

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES 28 JUNE 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Throughout the history of the Church, there have been many times when the message of the Gospel has faced opposition and the disciples of Jesus have been persecuted. In living memory we have experienced the oppression of Nazi and communist regimes, and the horrors of religious extremists even today. In the Western world, the greatest threat to the faith of Christians has been a world of plenty where faith in God is largely irrelevant for many people. The pursuit of pleasure seems to be the priority for so many and society is geared up to reward those who are successful.

As we celebrate the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul today, we must remember that they too faced similar questions to ourselves today. They faced worries, fears, persecution of a very violent kind. They almost gave up in their mission on a number of occasions. As we think about them today let us remember that, ultimately, they gave their lives for their faith in God and encouraged so many others to follow the Lord. This is our role today, to be St. Peter and St. Paul to others. To be like St. Peter, in the way we lead others closer to God and to be like St. Paul in the way we share the Gospel message.

Jesus' question to the disciples in today's Gospel is therefore just as important to us today as it was for them. "Who do you say the Son of Man is?" Our answer to this question is more than a simple formula or a theological notion. It is a commitment to the person and the mission of Jesus. If we can say that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, it is because, like Peter, this insight is given to us by God as the foundation for a life of faith. Like Peter and the rest of the disciples, we are called to follow Jesus, to listen to him, to watch him, to stay with him through his passion and death. We are called to receive the Holy Spirit and his many gifts and go with the disciples to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel of life, the victory of Jesus over death.

Our destiny as human beings, today's disciples of Jesus, is to share in the eternal life of God's Kingdom. Death, the gates of the underworld, and any of today's earthly powers for that matter, cannot hold out against this great message of hope.

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PASTORAL AREA**  
[www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk](http://www.leighpastoralarea.co.uk)

**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. 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. The Wednesday Bingo is having a break for the Summer, it will recommence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Marie Corner, Fr Dave Heywood, Stephen Hindley, Annie Leather, Anne Marsh, Tom Ramsdale, Special Intention

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS

The rotas are now ready for collection from the Sacristy

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All singers & musicians very welcome.

#### COLLECTORS

The gentlemen that take the baskets round during the collection are in need of more help, especially at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like to help, please have a word with one of them or ring the parish office. Thank you.

### 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 in to Father.

### FRIDAY MORNING MASS

During the months of July, August and September the 10.00am Mass on Fridays at Our Lady of the Rosary will alternate with Twelve Apostles. The Friday Mass at OLR will be on the first and third weeks of the month and the second and fourth weeks will be at Twelve Apostles. When either Fr. Kieran or Fr. Colin are away these masses will be cancelled so that Mass can be celebrated at one of the central churches in Leigh (St Joseph's or Sacred Heart).

### CAKE SALE

We are having a cake sale today, 28<sup>th</sup> June, any donations of cakes will be appreciated, we also need help on the day. Thank you.

### 'WITH YOU ALWAYS' SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2015-16

If your child will be in Year 4 next September (currently in Year 3) and will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year (2016), enrolment forms will be available at either the 5.30pm Mass at Twelve Apostles, the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, 11.00am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary or the 8.30 or 10.30am Masses at St Joseph's. The forms will be available over the weekends; 11/12 and

18/19 July. If your child has not been baptised, please speak to Fr. Kieran or Fr Colin



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 25

In Confession, Jesus welcomes us with all our sinfulness, to give us a new heart, capable of loving as he loves.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 23

God's love is free. He asks for nothing in return; all he wants is for his love to be accepted.

