

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Year B 7 JUNE 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As we celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ this weekend we must always remember that the Eucharist is God's greatest gift to his people. Today's Gospel reminds us of the wonderful story of the Last Supper when Jesus first gave us the gift of the Eucharist. From the beginning, Christians assembled in private homes and relived the Last Supper, and communion was taken to the sick people who could not come. Saint Justin the Martyr, who died in AD 165, described this. So the Mass, and Holy Communion, are as old as the Church itself. Very soon the custom developed of keeping the blessed hosts somewhere safe so that they could be available to the priest or deacon in an emergency. If you had gone into a church in the 10th Century, you would not have seen a tabernacle, but a dove-shaped container hanging over the altar. It was called a pyx, and the Blessed Sacrament could be placed inside. Gradually people reflected on its significance. Jesus is present amongst us. This is the body and blood of the risen and living Lord. He deserves our attention, indeed our adoration, not only at the moment of communion but whenever we come into the Church. One of the great saints of the 13th Century, Thomas Aquinas, wrote some great hymns in praise of the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, some of which we still sing today.

The custom developed of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession, for the veneration of believers. This is part of what we do on Maundy Thursday evening – we take the Eucharist to the altar of repose, so there is a short procession around the church. But this particular occasion is a sad one because Jesus is beginning his Passion. So the Church, waking up at last to the full dimension of the glorious gift of the Eucharist, launched the summer feast of Corpus Christi or, as the Church calls it today, "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ". In many countries there are processions around the streets, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a precious casing called a monstrance: children scatter rose petals, citizens hang coloured banners out of their windows, the town band plays music.

So what about us? In the tabernacle Our Lord is alive and welcoming. The sanctuary lamp, always burning, is a sign of this. Christ invites us to come and spend time with him. The tabernacle is a place for face-to-face encounter with the Lord. If we have a time of Exposition, which many of our churches do, when the Eucharist is displayed on the altar, it's a time of great opportunity to spend time with the Lord. If we had lived in Galilee or Jerusalem in the time of Jesus, we would have had great difficulty in getting anywhere near him, because of the crowds and all the people who were sick. Here in the Eucharist, we have that quiet, prolonged, personal conversation that is the heart of all prayer. Today's feast is a day on which we can focus on the full beauty of this great gift that we are given. May we always feel the gentle presence of Jesus, drawing us always into his company.

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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
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Rosary
churches**



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.

Twelve Apostles Church Repair Fund has recently paid in £500 to parish funds, this is the proceeds of The 200 Club, Easter and Christmas raffles and the wall safe. Many thanks to those who support us. Although we no longer have collections donations can still be put in the wall safe at the back of church. Once again many thanks.

The next 200 club draw will be on Wednesday 17th June and it will be 'a big one'.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Ellen Tollit, Brian Keavney

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

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

Today, 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 Jun 4

We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 2

The light of the Gospel guides all who put themselves at the service of the civilization of love.

Pope Francis @Pontifex May 30

Lord, grant us the awesome gift of meeting you.

"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 had 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.

IMPACT EVENING

All pupils in Years 7 to 13 at St Mary's Catholic High School are invited to attend St Ambrose Barlow church on Thursday 11th June at 6.00pm. There will be an hour of social time from 6.00 - 7.00pm with music, sports games and refreshments, followed by a prayer service in church from 7.00 - 7.30pm. If you need any further details, please contact Miss McLoughlin in school.

'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.

STRAWBERRY TEA

To help the Sacred Heart Sisters run the Redeemer Children's Home for orphans in Moyo, northern Uganda (a project of International Refugee Trust), you are invited to a Strawberry Cream Tea on Saturday, 20th June, 2.00 to 5.00pm, Bedford Methodist Church, Breaston Avenue, off Warrington Road, Leigh, WN7 3DJ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,994.29

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections this weekend will be on behalf of *Provision for Priests in Retirement*. This annual collection goes towards the cost of providing accommodation for those priests who retire at the age of 75. If you want to Gift Aid your offering and don't use offertory envelopes, there are some Gift Aid envelopes at the back of each church.

SICK

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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

1st - 8th FEBRUARY 2016

We have had a great deal of interest for this pilgrimage so we are finalising the details. Anyone interested is invited to attend a meeting at 8.00pm on Wednesday, June 10th at Saint Ambrose Barlow Hall. There will be a presentation by the Pilgrimage Tour Leader, Ann Tipper, and queries and questions will be answered. Please see the leaflet prepared outlining price, itinerary etc. We would like to secure the air seats before prices rise, so please bring your cheque books and passports with you if you want to book on the night! If you are interested, please contact Des on 07973 114365.

PLEASE WELCOME

... at Our Lady of the Rosary church, next Sunday 14th June, Fr Matthew Nunes of Widnes, who will be celebrating the 11.00am Mass.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR ALL AGES

Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June at Liverpool Hope University. With guest speakers Dana, Fr Pat Deegan, Frances Hogan, Fr Richard Reid, Sr Roseann Reddy and Dennis Wrigley. To book a place or for more information, contact Denise on 07543 800812 or visit www.northerncatholic.co.uk Archbishop Malcom McMahon will be celebrating Mass there on Saturday 13th June.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?



J&P Annual Assembly

Coffee and registration from 9.30am
Hot lunch provided

Saturday 20th June 2015 10am-4pm
LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA
Suggested donation £10

Opening prayer by Archbishop Malcom McMahon.
Scripture reflection by Fr Tom Cullinan.
Speakers include Paul Kyprianou, James Trewby and others.

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Contact: s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1080

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP

Information evenings: Monday 15th June, 7.30 - 9.00pm at Saint Marie's, Standish WN6 0TB; Wednesday 1st July, 7.30 - 9.00pm at Liverpool Hope University L16 9JD. Further information from:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Diploma

Green River Band:

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

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

Tickets are £10 per adult or £5 for a child. Refreshments will be available.

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 6 June

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

Mon 8 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 10, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Billy Moran (LD)
StJ 10.30am REQUIEM MASS Mary Taylor

Tue 9 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Maurice Flanagan LD

Wed 10 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Pauline Reynolds (RIP)
SH NO MASS

Thu 11 June

Memorial of Saint Barnabas

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Vincent Harrison (Birthday Memorial)
SH NO MASS

Fri 12 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL NO MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Gladys Todd

Sat 13 June

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

StJ 10.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 11.00am MASS Alf Case (RIP)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Dennis Lalley LD

Sun 14 June

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Mary Leyden
SH 9.30am MASS B & S Fletcher
StJ 10.30am MASS Special Intention
OL 11.00am MASS John Flynn (Anniv)
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 29th May the numbers drawn were 10, 19, 20. ONE LUCKY WINNER of £570! This week's estimated jackpot was £60.

**Our Lady's 500 Club
Bonus Ball**

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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