

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 9 AUGUST 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus had just fed 5000 people with five loaves and two fish, but they were not satisfied. Having seen one miracle, they wanted more and complained when Jesus refused to perform tricks just to keep them happy. The people were also irritated because Jesus had described himself as “the bread that comes down from Heaven.” They wanted fresh bread to save themselves the effort of buying or making it. They didn’t understand Jesus when he described himself as “bread”. They were not cannibals. The idea of seeing him as food was terrible for them. They were unprepared to see that their problem was not physical hunger but spiritual starvation.

Jesus recognized the symptoms. He had the remedy and, in theory, his listeners still had the energy to search for and accept the life-giving food for their souls. Unfortunately, their concern was more for their stomachs than for eternal life. The confusion surrounding Jesus’ claim to be the “living bread” was understandable. He had introduced a totally new concept. They had never heard of the Eucharist and did not see the connection between Jesus, who stood before them, and the manna that fed the people of Israel in the desert. In their complaining, they missed the point and remained hungry.

Most of us have had some experience of recognizing an inner longing that refuses to go away. Sometimes it is difficult to actually identify it. We just know that our hearts are aching for “something”. Actually understanding its origin and cause is the first step towards doing something about it. The infant is hungry and cries. The parent responds by providing the necessary food. It is not quite the same in matters of the heart. Some needs are easily satisfied, whereas others may take many years, or even a lifetime to fulfil. The inner hunger that sometimes takes over our lives can drain us of energy too.

Jesus knew that the people who came to listen to him experienced more than one form of hunger. It was easy for him to provide loaves of bread. It was more difficult to show them that their real hunger could only be satisfied by a personal relationship with God. The Eucharist is real food for our journey through life. Jesus sees our spiritual hunger and offers himself to us as the Bread of Life. As the Eucharist begins our meeting place with God let us pray that it may help us onwards on our journey of faith with him and with each other.

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**St. Edmund  
Arrowsmith  
Parish**

**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
churches**



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST JOSEPH'S

### MASS INTENTIONS

Nellie Abbott, Tony Broster, Alf Case, Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Mary Connor, Rita Dolan, Anthony Higgins, Alan & Eileen Hogan, Eileen & Jimmy Keavney, Thomas McCulloch, Michael McHugh, James & Ann Marsh, Edna & Ronnie Massey, Marlene O'Neill, St Jude.

### LITTLE CHURCH

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

### 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

After many years of service at Our Lady of the Rosary, Roy Ellis is retiring from his activities with the weekly Bonus Ball fundraising scheme. We are looking for a volunteer to take over Roy's post as Administrator of the scheme. If anyone is interested, please see Roy who will explain how the scheme works.

### THANK YOU

Thank you again to the few who came along to help with the garden. We are asking for more help so if anyone can spare just an hour, please come along on Tuesdays at 10.00am. Thanks also to the four children who came along to help.

### RAFFLE

There is a list at the back of church with the winning numbers for the raffle.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBA

We have received a letter from the Columban Fathers expressing their gratitude for the response to their recent appeal. A total of £1,052.26 was raised. The Fathers are very grateful for the support we give to their missionary work and ask to be kept in our prayers. All in St Edmund Arrowsmith's Parish are remembered in their Masses.

### 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.

### PASTORAL AREA FEAST DAYS MASS

This year we will celebrate our annual Feast days Mass on **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**. It will take place in Sacred Heart Church, Leigh. Our new priest Fr Paul Grady will be the main celebrant. Please come along and join us in prayer.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 6

We learn many virtues in our Christian families. Above all, we learn to love, asking nothing in return.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 4

Let us allow the love of God to take deep root within us. In so doing, we will be able to give ourselves to others.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 1

Hospitality in families is a crucial virtue today, especially in situations of great poverty.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

