

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 5 JULY 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel today Jesus goes back to his home town of Nazareth. He preaches in the local synagogue and the people are amazed by what they hear. "Where did he get all this wisdom from?" Through his teaching and his miracles Jesus challenges their understanding of what a Jewish Messiah should be. The people become angry that he has disturbed their domestic idea of God and of themselves. "Who does he think he is? He is the carpenter. After all, he has grown up with us and we know his family." And they shut their minds and hearts to him.

Jesus should not have been too surprised by their reaction, for he knew that this is what happened to prophets like Ezekiel and Jeremiah throughout Jewish history. The prophets challenged the status quo and so the saying grew: "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his relations and in his own house." Who are prophets? They are the ones who offer a different vision of our society, a vision sanctioned by the word they receive from God. But the prophets who have the courage to speak the words God wants his people to hear often have to pay the price for doing so.

The prophetic vocation is an important part of our Christian faith. How else can the Lord warn his people of their failures to keep his covenant of justice? But such a calling often results in the suffering or even the death of the prophet and that is why many of us feel rather uneasy about these disturbing voices. We wish that they would go away, although we know in our hearts that they are speaking the truth. We can recognize at a safe distance the courage of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, meeting his death by a hired assassin because he spoke out on behalf of the poor people of his country. But when it comes closer to home, we feel nervous, or perhaps uncomfortable, by the message of today's prophets, whoever they may be.

There are times in the world, in the Church, in our country, or even in more domestic situations, when we know something should be done about any given situation. Do we have the courage to be even a little bit prophetic over some issue of justice or peace, or do we leave it to others? God calls us to be prophets today. Let us pray for the grace and the strength to do this and speak out for God's Word and the people he loves.

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**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. Twelve Apostles Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior section are holding a **Summer Fair this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** from 1.30pm with Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy, Fr Kieran in the 'Stocks', and much more, food and drinks will be served and the Bar will also be open, everyone welcome.

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Tony Broster, Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Terry Fallon, James & Ann Marsh, Michael Mullowney, John Topping, Rosemary Walsh, Fr Terence Walsh & deceased Family, Successful Operation,

#### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

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

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISTS

For the last couple of weeks we have not had a Little Church, because there are not enough catechists. If you have young children and are taking them into Little Church, why not consider becoming a catechist, you will be given a lot of help and support and it can be a very rewarding role. Even if you do not have children going to Little Church you could still become a catechist. The more people we have the better. If you feel you could help or just want more information, please speak to Fr Colin or one of the catechists.

### 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.

#### CAKE SALE

Many thanks to all who made cakes and donated them and everyone who bought them. We raised £182.50.

#### 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 Friday of the month and the second and fourth Friday will be at Twelve Apostles (fifth Friday in July). 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).

### '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 Jul 2

A great challenge: stop ruining the garden which God has entrusted to us so that all may enjoy it.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 30

How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which saves us and gives meaning to our lives!

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 27

The Church is a mother with an open heart, ready to help all people, especially those who try the hardest.

### "CELEBRATE THE CHILD"

Annual Celebration Mass for Children at St Mary's Lowe House, Crab Street, St Helens WA10 2BE, today, 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.

### 'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at St Ambrose Barlow

8.00am Mass (followed by breakfast)

9.15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11.15 am)

12.00noon Mass of Anointing of the Sick (followed by Lunch)

7.30pm Procession and Marian Celebration (followed by refreshments)

Please add your name to the SIGN-UP list at the back of church for catering purposes.

We would be grateful if Eucharistic Ministers, SVP Visitors and others who visit those who are sick and housebound, could extend an invitation to those they visit and sign the sheet at the back of church on their behalf.

We need lots of helpers:

a) on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm - to prepare the grounds, erect the tents and help with flower arranging.

b) on the day itself - to serve refreshments, direct cars, assist those in wheelchairs, etc.

Please sign up if you can help.

