

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

14 JUNE 2015



Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the first parable of today's Gospel Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to what happens when seed is sown by a farmer. Once the seed is sown, the farmer waits for harvest time. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot improve the crop by staying awake at night and worrying. The seed is nurtured in its own silence. The harvest will not be rushed, just as the Kingdom of God will not be rushed, especially by those restless for instant results. Just as the harvest arrives in its own time, so the Kingdom will reach its completion in God's appointed time. It is God's Kingdom, not ours.

In the second parable Jesus compares God's Kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into the largest shrub of all, so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade. In the ancient world the size of a mustard seed was a byword for the smallest and most insignificant thing anyone could imagine. In Jesus' parable the contrast is made between the smallness of the seed and the exuberance of its growth. Unremarkable beginnings can make for mighty achievements. In Jesus' teaching, the Kingdom of God is open to all people. The greatness of the Kingdom, which grows from such a small beginning, is for the benefit of everyone and is not exclusive to a certain few.

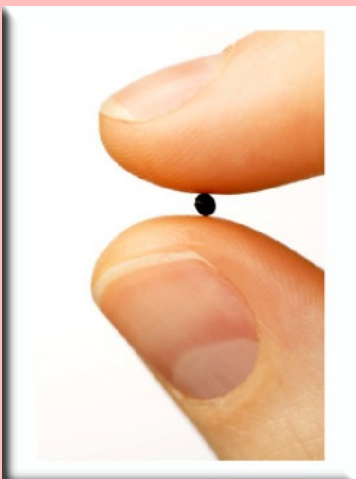
When we think of the small beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee to the spreading of his message throughout the world, we can appreciate the amazing growth that has taken place in history. The seed which Jesus planted has indeed grown. From small beginnings – Jesus' preaching, his care for the afflicted, his quiet transformations, his unusual company of followers – there did indeed arise the greatness of the Kingdom of God.

God's work still continues today, not only in the Christian churches but in people and in places unknown and unrecognised by us. At the heart of the familiar God works in so many ways. His Kingdom grows of its own accord. How, we do not know. But we are part of this task of spreading the Good News about God's Kingdom, a Kingdom we will share in one day because of the faith we hold onto together.

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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

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.

The next 200 club draw will be on Wednesday 17th June and it will be 'a big one'. Twelve Apostles are looking for a few volunteers to help with gardening around the church grounds. If you can help please see Fr Kieran or Jack Kelly at the back of church. Remember 'many hands make light work' thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Baker, Alf Case, Alicia Cox (nee Porter), Frank Evens, Tom Gibbon, Glynis & Philip Hindley, Margaret Hughes, Brian Keavney, Elsie Kelleher, Peter & Vincent Lythgoe, Terry Malley, Kath Sales, Betty Sroka, Ken Sroka, Mary Taylor, Ellen Tollit, Edward Unsworth, Christopher Yates, Private Intention, Sick person, Sick Person (ET), Special Intention, Successful Operation,

WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting of the Women's Sodality will be on Tuesday, 16th June at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

GARDENING DAY

Thank you to all those who came to the Gardening Day, your efforts are appreciated and the gardens are looking lovely. Thank you also to Robert, who tends the grounds every week.

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

Anyone willing to help with the garden at Our Lady's, please give your name into Father. We are having a cake sale on 28th June, any donations of cakes will be appreciated.

PLEASE WELCOME

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

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.

LIVING THEOLOGY 2015

Understanding your everyday beliefs

A summer school on the Christian faith, 10th to 12th July at Hope University Creative Campus L3 8DR. See brochure at the back of churches for programme & courses, or contact SFX Parish on 0151 298 1911 or email d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 11

Where there is no work, there is no dignity.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 9

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist we find God who gives himself.

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.

"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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COFFEE MORNING

Thank you so much to all who supported the charity effort for the International Refugee Trust, to those who donated Raffle and Tombola prizes or by attending on the day. The excellent total raised was £260, all thanks to your generosity. All 20 Raffle Prizes have been claimed and a list of Numbers is displayed at the back of church. Our project is the Redeemer Children's Home in Uganda.

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.

'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 have decided to hold the event at Saint Ambrose Barlow once again this year as it has proved very successful there in recent years. It would be good to have it in other churches in the future. We will begin planning meetings very soon and perhaps then we could look at future years and possible venues. The day will take place on Friday July 24th. More details soon.

The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage itself takes place between July 24th - 31st and, if you would like to go, since there may still be one or two places left, you would need to contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Association Team on 0151 727 4000 or email lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk

FR DAVID GAMBLE

Many parishioners from St Joseph's may well remember Father David Gamble. Fr David arrived at St Joseph's in 1990. Next month he celebrates his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. Last weekend Fr Paul met Fr David who said that anyone from St Joseph's and beyond would be most welcome to attend the celebration of his Silver Jubilee. This takes place on Tuesday July 21st at 7.00pm in The Church of the Holy Family, Ince Blundell, Liverpool. If you would like to go please contact Mrs A. Baybut at Our Lady Of Victories on 0151 929 2149 or a.baybut2149@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,875.39
Priests in Retirement £1,655.96

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

SICK

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish community through baptism to:
Jennifer Jayne Wilford, Leo Riiven Marsh Midgley,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Baker, Margaret Hughes, Ellen Tollit, Antonia Urbarni
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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 Malcolm McMahon.
Scripture reflection by Fr Tom Cullinan.
Speakers include Paul Kyprianos, James Trewby and others.

SEE • JUDGE • ACT

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

CINEWORLD LIVE SCREENINGS

There are a number of good looking Live Screenings coming up at Cineworld in Leigh. It has been great in the past to meet up with other parishioners to watch the screenings and perhaps have a drink together beforehand. The Live Screenings are usually live performances of theatre or opera or ballet. Here are a few taking pace over the next few months: RSC's Merchant Of Venice – 22nd July, RSC's Othello – 26th August, National Theatre's Hamlet – 15th October, and RSC's Henry V – 21st October.

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 Bar Tickets £7.50

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



CAFOD
just one world

Climate Change Lobby of Parliament Wednesday 17th June

If you would like to join CAFOD in London to lobby Parliament next week, you can sign up on their web site www.cafod.org.uk/campaign
For those who are not able to go, CAFOD ask that we join them in their prayer for creation.

*God of all,
we give you thanks for the song of the bird,
the blossoming of the trees,
your holy people.
all Your creatures are made with love.
We praise You for the gift of creation.*

*Lord Your glory shines through all the earth,
inspire us to act as co-creators
and care for all You have made.
May we cherish the gift of creation.*

*We come together as one family
and in a resounding song of joy,
we speak up for the gift of creation.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

@Rachel McCarthy /CAFOD

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 13 June

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

Mon 15 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 11, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Successful Operation

StJ 2.15pm FUNERAL SERVICE Michael Baker

Tue 16 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

Wed 17 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Peter & Vincent Lythgoe

SH NO MASS

Thu 18 June

Memorial of Saint John Rigby, Martyr

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ NO MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS Kathleen & Philip McLoughlin

Fri 19 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

StJ 12.noon MASS Florence Evans

Sat 20 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00am MASS Special Intention (KJ)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Timothy Stott

Sun 21 June

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Ken Sroka

SH 9.30am MASS Gladys Todd

StJ 10.30am MASS Alf Case

OL 11.00am MASS Winifred Hogan (LD)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 5th June the numbers drawn were 11, 13, 18. NO winner of £58 This week's estimated jackpot was £120.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 459 M Moore, £5 No. 292 B & H Edwards, £3 384 E Nuttall, £2 001 D & M Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 6 D Vint

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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