### SAFEGUARDING

The Church has a responsibility to ensure all those who undertake work in the name of the Church are adequately trained in safeguarding matters. The Catholic Church is dependant on Clergy, Religious and Lay people using their skills and talents to nurture and support the Catholic community. Some will be paid employees, but the majority undertake their work on a voluntary basis. Whilst some will recognise their role as a volunteer, many rightly see their caring support and contribution as part of their Christian responsibility and ministry. But we all have a role to play in safeguarding the young or adults who may be at risk and it is for this reason that the Catholic Church in England and Wales has worked with EduCare to bring you an e-learning package that will raise awareness throughout the Catholic Community in our countries. The e-learning package is part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding, and is available to all members of the Catholic community free of charge. The programme was launched on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

To Download a Brochure and see the courses available go to [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

To access this training resource :-

1. Email [safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk) to register your interest.
2. Your email should contain your name, email address, name of your parish and your role. For example Priest, Safeguarding Rep, Catechist, SVP or other volunteers, parent, grandparent, guardian.
3. On receipt of your email the safeguarding administrator will register your email address with EduCare.
4. You will receive a Welcome Email from EduCare where you will set your password.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,734.73

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Nellie Abbott, Kenneth Gregory, Terrence Logan  
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, Shannon Mackay, Albert Hollingshead, Jack Parr.

### 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> August, National Theatre's Hamlet – 15<sup>th</sup> October, and RSC's Henry V – 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### REDEEMER CHILDREN'S HOME

Thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways with the Charity Evening last Friday at Sacred Heart Centre. Financial result next week.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk) or ring 0151 522 1040.

St Joseph's Players Present

**The Wonderfully Entertaining**

**84 Charing Cross Road**

Written by Helene Hanff

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Advance tickets available from Ratcliffes  
Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh

Tickets Adults £8, 16 years and under £4  
Curtain up at 7.30pm

Bar, Raffle, Refreshments available

Back BY POPULAR DEMAND

## Brass Band Concert

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Featuring

## CHAT BRASS

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

The group grew out a desire to play Christmas music three years ago and such was the success, the group has attracted a growing number of players from both the professional and the amateur worlds to meet together and make music for their own and the audience's enjoyment.

The group have a regular core of key players who help to organise the concerts, this is done purely for the love of making music and the friendship it engenders."

### PENSIONERS LINK

Afternoon At The Proms

Featuring

**Silhouette**

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Lunch served 12.45pm, Bar service

Tickets £6.50 from Pensioners Link 261753

### Twelve Apostles Club

Are organising an outing to see 'Cinderella'  
starring Torvill and Dean at

The Opera House

in Manchester on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December



Prices are: £35 Adults, £25 Children  
including return coach travel  
to and from Twelve Apostles  
£15 deposit, first come first served  
Tel: Therese Thompson 01942 253507

## 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 8 August

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**

### Mon 10 August

#### **FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Kevin

### Tue 11 August

#### **Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Mary Catherine Keanan

### Wed 12 August

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 19, Year I**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Jim & Elsie McHugh  
SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Nellie Abbott  
SH 7.00pm **NO MASS**

### Thu 13 August

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Maria, Michael Snr., Michael Jnr. McHugh  
SH 12.00noon MASS Thomas & Teresa Gibbon

### Fri 14 August

#### **Memorial of Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 10.00am MASS Julie Costello  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary & Michael O'Hara

### Sat 15 August

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Harry O'Harra  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Nora & John Devaney

### Sun 16 August

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

StJ 8.30am MASS June Nestor (RIP)  
SH 9.30am MASS Peter Lythgoe  
StJ 10.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
OL 11.00am MASS Lee Jones (Anniv)  
StR 6.30pm **NO MASS**

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 31<sup>st</sup> July the numbers drawn were 3, 10, 12. NO winner of £138. This week's estimated jackpot was £182.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 091 J Newill, £5 No. 352 Mr & Mrs T Ellis, £3 No. 269 Margaret Smith, £2 No. 394 B Ryan  
**Bonus Ball** No. 24 N 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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