

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B

31 MAY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the National Gallery in London is a painting by the 17th Century Spanish artist Bartolomé Esteban Murillo. It is a painting, at first sight, of the Holy Family, but it has an odd title: "The Heavenly and Earthly Trinities". In the centre of the painting we see the child Jesus, standing on a rock, his hands held by Mary and Joseph, who sit either side of him. As the Christ child looks up, his face is brightened by the opening of the heavens, from where the Holy Spirit, sent by God the Father descends down upon him.

It is a picture of the centrality of Jesus as the one who opens up heaven and earth. It is a picture not just of the three people of the Holy Family and the three persons of the Holy Trinity, but a painting which depicts the meaning of the Trinity itself. Perhaps what this painting most powerfully expresses is love. There is a love we can all relate to in the love that exists between Mary, Joseph and Jesus: the mother's adoring and delighted look at her son, the father's supportive hand, and the child's dependency on his parents. There is something properly human and earthly in their relationship. And it is precisely here that we glimpse what is most true and most mysterious about God: that God is truly and totally God, yet he comes to us as one of us in the person of Jesus.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity it could be very easy to simply describe the Trinity as a mystery. Yet today's readings remind us that the Trinity tells us who we are in the great story of salvation. We are baptized people who belong to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We are an important part of their relationship simply because God loves us. As the baptized we share in the riches of prayer and an intimate life with God. The Feast of the Trinity assures us of God's closeness to us as we go out to do God's work in the world.

In practice, then, to simply begin each day; "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" can be a way of entering, day by day, more deeply into the mystery of God's love for us. To call on God as our Father, Abba, throughout the day, is the practice of prayer that most closely brings us to Jesus, and his family, and opens our hearts anew to the gifts of the Spirit. In prayer we can find small but powerful ways of living the mission of the Holy Trinity in our lives today. Let us find moments this week when, like God who is Trinity, we can go out to others in love, knowing God is with us in all things.

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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

In Twelve Apostles Hall 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 07921 816501.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Vernon Byrne, Bartholomew & Margaret Davey, John Donohue, Susan Jones, David Robinson, Irene & Derek Smith, Exam Success, Special Intention.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 2nd June at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

DBS

If you have recently received your DBS Certificate it needs to be sent to the Safeguarding Office at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA by registered post. You also need to go online to www.gov.uk/db and register your certificates. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

SACRED HEART

The little shop next door to the confessional box is still 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!

GARDENING

We are looking for helpers to keep Sacred Heart gardens tidy and weed-free. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe or Pat 677645 if you can spare an odd hour.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Next Sunday (7th June) after Mass is our Coffee Morning. Everyone welcome.

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.

RECOVERING AND MOVING ON AFTER DIVORCE

A series of six weekly meetings for anyone who is divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or experiencing the breakdown of marriage or long-term relationship. Meetings include prayer, reflection and discussion; also information about practical matters, sources of help, the position of divorced Catholics and the Church. Meetings start in mid September. For more information please contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Padre Pio was a living image of Christ crucified and as such was a great master of prayer. To all who sought his help in times of distress, he would say 'Pray, Hope and Don't Worry'.

Please come and share an hour of prayer with the Padre Pio Prayer Group each Tuesday evening from 7.00pm at St Ambrose Barlow church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 28

Christians are witnesses not to a theory, but to a Person: Christ risen and alive, the one Saviour of all.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 26

We can observe the Fourth Commandment by loving visits to our aging grandparents.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 23

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit each day: He guides us along the path of discipleship in Christ.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 22

Lord, send forth your Holy Spirit to bring consolation and strength to persecuted Christians. #free2pray

Pope Francis @Pontifex · May 21

There are times when God is silent, a silence which cannot be understood unless we gaze upon Christ crucified.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRED HEART

At 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart next Sunday, the last of 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.

SATURDAY EXPOSITION, RECONCILIATION

Next Saturday, 6th June there will be no Exposition, Sacrament of Reconciliation nor noon Mass in Saint Edmund Arrowsmith parish because our Year 4 children in the Twelve Apostles school and church community will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and making their first Holy Communion.

"CELEBRATE THE CHILD"

Annual Celebration Mass for Children at St Mary's Lowe House, Crab Street, St Helens WA10 2BE, on Sunday 5th 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

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Fr Jim Clarke (St John's Seminary, California, USA) will speak about the two great feasts: The Body & Blood of Christ & The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Wednesday 10th June, 7.00 - 9.30pm, at LACE. £10 including refreshments.