### ENCYCLICAL - LAUDATO SI'

#### *On the Care for our Common Home*

On Thursday, 18 June, Pope Francis released his much anticipated Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* on the environment and human ecology. Pope Francis challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. It's not just an "environment encyclical", it leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and the values at the heart of social life: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us?" You can read and download the encyclical and/or a summary of the encyclical at [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk)

### "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)

### '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.

**The first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at St Ambrose Barlow at 7.00pm. All welcome.**

The day will take place on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have an early morning Mass at 8.00am, Mass of Anointing at 12.00noon, then Holy Hour at 7.00pm.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:a.baybut2149@gmail.com)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,644.31

This weekend the retiring collection will be for Peter's Pence.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

## SICK

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

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish community through baptism to:  
Damien Chey Junior Pasquill, Gracie Louise Stones

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathi Pyzynski, Rosemary Walsh, Catherine Arkwright

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

1-8 February 2016

We now have 35 people booked on this pilgrimage. Spaces are still available but the airfare has increased as predicted. The price based on shared accommodation is £748 PLUS the airfare (approx £300) Please see the leaflet outlining itinerary etc. If you are interested, please contact Des on 07973 114365 asap.

## DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP

Information evening: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30 - 9.00pm at Liverpool Hope University L16 9JD. Further information from:  
[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Diploma](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Diploma)

## A BENEDICTINE LIVING EXPERIENCE



In this year dedicated to Consecrated Life, we offer a short experience of Benedictine Life on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, 10.30am - 4.00pm, as lived in our Benedictine Parish of St Mary's, Broadfield Drive, Leyland PR25 1PD.

Timetable:

10.30	Gather Coffee & Tea
11.00	Mid-morning Prayer together
11.20	The Benedictine Way in the life of the Church for the World today
11.50	Workshops
12.45	Lunch: please bring your own to eat or to share with others (coffee & tea provided)
14.00	The Specific Charism of Benedict for Church and World
14.30	Workshops continued
15.00	Sung Vespers followed by tea/coffee
16.00	Depart

There is no cost for the day. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Further details from 01772 455955 or email: [Jonathancotton43@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathancotton43@gmail.com)

## LIVING THEOLOGY 2015

### *Understanding your everyday beliefs*

A summer school on the Christian faith, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com)

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**After the 10.30am Mass**

**Refreshments, Tombolas, Games and much more.**

**Come along and enjoy the fun!**

**Our usual Coffee Morning will be cancelled on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please go along to school for tea coffee etc. and give your support.**

## Irish Night

Featuring

**Pat Jordan**

**& Finian's Rainbow**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July, RSC's Othello – 26<sup>th</sup> August, National Theatre's Hamlet – 15<sup>th</sup> October, and RSC's Henry V – 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Chief Celebrant Bishop Peter Doyle  
A Day of Faith & Fun for all the Family

For more information visit  
[www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

## 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 27 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Bill Southern LD

### Sun 28 June

#### SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am MASS Joe Ratcliffe RIP  
SH 9.30am MASS Bert Minister (Anniv.)  
StJ 10.30am MASS Alf Case RIP  
OL 11.00am MASS Special Intention (JC)  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

### Mon 29 June

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 13, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Special Intention

### Tue 30 June

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Rosemary Walsh

### Wed 1 July

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Joyce Gibbons RIP  
SH 7.00pm MASS James Frampton

### Thu 2 July

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Eva McHugh (Anniv.)  
SH 12.00noon MASS Samuel Heaton

### Fri 3 July

#### FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
OL 10.00am MASS Moss Bank Ct Special Intention (sick)  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Thomas Farrington (Anniv.)

### Sat 4 July

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
SH 12.00noon MASS Theresa & John Ryder  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Stout LD

### Sun 5 July

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Ellen Squires (Anniv.)  
SH 9.30am MASS Robert & Agnes Kedward  
StJ 10.30am MASS Christine Wakefield RIP  
OL 11.00am MASS Cath and Roy Elliss 70th Wedding Anniversary  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 19<sup>th</sup> June the numbers drawn were 1, 18, 23. NO winner of £176 This week's estimated jackpot was £230.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 197 E Nuttall, £5 No. 256 M Smith, £3 No. 228 A Simpson, £2 No. 206 B Ryan

**Bonus Ball** No. 27 D Quinn

### 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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