

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 19 JULY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

One of the loveliest images we have of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. We owe this image to Jesus himself. He said, "I am the Good Shepherd" as he called us to listen to his voice and follow him. Such words are wonderful and can offer us great comfort. However, like any words or sentiments, they are mere words and count for nothing if they are not followed up by actions. If words about caring are to have any value, then they must be translated into deeds. It is deeds that count. And deeds can be costly, sometimes very costly. And Jesus did translate the wonderful words from today's Gospel into deeds. He showed that he really did care about people. Every page in the Gospel proves this. He cared so much that he gave his life for his lost sheep. As he himself said, "A person can have no greater love than to lay down their life for their friends."

We hear a fine example of the caring side of Jesus in today's Gospel. Firstly, we see how much he cares for his disciples. They had just returned from their first mission. They needed a rest so he decided to take them off to a quiet place. Carers need to be cared for too.

Secondly we see how much he cares for the people. Instead of sending them away from this remote place where he wanted to be alone, he cared for them and spoke to them because he noticed that they were like "sheep without a shepherd".

Caring is at the heart of the Gospel. All of us are capable of caring in some way. Caring means being willing to put ourselves out to help others. It calls for awareness, sensitivity and unselfishness. Deeds of caring don't have to be big or extraordinary. Small acts of caring are important too. They may not be much but they can make a difference to how a person feels at any given time.

The need for caring people is very great. Many people in our world are like sheep without a shepherd. So how are we at being shepherds of God's people? Do we ever try to lead others closer to God by the way we love and care for them? For, when we do care, we are living out the Gospel of the Lord.

**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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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 Wednesday Bingo is having a break for the Summer, it will recommence on Wednesday 2nd September. The next 200 Club Draw will take place after Mass next Saturday 25th July, you can pay either Jane Lovett or Therese Thompson,

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Barbara Cooke, Teresa Cooney, Deceased Members of the Harrison Family, Albert Hollingshead, Terry Malley, Elizabeth Landers, John Pendlebury, Michael & Joan Towey, Special Intention - sick person, Thanksgiving YankeyFamily.

COFFEE MORNING

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.

COLLECTORS

If you feel you would be able to help to take the basket round at the collection, please speak to Fr Colin or one of the collectors. We especially need help at the 10.30am Mass. Thank you.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Mothers Prayers will be on Tuesday 21st July 7.30pm at St Joseph's.

All mothers and grandmothers very welcome.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISTS

For the last few 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

WEEKLY LOTTERY

From the accumulated surplus of the lottery since January and according to its rules two cheques have been presented, one to Sacred Heart school and the other to St Edmund Arrowsmith parish, each in the amount of £1,000. By the same rules, £2,000 in winners' prizes has been shared during the same period. Thank you to those who buy tickets every week, those who take tickets to sell to others as well as school staff and the team who count the cash and search the tickets for winning entries. If you haven't taken part yet, and if you can afford it, you are very welcome to pick up a ticket at the back of church. ONLY 50p! Pick three numbers from only 30 (and one less every week).

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after Mass today. All proceeds to The Redeemer Children's Home for orphans in Moyo Northern Uganda, a project of International Refugee Trust.

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 because of the 'Lourdes at Home' day this week). When either Fr. Kieran or Fr. Colin is 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 15

Now is the time for a change in mindset and to stop pretending that our actions do not affect those who suffer from hunger.

'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 still need more helpers:** a) on Thursday 23rd July at 6.30pm for about an hour- to prepare the grounds, erect the tents and put out chairs. b) on the day itself - to serve refreshments, direct cars, assist those in wheelchairs, etc. Please sign up if you can help. 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!) Finally, you will find a **Novena of Prayer** at the back of church for use during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (24th - 31st July).

DEPARTURE MASS - 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 7.00pm 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 £1,454.46
Apostleship of the Sea £ 416.11

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The Second Collection next weekend will go to support The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

NEXT SUNDAY IS 'DAY FOR LIFE'

– the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life and praying for the protection of human life. This year we look at how to cherish life while we can and accept death when it comes. Please see the dedicated website: www.dayforlife.org

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Cooke, Maureen Henrys, Elaine Molyneux.
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:
Connor James Fish, Dahlia Maria Ganley, Olivia Mae Mather

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The meeting at Holy Family planned for Wednesday, 22nd July has had to be postponed. Rescheduled date to follow.

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 place 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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

An Introduction to the Gospel according to Luke

Fr Adrian Graffy, a scripture scholar, author and parish priest in the Diocese of Brentwood will lead this day for readers, members of bible study groups and anyone interested in Scripture, 9.30am - 4.30pm Saturday 19th September at LACE, There will also be workshops by Fr Adrian, Fr Chris Thomas and Dr Marian Tolley. The cost of the day will be £15 including lunch. To book a place or find out more, contact formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As we did last year, we are proposing a slight change to the Mass schedule during the month of August because it is so difficult to get supply priests. This year, we plan to drop the **Sunday 6.30pm Mass at St Richard's** during the month of August. So the last Sunday 6.30pm Mass will be next weekend. The Mass will resume on Sunday 6th September.

PASTORAL AREA FEAST DAYS MASS

This year we will have our annual Feast Days Mass slightly later than usual. This is partly because our new priest, Fr Paul Grady, will only be joining us in the second week of September. We haven't as yet decided on a venue, but the Mass will take place on **Friday 11th September at 7.00pm**. More details soon.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Brass Band Concert

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh
Featuring

CHAT BRASS

Sunday 30th August 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, StAB = St Ambrose Barlow

Sat 18 July

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

Sun 19 July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS Elsie Kelleher (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS John Topping (anniv.)

OL 11.00am

MASS Joan Stevens (LD)

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Mon 20 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 16, Year I

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Helen Tullit RIP

Tue 21 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 7.00pm

MASS Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady and all Saints.

Wed 22 July

Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Veron Byrne RIP

SH 7.00pm

MASS Marian Higgins & Cathy Rigby

Thu 23 July

FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS PATRON OF EUROPE

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Mary Taylor RIP

SH 12.00noon

MASS Higgins family

12A 1.00pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Elaine Molyneux

Fri 24 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StAB 8.00am

MASS (First of 'Lourdes at Home' day)

StAB 9.15am

Exposition

StAB 12.00noon

MASS of Anointing of the Sick

StAB 7.30pm

Procession and Marian Celebration

StJ

NO MASS

12A

NO MASS

Sat 25 July

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS Ellen Tollit (LD)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Ann Mary Wilson

Sun 26 July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Day for Life

StJ 8.30am

MASS Kath Sales

SH 9.30am

MASS Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for prayers answered

StJ 10.30am

MASS Edward Unsworth

OL 11.00am

MASS Special Intention

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Sacred Heart Lottery On 10th July the numbers drawn were 10, 12, 14. TWO lucky winners shared £360. This week's estimated jackpot was £60.

Our Lady's 500 Club 5th July £10 No. 070 G Nightingale, £5 No. 331 M Roach, £3 445 T Jones, £2 No. 173 B Ryan

Bonus Ball No. 3 N Flynn

Our Lady's 500 Club 12th July £ 10 No. 046 B Woods, £5 No. 253 N Flynn, £3 No. 373 A Greeno

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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