pollution from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas make a huge contribution to climate change.

What we're calling for

Our campaign **One Climate, One World** is calling for politicians to work together to:

- prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty
- support the transition from polluting fossil fuels to sustainable energy for all.

We are also campaigning as part of [The Climate Coalition](#) alongside over 100 organisations with millions of supporters across the UK. And internationally, as part of Catholic networks [CIDSE](#) and [Caritas International](#).



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,754.44

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.
The retiring collections at our churches next weekend will be on behalf of the Priests' Training Fund.

BAPTISMS



Welcome into our Community through Baptism to:
Dylan Shane Crosby, Vinnie John Andrusjak & Justin Frank Behan

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Nigel Eric Cooke & Maria Ann Smith and Matthew Simon Atherton & Rachel Mellan who were married at St Joseph's Church last weekend.

SICK



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

RECENTLY DECEASED



Dieidre Grundy, Margaret Hayder nee Flanagan, Ian Frawley
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

The Three Towns Operatic Society

proudly present
Gilbert & Sullivan's

The Pirates of Penzance

Tuesday 12th – Saturday 16th May 2015
7.30pm

St. Joseph's Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh. WN7 2PR

Tickets: £11 & £13, Concessions available

Contact 01942 883722

Join a crop of not-so-ruthless pirates,
not-so-fearless policemen,
and not-so-helpless young maidens
for a swashbuckling and hilarious adventure!

www.thethreetowns.net

NEW FITNESS CLASS

Every Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45pm. Come along for a great workout, fun while exercising and a good social atmosphere. Who: Adults of all ages. Starting at beginners level and working up to a more advanced and challenging workout.

Where: St Joseph's Mather Room, Mather Lane, Leigh WN7 2PR

Please contact Julie to book on the classes as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Attend the Classes four weeks in succession and get a week free.

For more details contact Julie juliefoulds@btinternet.com
Facebook Juulie Foulds School of Dancing Group or phone 07809673564

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

A PASTORAL AREA SOCIAL EVENT

Tea Dance



in
Saint Ambrose
Church Hall
on
Sunday 10th May
2.00pm - 5.00pm

£10 including
Afternoon Tea

Raffle, spot prizes, good music and dance.
Everyone welcome

For tickets contact Eamonn on 01942 892967
Or Tony on 01942 673481 or 676652

Sue Wakefield's Slimming World

Goes Silver and Triple Session

9.00 am, 11.00am, 1.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Every Tuesday at St Joseph's Mather Room,
Mather Lane, Leigh

The Class at St Joseph's has added an extra session due to being an award winning group.

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 18 April

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY 40th Wedding Anniversary

Sun 19 April **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

StJ 8.30am MASS Wedding Anniversary
SH 9.30am MASS Mr P.T. Simon (Anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS Edith Smith
OL 11.00am MASS John and Theresa Ryder
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Mon 20 April **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Special Intention

Tue 21 April **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS John Heneghan

Wed 22 April **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary Leyden RIP
SH 7.00pm MASS Speedy recovery - Kevin

Thu 23 April **SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Pat Grundy RIP
SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Deidre Grundy

Fri 24 April **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 9.00am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Peter Marsh & Carol Dowling (Wedding Day in America)
OL 10.00am MASS John O'Grady

Sat 25 April **FEAST OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
12A 12.00noon MASS Richard Lysakowsky
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson

Sun 26 April **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
SH 9.30am MASS J.J. Simon 16th birthday
StJ 10.30am MASS Winifred Smith RIP
OL 11.00am MASS Terry Jones
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 10th April, the numbers drawn were 8, 9, 21. No winner of £154. This week's estimated jackpot is £200.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 173 B Ryan, £5 No. 302 M Moore, £3 No.492 B Ryan, £2 No.389 J Causby
Bonus Ball No. 19 U Lightford

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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