ST. MARY'S LEAVERS' CELEBRATIONS

In the next few weeks, a number of young people from St. Mary's High School will be finishing school and beginning the task of sitting exams. Before then they will celebrate their time at St. Mary's with a special service of thanksgiving. Year 13 will have their celebration on Friday June 5th whilst Year 11 will celebrate on June 11th. Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare to sit their exams very soon.

'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

This year we will have another 'Lourdes At Home' Day. This is always a good opportunity to bring the Pastoral Area together in prayer as we join in with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We still haven't finalised the venue, but the day itself will take place on Friday July 24th. More details soon.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,305.47
S.V.P. £ 413.23
CAFOD Appeal Total £2,237.90

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections next weekend will be on behalf of Provision for Priests in Retirement.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our Parish community through Baptism to:
Jacob James Pilling, Lexi Jane Walker, Caitlin Chloe Carroll,
Declan Joseph Carroll, Matthew Daniel Waterworth, Cora
Hope Woods, Isla Baxeendale Lee.

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ronald Lyon, David Smith, Mary Taylor
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE February 2016

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord?
Visit the place of the Visitation?
Kneel at the spot of Christ's Birth?
Cross the Sea of Galilee?

Walk the Way of the Cross to Golgotha?

We are proposing a group led by one of our priests supported
by an experienced Tour Leader. We want to weigh the possi-
ble interest in our area.

The cost is in the region of £950-£980 sharing a twin or
double room - Half board including flights, transport and
accommodation.

If you are interested please contact Des on 07973 114 365. If
we get enough interest we will proceed with a meeting with
full details etc.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations 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 6th
June at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liver-
pool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston,
Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at
frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493.
Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Arch-
diocese of Liverpool Vocations

THANK YOU TO CHAT BRASS

Thank you to all who supported the Chat Brass Concert last
Monday. The band is composed of amateur and professional
musicians from across the region. We even had musicians
from as far afield as Northern Ireland and Denmark. The
audience sat enthralled through a two-and-a-half hour con-
cert, during which a range of pieces was superbly performed
by obviously outstanding musicians. Many people in the

audience remarked, "Where else could you get this quality of
music?"

A big thank you to Phil Boardman for bringing together these
musicians for the concert and everyone else who helped on
the day. The concert raised £294 towards the upkeep of the
Halls. Philip is hoping to organise a further concert in August
and a concert with a Christmas flavour in December.

Green River Band:

Martin Bennett's Old Green River Band will
be playing at St Stephen's Church, Man-
chester Road, Astley on 20th June from
7.00pm.

Described as "One of the best on the UK
Jazz scene", the band will play a pro-
gramme of accessible, fun, traditional
blues and jazz.

Tickets are £10 per adult or £5 for a child.
Refreshments will be avail-
able.

Tickets from Phil Dand
01942 879608. Or pay on
the door.



Irish Night

Featuring

Pat Jordan

& Finian's Rainbow

Saturday 18th July 2015

St Joseph's Parish Hall
Chapel St, Leigh

From 8.00pm Tickets £7.50

Available from Jim 01942 742899
or the parish office
(weekdays only) 01942 673517



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 30 May

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Larry Bourke (LD)

Sun 31 May

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Bill Fairclough (RIP)

SH 9.30am MASS Alojzy & Anna Tesmer

StJ 10.30am MASS Frances & James Clarke (Anniv)

OL 11.00am MASS May Ann Harman (Anniv)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Mon 1 June *Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS John Lucas (RIP)

Tue 2 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 9, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 7.00pm MASS Divine Mercy, Our Lady & St Martin

Wed 3 June *Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Reginald Squires (Anniv)

SH 7.00pm MASS Brian Keavney LD

Thu 4 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Roy Parkinson (RIP)

SH 12.00noon MASS Anthony Lodge LD

Fri 5 June *Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 10.00am MASS at Moss Bank Court Special Intention (MC)

12A 11.30am FUNERAL SERVICE David Smith

StJ 12.00noon MASS Joyce Gibbons (RIP)

Sat 6 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 11.00am CONFIRMATION MASS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (12 APOSTLES CHILDREN)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 7 June **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

StJ 8.30am MASS Michael Oldfield (RIP)

SH 9.30am MASS Bill McLoughlin, Doris Stout, Doris Gaskell

StJ 10.30am MASS Elizabeth Frost (Anniv)

OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 22nd May the numbers drawn were 2, 13, 20. NO winner of £518. This week's estimated jackpot was £560.

Our Lady's 500 Club 17th May £10: 231, B & H Edwards; £5: 452, E West; £3: 038, J Newill; £2: 445, T Jones.

24th May £10: 155, N Jones; £5: 359, J Ramsdale; £3: 228, A Simpson; £2: 270, J Newill.

Bonus Ball No. 17, B Woods. : No. 25, 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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