

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Year B

17 MAY 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel the disciples are invited to take to heart the great vision of a discipleship of all nations, and to let that vision shape their mission. With the departure of Jesus, they are invited to take a lot of people to heart. We know from experience that it is not enough to take Christ to heart. When Christ comes to dwell in our heart, he never comes alone. He brings his loves and his values and his hopes. He brings his dreams and expectations. He also brings disciples and friends and the poor, the blind and the crippled. He brings the outcast and the stranger and those who are so often overlooked. Long before his Ascension, Jesus took a lot of people to heart. He suffered because of his passionate love for others. But he treasured them and loved them to the end.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension this weekend, we must remember that Jesus did not leave his disciples alone. He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was as though Jesus had to leave them on earth before they could grow into the great disciples and saints that we now know them to be. What allowed them to grow so much was the great love they had for Jesus themselves. They allowed this love to grow so great that it cost most of them their lives too. But their lives made a difference to others because of the Spirit dwelling within them, allowing them to love more and to serve others.

The Ascension marks a time when Jesus left the earth but remained with his disciples in a very different way. He was with them in prayer, in Spirit, in love. He is always with us too in the same way today. We must always remember his words, "I am with you always, until the end of time." Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, whenever we give thanks for simply being together, we must remember that the Lord is with us in such a special way. Even though he left the sight of the disciples two thousand years ago, he remained within them and he gave them the strength and the courage to carry on. May the same Lord and Saviour encourage us and empower us today to walk in his ways and to share his love with others. Perhaps if we do this, one day all our hopes and dreams will be fulfilled in God alone who promises us so much in Heaven if we continue to follow him here on earth.

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Parish**

**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
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## 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 200 club draw will be made during Bingo this Wednesday. The Friends of Twelve Apostles School are holding a Spring Fair this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Carolyn Burke, The Burke Family, Brian Crawley, Marlene O'Neill, Ellen Squires, Keith Turner, Birthday, Exam Success,

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children who were Confirmed and made their First Communion yesterday.

#### MAY PROCESSION

This year's May Procession is today, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All musicians and singers 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.

#### THANKS

Joan Ganley would like to thank all who have sent cards, Mass offerings and get well wishes during her illness. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated.

### 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 during the month of May in Sacred Heart church.

#### RED BOXES

We seem to have lost touch with some of those parishioners (zelators) who visit homes, empty, count and bring in the offerings of other box holders. Please visit the sacristy and add your name and contact details to the sheet there. This is

only so that you can be advised when a collection is due or when the magazines have been received. If you haven't done this work before but now would like to try it and can spare an hour or two every three months - please add your details too.

### HELP NEEDED

Sr Megan is helping a couple of families who need furniture, white goods bedding etc. If you can help please call 01942 683554.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May we will meet each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in St Ambrose Barlow church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 12

Why is it so difficult to tolerate the faults of others? Have we forgotten that Jesus bore our sins?

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 9

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 7

When we cannot earn our own bread, we lose our dignity. This is a tragedy today, especially for the young.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### "CELEBRATE THE CHILD"

Annual Celebration Mass for Children at St Mary's Lowe House, Crab Street, St Helens WA10 2BE, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm. Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden after Mass. For more information, please contact the Safeguarding Office on 0151 522 1043 or by email: [celebratethechild@tesco.net](mailto:celebratethechild@tesco.net)

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The Pastoral Area Justice & Peace Group continues to meet every other month. The next gathering will take place at St Ambrose Barlow on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please come along and get more involved in Justice & Peace issues.



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,781.52
CAFOD	£2,051.52

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

This week's collection is on behalf of World Communications

## LEGACY

The Parish has received a £10,000 legacy from the estate of the late John Francis Gragan (Frank). May he rest in peace.

## BAPTISMS



Welcome into our Parish community through Baptism to:  
Livvy Marie Coleman, Raven McIntyre, Ella Grace Gardner  
and Sebastian Piotr Pecka.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Mark David Whur and Emma Louise Hayman who were married at Sacred Heart church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

## SICK



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

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Christine Wakefield

Eternal rest grant unto her ...

## 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am - 4.00pm.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CHARITY EFFORT

Bring & Buy Coffee Morning

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## Brass Band Concert

In

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Featuring

## CHAT BRASS

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm - 4.30pm

An afternoon of  
Informal light music

Bar Refreshments

Tickets £5

Available from Des 01942 674868

Christine 01942 709034

St Joseph's Church 01942 673517  
(weekdays only)

All proceeds to the upkeep of  
St Joseph's Hall

"Chat Brass have no set musical philosophy or pre-determined musical genre. We are brass musicians of various capabilities and backgrounds who are motivated by a desire to make music and enjoy the experience. The group grew out a desire to play Christmas music three years ago and such was the success the group has attracted a growing number of players from both the professional and the amateur worlds to meet together and make music for their own and the audience's enjoyment. The group have a regular core of key players who help to organise the concerts, this is done purely for the love of making music and the friendship it engenders."



## 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 16 May

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Philip Weighel LD

### Sun 17 May

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

StJ 8.30am MASS Louie Manfredi & Family

SH 9.30am MASS Wm. (Bill) McLoughlin LD

StJ 10.30am MASS Bill Fairclough

OL 11.00am MASS Thanksgiving (EW)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

### Mon 18 May

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Our Lord Our Lady & All Saints

OL 10.00am MASS Terry Jones

### Tue 19 May

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS John Vaughan

### Wed 20 May

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Brian Ashton

SH 7.00pm MASS James Frampton

### Thu 21 May

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.30am FUNERAL MASS Christine Wakefield

SH NO MASS

### Fri 22 May

#### Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Deirdre Grundy

### Sat 23 May

#### Weekday of Easter

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Silver Wedding Anniversary (Ryan)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Thanksgiving for recovery (TM)

### Sun 24 May

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

StJ 8.30am MASS Wallace Standing

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS James Unsworth (anniv)

OL 11.00am MASS Anne Devlin (Anniv)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 8<sup>th</sup> May the numbers drawn were 2, 16, 18. NO winner of £392. This week's estimated jackpot was £460.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10

**Bonus Ball** No.

### 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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