

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR B 16 AUGUST 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we celebrate the wonderful feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. By becoming the mother of God's only Son, Mary has become our Queen and the Queen of Heaven. As we celebrate this great feast day we are reminded to be more like Mary in the way we say "Yes" to doing God's will and in the way we guide others to Jesus her Son.

Three events in the life of Our Lady help us to understand the feast of the Assumption which we celebrate today. Firstly, we recall the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Mary offered her firstborn son as a gift to the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom. In doing so, she thanked God for the gift she had received. The old man Simeon praised God when he saw the child but told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. She was told that she would know sorrow and suffering so that many could open their hearts to her and ask for her intercession. The sword most deeply pierces the heart of Our Lady as she stands at the foot of the cross and sees the death of her son. She is the Mother of Sorrows.

A second event is the meeting with her cousin Elizabeth and the time they spend together. It is a time of intense joy as two expectant mothers rejoice with the children in their wombs. John the Baptist, leaping in the womb of Elizabeth, reveals his excitement at meeting the Christ who he would proclaim throughout his life and his death. Mary sings with joy of the works of God. She is the Mother of Joy.

Finally, this feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches us that at the end of her life Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. Eastern iconographers depict the dormition or "falling asleep" of Mary. Since she is conceived without original sin, the "Immaculate Conception", in the name revealed to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes, it is impossible that she would know death and decay. She is the first after Jesus himself to be taken to Heaven where she now reigns as Queen.

Today's feast offers a glimpse of the promise for all people by showing us how Our Lady is led by God through her generous love and deep joy when visiting Elizabeth, through her suffering and sorrow at the foot of the Cross, to the joys of Heaven. Today's feast reminds us of the wonderful promise of God that we may live for all eternity with Mary and with all the saints. Mary always said yes in following God and in doing his will. Her life revolved around caring for Jesus and sharing in the hope and promise that he brought to her.

As we celebrate this feast-day may we be reminded that we are called to place our hope in Jesus and allow the vision of God's Kingdom to make us into messengers of hope and joy.

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



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Nellie Abbott, Patricia Battersby, Frances & James Clarke, Marion Higgins, Marie & Bill Hodgeson, Vincent Lythgoe, John Morse, Cathy Rigby, Joanne Smith, Edward Unsworth, Ceb Wood.

#### LITTLE CHURCH

During the school Summer holidays, Little Church was cancelled. The next Little Church will be next 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.

#### ASSISTED DYING BILL

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 there is a debate taking place in the House of Commons on a Private Member's Bill to legalise suicide. There are many MPs in the House of Commons who are paying attention to the views of their constituents, and it is very important that we should play our part as much as we can to make our voices heard.

Please take a postcard from the back of church, fill it in and send it to your MP.

*From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

#### 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 13

Mary is full of grace. She is a sure refuge for us in times of temptation.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 11

The encounter with Christ can completely change our life.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 8

We are all sinners. Let us be transformed by God's mercy.

#### 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 £1,631.32

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

Thank you to the family of the late Barbara Cooke for the generous donation of £300 in memory. May she rest in peace.

## 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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Battersby: may she rest in peace.

## 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

Praise and thanks to God for everyone who helped in so many ways with the Charity Evening, 7<sup>th</sup> August, at Sacred Heart Centre. A grand total of £2,948 was raised for the Children's Home at Moyo, Uganda and has been sent to International Refugee Trust in London.

## 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

## Twelve Apostles

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

## "Dance Night"

St Richards Hall

19th September

After a very successful Dance Night last year, the Catenian Association of Leigh are delighted to sponsor and promote another live Band "Dancing to Swing" on the above date.

Ticket price of £10 will include live dance band and a hotpot supper.

Tickets are available now as there was a strong demand last year. Please contact Des (876050) or Eamonn (892967) or Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh

## 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 15 August

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**

### Mon 17 August

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 20, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS James Hurst (RIP)  
OL 10.00am MASS Kath Sales (sick)

### Tue 18 August

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Elizabeth Landers LD

### Wed 19 August

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.15pm FUNERAL MASS Patricia Battersby  
SH 7.00pm MASS John Pendlebury LD

### Thu 20 August

#### *Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS June Nestor (RIP)  
SH 12.00noon MASS Barbara Cooke LD

### Fri 21 August

#### *Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Marie & Bill Hodgson Golden Wedding

### Sat 22 August

#### *Memorial of the Queenship of Mary*

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
12A 12.00noon MASS Mary & William Burgess  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Cath & Roy Ellis (70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

### Sun 23 August

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Vincent Lythgoe (Anniv)  
SH 9.30am MASS John Hindley (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
StJ 10.30am MASS Anne Marsh  
OL 11.00am MASS Maureen Henrys (LD)  
StR 6.30pm **NO MASS**

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 7<sup>th</sup> July the numbers drawn were 12, 16, 21. NO winner of £182. This week's estimated jackpot was £220.

### **Our Lady's 500 Club Bonus Ball**

### 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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