

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 26 JULY 2015



Responsorial Psalm

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A great crowd follows Jesus and his disciples to a hillside, close by the Sea of Galilee. Among the great crowd is a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish. We do not even know his name, yet the little boy represents all those to whom Jesus has been sent to give the Good News for, in giving loaves to Jesus, he is offering him barley, the food of those who are poor. From this small amount of food Jesus provides for the needs of as many as 5000 men, not counting the women and children. There is even food left over.

This wondrous event brings to mind today's First Reading in which Elisha multiplies the barley loaves. At a still deeper level it looks back to Mount Sinai and the covenant God made with his people through Moses, and forward to the new covenant that Jesus will make at the Last Supper before his journey to the Cross. The multiplication of the loaves and fishes stirs a belief in the people that Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses and a general desire to make him their king. But the enthusiasm is born of an earthly vision. They have not recognized the spiritual meaning of the miracle. Jesus' Kingdom is NOT of this world and so he withdraws into the solitude of the hills.

From time immemorial, people of religious faith have seen the hills and mountains as signifying the meeting of heaven and earth. In the scriptures, such meetings took a definitive form. At Mount Horeb, Moses received God's revelation from the middle of a burning bush. On Sinai he received the Ten Commandments from God. To Elijah at Mount Horeb, God was revealed not in a mighty wind, earthquake or fire, but in a gentle breeze.

Jesus went into the hills to pray. He fasted in a mountainous wilderness, was transfigured on a mountain and preached the Sermon on the Mount. When the small boy gave Jesus the loaves and the fishes, heaven and earth met on a mountainside. From his poverty the boy gave him all he had and Jesus transformed his offering beyond all understanding. Jesus said that unless we change and become like little children we shall never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The little boy shows us how to change so that we might live forever with the Lord on his holy mountain.

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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. 200 Club Draw will take place after Mass today. Twelve Apostles Club are organising an outing to see 'Cinderella' starring Torvill and Dean at The Opera House in Manchester on Wednesday 30th December, prices are £35 Adults; £25 Children including return coach travel to and from Twelve Apostles. £15 deposit, first come first served. Telephone Therese Thompson 01942 253507.

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Ronnie Brown, Betty Caine Bernadette Collier, Barbara Cooke, Frank Evans, Betty Kennedy, John Pendlebury, Ellen Tollitt,

WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting of the Women's Sodality will be held on Tuesday 28th July at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

The School Summer Fair raised £2,000. Thank you to all who supported us.

ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be held on Wednesday 29th July in the Side Hall at 7.00pm. Please note that the meeting is not in the presbytery this month.

COFFEE MORNING

Come along after Mass for a chat in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after Mass today.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. It was founded in Dublin, Ireland, as a Roman Catholic Marian Movement by layman Frank Duff. Today, between active and auxiliary (praying) members, there are over three million members worldwide making it the largest apostolic organisation of lay people in the Catholic Church. Members visit the sick and housebound to pray with them and offer companionship. The Legion of Mary meet every week at St Joseph's on Monday at 9.45am and at the Sacred Heart on Thursday at 10.30am



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 23

The one who helps the sick and needy touches the flesh of Christ, alive and present in our midst.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 21

The Church is called to be ever more attentive and caring toward the weak.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 17

When everything falls apart, only one thing sustains our hope: God loves us, he loves everyone!

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Could you find time to share an hour of prayer with the Padre Pio Prayer Group? We pray together every Tuesday 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)

'LOURDES AT HOME' DAY

Because of our printing deadline we cannot yet report on the success of this event but hopefully the predicted showers on Friday 24th will be light and infrequent and the sun not so unrelentingly hot as in recent years. Our parish and diocesan pilgrims will remain in Lourdes until Friday 31st so please continue to remember them daily in your prayers.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

St. Bernadette, pray for us.

PARISH TRIP TO STRATFORD

The trip to Stratford in October is more or less full – a couple of spare seats remain in case anyone chooses to come along with us nearer the time. The total cost for the trip is £10 for the coach and £16 for each of the theatre tickets (we did warn you that the tickets are "Restricted View" because of the high demand for RSC tickets!). So could you please get the money to Fr Paul as soon as you can. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to the Parish Account, "Saint Margaret Clitherow", which means the total cost is £26 for those going to the theatre and £10 each for those who are joining us just for the day in Stratford.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Building Surveyor

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a qualified and experienced Building Surveyor. Salary: £32,000 - £36,000 subject to qualification, skills and experience. 35 hours per week (Mon-Fri 9.00am to 5.00pm).

Closing date for applications: Friday 7th August 2015. For further information and application pack, please email recruitment@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,436.53

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

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

TODAY 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, Ronald James Brown, Catherine Trundle.
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.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Terri-Louise Stephens and Conor Steven Saunders who were married at Sacred Heart last Saturday.

Congratulations also to Amber Ashira Hodgson and Philip Robert Cunliffe who were married at Sacred Heart on Friday.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish community through baptism to:
Betsy Lily Peg Taylor & Edward Bear Hopwood.

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 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 today (26th July). The Mass will resume on Sunday 6th September.

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

COME & SEE 2015

... with Sr Helen Prejean whose story was told in the film 'Dead Man Walking'. If you haven't booked for this year's Come & See Conference don't hesitate. The input is always challenging and encouraging, the workshops are lively and engaging. The music and liturgy are always moving and inspiring. This year's conference will be held at Christ the King High School, Southport, on 3rd and 4th October. For further details, please contact the Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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 25 July

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

Mon 27 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 17, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Barbara Cooke
StJ 1.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Ronald James Brown

Tue 28 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention Mary Ellis

Wed 29 July

Memorial of Saint Martha

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Stephen Hindley RIP
SH 7.00pm MASS James Mannion (Anniv.)

Thu 30 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Audrey Ashurst, John Smith & Roy Parr
SH 12.00noon MASS Larry Bourke LD

Fri 31 July

Memorial of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Ann Turnock LD
StJ 12.00noon MASS Tom & Betty Kenedy

Sat 1 August

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
SH 12.00noon MASS Rosemary Walsh LD
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 2 August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Betty Sroka RIP
SH 9.30am MASS Betty Landers (Birthday memorial)
StJ 10.30am MASS Fr Terry Walsh & Deceased Family
OL 11.00am MASS Elizabeth Landers (LD)
StR 6.30pm **NO MASS**

Sacred Heart Lottery On 17th July the numbers drawn were 2, 10, 29. NO winner of £50. This week's estimated jackpot was £100.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 191 M Collins, £5 No. 220 R Ellis, £3 No. 386 J Waterfield, £2 No. 097 A Unsworth
Bonus Ball 35

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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