

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B

10 MAY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In a Swiss village there is a small church that has been used by generations of worshippers. Even though it is no work of art, the local people have always had a special affection for it. What makes it so special is the story of how it came to be built on that particular spot. The story goes like this.

Two brothers worked on a family farm, sharing the produce and the profit. One was married with children, but the other brother was single. The climate was harsh with the result that the grain and the farm produce was sometimes scarce. One day the single brother said to himself, "It's not fair that we should share the produce equally. I'm alone, but my brother has a family to support". So every now and then he would go out at night, take some of his own produce from his own barn, quietly cross the fields between their two houses and put it in his brother's barn.

Meanwhile his brother had a similar idea, and said, "It's not right that we should share the produce equally. I have a family to support me but my brother is all alone." So every now and then he would go out at night, take some produce from his own barn and quietly put it in his brother's barn. This went on for a number of years. Each brother was puzzled as to why his supply of farm produce never dwindled. Then one night, as they were sharing their secret produce, they bumped into each other in the dark. When they realized what had been happening, they dropped their sacks and embraced each other. Suddenly a voice from Heaven said, "Here I will build my Church. For where people meet in love, there my presence shall dwell."

The poet William Blake once wrote, "And we are put on earth a little space, that we may learn to bear the beams of love." It may seem like a strange thing to say but it is not easy to show love if we have not received it. A radiator cannot give out heat unless it has first received heat. This was even true of Jesus. He said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you." The love he shared so generously with his disciples and with the people he encountered was the love he had received from his Father. It is not a sign of weakness to admit our need of love. We should be grateful for the love we have received from others. As far as God's love is concerned, we don't have to earn it. It is pure gift for it is God who first loved us. God loves us, not because we are good, but because God is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. All we have to do is receive it, and then try to share it with others.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**

THIS IS MY
commandment
THAT YOU *Love*
ONE ANOTHER
as I have loved you.
John 15:12

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWELVE APOSTLES & PARISH CENTRE

Despite rumours to the contrary there are still bar facilities at Twelve Apostles Hall. 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.

The Friends of Twelve Apostles School are holding a Spring Fair on Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm. They are looking for Tombola prizes: unwanted gifts, bottles of spirits or wine, chocolates etc. and items for cakes stall. Please take into school or leave at the back of church.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Gordon Bailey, Brian Crawley, Thomas Farrington, Joan Ganley, Joyce Gibbons, Eva McHugh, Joe Ratcliffe, Christine Wakefield, Douglas Wakefield.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The First Communion & Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday 16th May at 10.00am. Please keep the children who will be receiving these Sacraments in your prayers.

MAY PROCESSION

This year's May Procession will be on Sunday 17th May at 12noon after the 10.30am Mass. The children who made their First Communion and were confirmed will be leading the procession. Please come along and honour Our Lady with them.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm at St Joseph's. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday 14th May 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All musicians and singers welcome.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next Support Group Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Green Room. All 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.

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!

THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed before Midday Mass on Thursdays in Sacred Heart church.

HELP NEEDED

Sr Megan is helping a couple of families who need furniture, white goods bedding etc. If you can help please call 01942 68355

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. Commencing 12th May we will meet each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in St Ambrose Barlow church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 5

It is good for us to spend time before the Tabernacle, to feel the gaze of Jesus upon us.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 2

The love of Christ fills our hearts and makes us always able to forgive!

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Apr 30

Amid so many problems, even grave, may we not lose our hope in the infinite mercy of God.

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.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Eight million people have been affected by the powerful earthquake in Nepal. Help us deliver aid where it's needed most.

Please donate to our Nepal earthquake appeal.

We have committed an immediate £200,000 to help our partner Caritas Nepal to respond to the 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck between the capital Kathmandu and the city of Pokhara.

How can I help?

£21 will provide clean water to three families for a week

£35 provides tents to shelter 15 families

£70 buys enough rice for 10 families for a month

Fr. Pius Perumana S.J, Director of Caritas Nepal, who is in Kathmandu, said: "It was the worst earthquake I have ever experienced in my life. The aftershocks are still strong. The indications so far are that this is a major emergency.

"Lots of houses have fallen down and there are lots with cracks. Thank God it was during the day and on a holiday as many people were outside when the quake happened. Rescue is the first priority. Lots of people have lost their homes and are out on the street or in open spaces, so we will be looking to provide them with food and temporary shelter."

The Second Collection this week and next will be for the CAFOD Emergency Appeal.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place in St Ambrose Barlow Hall on Tuesday, 19th May at 7.30pm. Please come to learn about some of the many Justice and Peace issues here and abroad.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,660.73

The CAFOD Collection remains open this week.
Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

BAPTISMS



Welcome into our Community through Baptism to:
Ellie Georgia Ridyard, Jorgie Marie Williams,

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Ian Lewis & Charlotte Frances Lynch who were married at St Joseph's last weekend.

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



Sarah Alice Finnerty (Sally) Christine Wakefield
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

Turnpike Community Theatre
presents

Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 17th June to Friday 19th June
39/28/15 tickets available

7.15pm at Twelve Apostles Club

Tickets are available for sale online at
www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com
£5, £4.50 (children/concessions), £17
(Family 2 adults + 2 children)
or £5.50 each, cash only at the door.

PASTORAL AREA SOCIAL EVENT



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

LET'S SING – ADULT COMMUNITY CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Carrie Morrow, the Head Teacher of Sacred Heart School in Hindsford has recently set up an adult Community Choir in Leigh, rehearsing in the Turnpike Gallery on Wednesdays between 7.00 and 9.00pm. The choir are now recruiting for all voice parts, age 16 plus, at a cost of £2.50 per session. Come along and meet new people and join in the singing with a variety of song styles. For more details contact the Turnpike Gallery and ask for information about the Leigh Community Choir on 07933 239823 or email creativeleigh.org.uk

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Boys in Years 2 - 5 are invited to come and meet the choristers and have the opportunity to sing in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 17th May, 10.30am - 4.00pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CHARITY EFFORT

Bring & Buy Coffee Morning
Saturday 30th May
10.30am - 12.30pm

In St Joseph's Side Hall, Mather Lane, Leigh

Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments

Proceeds for International Refugee Fund

Tickets 50p including refreshments



All donations gratefully received

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 9 May

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Speedy recovery (MF)

Sun 10 May **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

StJ 8.30am MASS Alice Wilkinson (anniv)

SH 9.30am MASS For Exam successes

StJ 10.30am MASS Margaret Doherty (anniv)

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Mon 11 May **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ **NO MASS**

Tue 12 May **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Margaret Gildart

Wed 13 May **FEAST: DEDICATION OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Joan Ganley (sick)

SH 7.00pm MASS Agnes Mary Bent

Thu 14 May **FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Gordon Bailey (anniv)

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Sarah Alice Finnerty

Fri 15 May **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Special Intention (JN)

StJ 12.00noon MASS Tom Anderson (LD)

Sat 16 May **Weekday of Easter**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Cooper & Parry Families

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Philip Weighel LD

Sun 17 May **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

StJ 8.30am MASS Louis Manfredi & Family

SH 9.30am MASS Wm. (Bill) McLoughlin LD

StJ 10.30am MASS Bill Fairclough (RIP)

OL 11.00am MASS Thanksgiving (EW)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 1st May the numbers drawn were 9, 16, 24. No winner of £324. This week's estimated jackpot was £384.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 197 E Nuttall. £5 No. 368 A Green, £3 No. 420 M & D Flannery, £2 No. 160 N Jones

Bonus Ball No. 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 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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