

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 2 AUGUST 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Like last week's Gospel; we hear the story of another crowd following Jesus in the hope of food in today's Gospel Reading from John. This time, it is the crowd of Galileans who, on the previous day, ate to their heart's content when Jesus offered them a meal of barley loaves. Now they follow Jesus to Capernaum, his base on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The crowd is hungry again.

Jesus tells them that they are only following him because they have enjoyed the food that physically satisfied them. They should work, he says, for the food that endures to eternal life. The one thing which earns this food is a belief in the one God has sent. The Galileans promptly ask Jesus for a sign to help their belief in him – a sign like the manna their fathers ate in the desert, which we hear about in today's First Reading. When Jesus points out that it was God, not Moses, who supplied the manna from Heaven, he compares himself to the God who now gives bread from Heaven. Jesus declares that he himself is the Bread of Life, the bread that has come down from Heaven. Whoever believes in him will never be hungry.

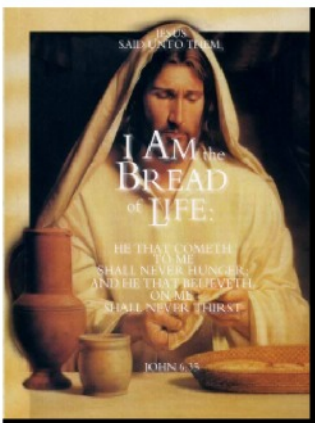
The promise that Jesus held out to the Galileans is one that is given to us today. It is a promise fulfilled in the Eucharist that we celebrate each week. If there is one thing we all share in at this celebration, it is the same hunger. We hunger for a love that does not disappoint; we hunger for a word that does not fade away; we hunger for bread that does not fail to satisfy. In the Eucharist the love of a tender God is offered to us in word and sacrament. The Vatican Council emphasized this great truth when it declared that the Church "never ceases to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ."

In this gathering, in each church, we are nourished by God's Word and by the Bread of Life. The word spoken is opened up to us. The bread offered is broken for us to share. So we gather in the Eucharist because the food that physically satisfies us in life is not enough. There will be times when we wish we were elsewhere, times when what happens at church will leave us untouched, times when we will be distracted by a litany of worries that refuse to go away. No matter. Sometimes we have to be content with the act of faith that brings us here, a public admission of our need of God and each other. In coming here we acknowledge that we cannot fall back on our own resources. We need Jesus, the Bread of Life, to sustain us. Staying hungry for this bread means we do indeed long for the food that lasts forever.

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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. 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

Ellen Moylan, Betty Stroka, Special Intention

LITTLE CHURCH

During the school Summer holidays, Little Church will be cancelled. The next Little Church will be on Sunday 30th August.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

There will be a meeting of Mother's Prayers on Tuesday 4th August at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Robert Davies for his continued work on the garden at St Joseph's. Keep up the good work!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee after Mass today, everyone welcome.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who have come along to help with the church gardens.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary who have been keeping the garden tidy. It is looking lovely!

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 30

The most powerful witness to marriage is the exemplary lives of Christian spouses.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 28

Dear young friends, do not be afraid of marriage: Christ accompanies with his grace all spouses who remain united to him.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 25

Christian witness is concrete: words without actions are empty.

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, with Exposition on alternate weeks.

St Pio Day Sunday 20th September at Pantasaph with short visit to Holywell. For details or to book a place contact Pat Close on 01942 895566 or Lourdes Barnes on 01942 607865.

"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



The Lourdes at Home day was once again a great success. Thank you very much to all those who helped to organise the day and gave their services on the day. Thank you also to all those who came to celebrate with Our Lady of Lourdes, you helped to make the day a special occasion.

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

Parish Administrator

St Luke the Evangelist, Whiston, Liverpool. Salary £8.00 per hour. Permanent, 15 hours per week. To be worked over 3 days each week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm). 25 days holiday pro rata, pension and salary exchange scheme available.

Details of post at <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,614.60
Day for Life £ 398.38

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nellie Abbott, Michael McHugh,
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:
Ellis Andrew Wayne Stockton-Beesley, Emily May Eaton

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 this 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 have made a slight change to the Mass schedule during the month of August because it is so difficult to get supply priests. This year, we have dropped the **Sunday 6.30pm Mass at St Richard's** during the month of August. 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

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

IRISH NIGHT

A very Big Thank You to Jim & Bernadette Heaton who organised the Irish Night, thank you also to Celia & Des Cooney and John Dowsett for their help and to all who supported it. £610 was raised which will go to the upkeep of both Halls.

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

TURNPIKE COMMUNITY THEATRE

... is about to take to the stage in their new production of *Puss in Boots*. Performances will take place later in the year and the group is looking for budding performers and backstage crew. The show's assistant-director, Richard (Dicky) Pilkington said, "Turnpike has a long and successful history of performing in Leigh. This is a wonderful opportunity to join the oldest community theatre group in the area and make an exciting contribution to the creative life of Leigh." Turnpike Community Theatre has a tradition of welcoming new members and involving them in productions. Chairperson Gill David commented, "since starting in 1984, Turnpike have prided themselves in having an open door policy and we always look forward to welcoming new members." **Auditions** are taking place at Twelve Apostles Parish Hall on **Thursday 6th August 2015** from 7.30pm. For more information about the auditions visit www.turnpikecommunitytheatre.com

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 1 August

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**

Mon 3 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 18, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Alfred Brown (b'day memorial)

Tue 4 August

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention (Betty)

Wed 5 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Ellen Moylan (anniv.)
SH 7.00pm MASS Mary Wroe

Thu 6 August

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Alicia Cox (née Porter)
SH 12.00noon MASS John Pendlebury LD
OL 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Michael McHugh

Fri 7 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
(OL) 10.00am MASS AT MOSS BANK COURT Special Intention
StJ 12.00noon MASS Joe Shovelton (b'day memorial)

Sat 8 August

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OL 12.00noon MASS Fred Kay
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Langan

Sun 9 August

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Catherine Curran
SH 9.30am MASS Francis Tesmer (Anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS Teresa Cooney
OL 11.00am MASS Harriett Royal
StR 6.30pm **NO MASS**

Sacred Heart Lottery On 24th July the numbers drawn were 11, 20, 26. NO winner of £94. This week's estimated jackpot was £140.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 470 B & H Edwards, £5 No. 007 Craig, £3 No. 241 Anita, £2 No. 145 D Davies

Bonus Ball No. 37 C Ellis

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40 No 190 R Johnson, £15 No 137 J Thompson, £5 No 40 D Atherton, £5 No 173 F Burton

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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