

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

26 APRIL 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Philip Lawrence was the Head Teacher at St. George's Catholic School in London. Lawrence, who came from County Wicklow in Ireland, was very committed to his faith. He was also very dedicated to his job as a Head Teacher. He cared deeply about his pupils. He tried to create a safe environment in which they could learn, and grow up to be proud of themselves. However, on a December day in 1995, one of his pupils was attacked by a gang outside the school. Without a thought for his own safety, Philip rushed to the scene to defend his pupil. Sadly, he was stabbed, and died as a result of his wounds. The story got lots of publicity. Philip's heroism was widely praised. He was even voted Personality of the Year by listeners to BBC Radio's "Today" programme. His wife said that he would have been extremely embarrassed by all of this. He was modest to the point of being self-deprecating. It's good to know, however, that people still recognize the greatness of Philip's act. And it's good to know that someone can do such an act, and look on putting others first as the natural thing to do. Philip Lawrence was a good shepherd to his pupils. It was unthinkable for him to allow one of his pupils to be attacked by a gang of thugs without intervening in some way. Philip obviously did not want to die. Yet he was prepared to give his life for his students. He is a reminder to us of what true loving means, and of what it may cost. Philip drew his strength and inspiration from his Christian faith. In giving his life for his pupils, he was imitating the love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep.

The Gospel of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful one. It provides an opportunity for us to recognize those who care and love in our lives today. Caring is at the heart of the Gospel message. It is the central essence of what it really means to be a Christian. Anyone who claims to be a Christian yet doesn't particularly care about others is like a lamp that doesn't give light. Today the Good Shepherd is needed more than ever. We live in a time when we are vulnerable, worried and afraid. We need to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, calling us to pastures new, as we continue to journey with him in faith. Jesus loved others to the very end. And after the resurrection he continued this journey of love. As we continue to celebrate this great feast of Easter, let us remember what love really means – to give up your own will for others. And let us pray that we may always hear the call of the Good Shepherd as we strive to follow him each and every day.

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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

Despite rumours to the contrary there are still bar facilities at Twelve Apostles Club. In fact, there are three rooms for hire -

- A nicely decorated function room complete with dance floor and stage with an adjoining kitchen and a fully stocked bar which is available for hire for weddings, engagement parties, adult birthday parties etc.
- A comfortable lounge available for those smaller functions, which also has a fully stocked bar.
- A nice community room which is suitable for children's parties and such like without bar facilities.

To hire any of the above rooms or for more information telephone 07921816501.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Fleming, Joseph Harris, Vincent Harrison, John Lucas, Jack McWilliam, Dennis Seventi. Reginald Squires, Eddie Trumble, Richard Yates

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

COFFEE MORNING

WE are having our tea & coffee morning next Sunday after Mass (3rd May). Everyone welcome.

SACRED HEART

The little shop next door to the confessional box is now fully stocked for the First Communion and Confirmation season with cards and small gifts suitable for our children. Please call in after Sunday Mass and see what else is available too!

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 21

We need to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Apr 17

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, help us to understand God's will in moments of great suffering.

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](#).

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

During the month of May at 9.30am Masses at Sacred Heart and on the 24th May at the 11.00am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary our Year 4 children will be Confirmed and make their First Holy Communion. We welcome them and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,771.61

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

BAPTISMS



Welcome into our Community through Baptism to:
Sino Wilcock-Russell

SICK



Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Carolyn Burke, Albert Hollingshead, Elizabeth Landers, Jack Parr, Sarah Jones (nee Dunne).

RECENTLY DECEASED



Brian Keavney, Ian Frawley, Mary Stout, & Joyce Gibbons
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

VOCATIONS

Change a life - pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

'Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone.'

Pope Francis

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. You are welcome to join us in praying for these vocations on Wednesday before 12noon Mass at St Joseph's when the Rosary will be said. Prayer cards and booklets are available at the back of church for those who would like to include these vocations in their regular prayer.

To find out more about the priesthood and various expressions of consecrated life please visit www.vocations.org.uk

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

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not-so-fearless policemen,
and not-so-helpless young maidens
for a swashbuckling and hilarious adventure!

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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.

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

PHOENIX QUILTERS

10TH Anniversary Exhibition

Saturday 9th May 2015 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall, Manchester Road Astley,
Manchester M29 7DZ

Admission £1

There will be a wide range of lovely bed quilts on show with many smaller projects on display from cushions and bags to wall hangings.

Demonstrations of patchwork and quilting.

Refreshments on sale and a Tombola with prizes

EVERYONE WELCOME

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 25 April

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

Mon 27 April

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS John & Winifred Ellis
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Ian Frawley

Tue 28 April

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 7.00pm MASS Danny Smith

Wed 29 April

FEAST ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR PATRON OF EUROPE

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Margaret Virginia Coyle (anniv)
SH 7.00pm MASS Dorothy Parker

Thu 30 April

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Eddie Trumble (anniv)
SH 12.00noon MASS Mrs Thresiamma Simon (60th birthday)
12A 1.15pm FUNERAL MASS Mary Stout

Fri 1 May

Weekday of Easter / Optional Memorial of St Joseph the Worker???

StJ 9.00am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Joyce Gibbons
(OL) 10.00am MASS at Moss Bank Court Winifred Hogan (LD)

Sat 2 May

Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
SH 12.00noon MASS Margaret Kelly L.D.
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Thomas Hunter

Sun 3 May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

StJ 8.30am MASS Joseph Harris (anniv)
SH 9.30am MASS Philomena Gaughan
StJ 10.30am MASS John Keavney (anniv)
OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 17th April, the numbers drawn were 13, 20, 26. No winner of £202. This week's estimated jackpot is £250.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. No. 261 M Smith, £5 No. 076 J Evans, £3 No. 398 J Evans, £2 No. 411 M Moore

Bonus Ball No. 10 R Ellis

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40 no 121 Mrs Atkinson, £15 no 126 A Parry, £5 no 63 R & M Foxcroft, £5 no 90 M Thompson

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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