Finally, if you would like a petition placed in the Grotto at Lourdes, please bring them along on the day (but do not include any money!)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,231.92

Peter's Pence. £ 315.18

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

## COLUMBAN MISSIONARY APPEAL

Today we welcome Fr Tom and Fr John from the Missionary Society of St Columban. Please give as generously as you can.

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The Sea Sunday collection will be taken next Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>. The collection supports the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, which through the ecumenical partnership of the Liverpool Seafarers' Centre, offers pastoral care, practical help and hospitality to seafarers whilst they are in the Mersey Ports. Around 95% of all our goods, (fuel, white goods, food etc), arrives by ship. We are highly dependent upon seafarers but they are largely invisible to us: they come from the developing countries and spend up to nine months at sea away from their families and friends.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

John Malcolm Wood

## 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:  
Olivia - Lee Gillard, Seth Matthew Speight, Jake Neil Atkinson.

## MISSIO

I (Archbishop Malcolm) have received a letter from Mgr. Canon James Cronin, the national director of Missio (APF and Mill Hill Missionaries), to thank us for the support we have given to the overseas missions of the Church during the past year. In 2014 a total of £362,119 was raised in the archdiocese. He wished to convey his thanks not only to the people for their generosity, but also to the local secretaries for their hard work, and parish priests for their support and co-operation.

## SPECIAL HOLY HOUR

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference will meet in Birmingham bringing together over 800 people from across our countries. Our Holy Hour on Saturday morning at Our Lady of the Rosary will focus on offering our prayer for the success of the conference, to pray for the building of missionary parishes and to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Our Holy Hour will be one of many that will be taking place over both countries at various times of the day. Please come along to this special Holy Hour so that we can offer our prayer for this significant event and that the National Conference will bear much fruit.

## 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)

## JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place at Holy Family on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 7.45pm (after Mass). Please come to learn about some of the many Justice and Peace issues.

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



**Today, 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 has been cancelled today. 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

## REDEEMER CHILDREN'S HOME

To help the Sacred Heart Sisters run the Redeemer Children's Home for orphans in Moyo, Uganda (a project of International Refugee Trust), you are invited to a Charity Evening on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Centre, Leigh. Bring & Buy, Raffle, Tombola and various stalls including home-made. Something for everyone. Ticket £1, including refreshments, available from Mary 675721 & Vera 01925 764291 (St Joseph's), Kathleen 07845 620114 (Our Lady's), Susan 512567 (12 Apostles), Julia 676962 (Sacred Heart), who will be pleased to receive donations, prizes and/or gifts for the stalls. Cheques payable to "International Refugee Trust". Bedford Methodist's Strawberry Tea on 20<sup>th</sup> June raised £440 for this project. God bless all those who supported.

## 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. The Live Screenings are usually live performances of theatre or opera or ballet. Here are a few taking place 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.

## 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 4 July

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 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

### Mon 6 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 14, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Terry Malley

### Tue 7 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS James Mannion (Anniv.)

### Wed 8 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Tom Gibbon (Birthday Memorial)  
StJ 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE John Malcolm Wood  
SH 7.00pm MASS Steven Naylor

### Thu 9 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS John Donoue (Anni)  
SH **NO MASS**

### Fri 10 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 10.00am MASS Ann Turnock LD  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Ashton Family

### Sat 11 July

#### FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
OL 12.00noon MASS Fred Kay  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

### Sun 12 July

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Sick Person  
SH 9.30am MASS Speedy recovery - Elizabeth  
StJ 10.30am MASS Moylan Family  
OL 11.00am MASS Jack Joe Hall  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 26<sup>th</sup> June the numbers drawn were 9, 10, 21. NO winner of £236 This week's estimated jackpot was £300.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £50 No. 260 J Ramsdale, £10 No. 388 J Causby, £5 No. 097 A Unsworth, £3 No. 246 N Flynn, £2 No. 320 M Flannery

**Bonus Ball** No. 22 Mrs K Jones

### 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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