

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 12 JULY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel story of Jesus sending his disciples out on a mission, Mark tells us that the one thing they were allowed to take with them was a staff for the journey, nothing else. The disciples were not going on holiday. They did not need to pack anything. In fact, all they needed was the assurance of Jesus and the power that he gave them to teach and to heal. Everything they needed would be provided by the people they visited – shelter, a place to sleep, food to eat. The mission that Jesus sent them on was the extension of his own life and mission. Their purpose was to save and bring hope to those who were lost.

In the Gospel Jesus summons the disciples and sends them out on a missionary tour. Like the prophet Amos in today's First Reading, the chosen followers of Jesus have to carry the Word of God as a challenge to others. In this mission the disciples have the authority and power of Jesus. They have to rely on it completely. They are not to rely on their own resources but upon the resourcefulness of God and the generosity of the people they are called to serve. If they are not accepted then they have no option but to move on. And when a town rejects their message, the disciples are told to shake the dust from their feet, a symbolic act undertaken by strict Jews returning to Palestine after journeying abroad.

Both the prophets and the disciples have to rely on the authority and power given to them. In taking to the road, they will test their message on foreign soil, they will see if their conviction can pass beyond the boundaries of national differences and personal indifference, they will discover if their vocation can survive the official stamp of disapproval. For it is not only the message that is being tested, it is also the messenger. This process continues every day – whenever someone preaches God's Word, every time a Christian goes public on the values of the Gospel, when someone takes a stand for Justice and Peace then the message of God is spread throughout the world. It is our task to do this today.



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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. 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 2nd September.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Anne Barnes, Alfred Brown, Paul Highton, Sarah (Sally) McLachlan, Stephen Sarsfield, Athanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Our Lady of Lourdes, Thanksgiving to St Anthony.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 14th July at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is back at it's usual time and place. Come along after Mass for a chat in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

RED MISSION BOXES

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

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.

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 4

That which gives us true freedom and true happiness is the compassionate love of Christ.

'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

Friday 24th 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 23rd 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!)

DEPARTURE MASS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 19th July 2015 at 3.00pm, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. All welcome.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Could you find time to share an hour of prayer with the Padre Pio Prayer Group? We pray together every Thursday evening at 7pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church.

"Community prayer is a powerful weapon in the hands of the Church and the faithful, if more souls unite together in prayer, they form a formidable power". (St Pio of Pietrelcina)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,825.20
Columbans	£1,052.26

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The Sea Sunday collection will be taken today Sunday July 12th. 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

Jean Caufield, John Bernard Pendlebury, Elizabeth Tickle, Elizabeth Landers.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

SICK

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish community through baptism to:
George Thomas Grundy, Luna Marie Ridley,

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

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

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

REDEEMER CHILDREN'S HOME

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 Charity Evening on Friday, 7th August, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Centre, Leigh. Extra parking next door at Crown House. Adrian Hatch, chief executive of International Refugee Trust, will give a presentation. 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

07845620114 (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".

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 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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Brass Band Concert

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Featuring

CHAT BRASS

Sunday 30th July 2.30pm - 4.30pm

An afternoon of
Informal light music

Bar Refreshments

Admission £5 pay on the door

All proceeds to the upkeep of
St Joseph's Hall

"Chat Brass have no set musical philosophy or pre-determined musical genre. We are brass musicians of various capabilities and backgrounds who are motivated by a desire to make music and enjoy the experience."

St Richard's Parish Centre

CHARITY CONCERT GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Saturday 1st August 7.30pm

Featuring

Rock & Roll Band

REUNION

Tickets £5

available from the

Parish Centre 01942 882125

Late Bar

PENSIONERS LINK

Afternoon At The Proms

Featuring

Silhouette

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh

Friday 18th September

Lunch served 12.45pm, Bar service

Tickets £6.50 from Pensioners Link 261753

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 11 July

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

Mon 13 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 15, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Keith Turner

Tue 14 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Ellen Tollit LD
SH 6.00pm MASS School Staff leaving

Wed 15 July

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Jean Caufield
SH 4.00pm MASS School leavers Y6
SH 7.00pm MASS Peter Burniston LD

Thu 16 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 9.00am MASS School leavers Y6
StJ 9.00am MASS Michael Baker RIP
SH 12.00noon MASS Stephen Sarsfield LD

Fri 17 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS John Pendlebury
OL 2.00pm FUNERAL MASS Elizabeth Tickle

Sat 18 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Cooper & Parry Families
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

Sun 19 July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Elsie Kelleher (anni)
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StJ 10.30am MASS John Topping (anni)
OL 11.00am MASS Joan Stevens (LD)
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 3rd July the numbers drawn were 2, 9, 24. NO winner of £280 This week's estimated jackpot was £330.

Our Lady's 500 Club £

Bonus Ball No.

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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