

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 30 AUGUST 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten traditions of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean.

According to the written Law, ceremonial washing was required only by the priests before they entered the sanctuary. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand-washing, before every meal and between each course, had been extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition was considered as binding by the Pharisees. They expected Jesus and his followers to share their religious outlook. Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, ignoring the true commandments of God. Jesus wants to free the people of a stifling tradition that stops them from living out the true spirit of the commandments of God himself.

Jesus goes on to teach the crowd a revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition. In doing this Jesus shifts the moral focus from how and what people eat to how people choose to live and how they love others. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food.

Uncleanness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus but the condition of their heart, the personal issues that preoccupy people and influence their choice and behaviour. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. This is why, when he began his preaching, he invited everyone to "set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are free from the litany of human regulations that would bind them.

For many of his listeners at the time, Jesus' words were bad news because they contradicted the tradition they honoured. But we call Jesus' words Good News because they liberate us from a world of endless regulations and allow us to live freely as God's children here on earth.

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Twelve Apostles,
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The Good News

Edition # 38

**"POLLUTION
SPEWS FROM
THE HEART;
SLANDER,
MURDER, LUST,
THEFT
AND LIES"**

- JESUS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Adam Orchisn.

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.

WELCOME MASS

... on Sunday, 13th September at 10.30am to greet all our Reception children and their families as they start their time at St Joseph's School.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

RAFFLE

Please check your raffle tickets, some prizes are still unclaimed.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On 11th 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

PASTORAL AREA FEAST DAYS MASS

This year we will celebrate our annual Feast days Mass on **Friday, September 11th 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.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 5 September** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations



Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 25

A Christian who is too attached to riches has lost his way.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 21

Reading the Gospel each day helps us to overcome our selfishness and to follow Jesus our Teacher with dedication.

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)*



**Saturday 26th September in St Ambrose Barlow Hall
9.00am - 12.00noon**

Bring and Buy Coffee Morning

**For more information or to donate items, please contact
Mary Barton (01942 731327 or 07946 512861)**

A CELEBRATION OF BENEDICTINE LIFE IN THE NORTH WEST

For over 200 years Benedictine monks and nuns have contributed to the life of the Church in the NW of England. Today, monk priests are still active in the northern dioceses. In celebration of Benedictine life in this part of the country, in the *Year of Consecrated Life*, all are invited to join a group of Benedictine monks for Latin Vespers in the Metropolitan Cathedral, followed by a presentation by Dom Alban Hood on *The Benedictine Story*.

Venue: The Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool

Date: Monday, 14th September 2015

Time: 4.00pm Vespers in the Cathedral followed by simple refreshments in the GIBBERD ROOM
5.30pm A presentation by Fr Alban Hood MA PhD on *Benedictines in Liverpool*

All are welcome.

WELCOME BACK

To all our school children and staff of Saint Joseph's, Sacred Heart and Twelve Apostles primary schools, students and staff of Saint Mary's High: we hope you have enjoyed the summer break. Welcome back!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ n/a

SVP n/a

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

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, Gerald Turton..

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Kezysztof Jagielski & Kamila Mlodzianowska and Daniel Michael Galvin & Tanya Jones who were married at St Joseph's last weekend.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Georgia Marie Robinson, Ella Rose Carrara, Harry James Gallagher, Sienna-May Marsh, Jessica Louise Fisher.

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 two taking pace soon: National Theatre's Hamlet – 15th October, and RSC's Henry V – 21st October.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

The **Sunday 6.30pm Mass at St Richard's** will resume next Sunday, 6th September.

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.

RECEIVING VATICAN II

A series of talks reflecting on 50 years of receiving Vatican II; in the Gibberd Room at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.00pm. Admission: Free.

15 September

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP (Archbishop of Liverpool)

'Nostra aetate: 50 years on'

22 September

Dr Christopher McElroy (Director of Music at the Cathedral)

'Catholic imagination:

Unlocking the arts in worship today'

29 September

Rev Dr Nicholas Sagovsky (Liverpool Hope University)

'From Gaudium et Spes to Together for the Common Good: Catholic social teaching as public theology'

13 October

Rev Mgr John Devine OBE

(Former Churches' Officer for the North West)

'Faith in the public square'

20 October

Rev Dr Peter McGrail (Liverpool Hope University)

'Active participation: unpacking a disputed concept'

27 October

Dr Alana Harris (King's College London)

'Interrogating the Council from Merseyside: the Mariology and Eschatology of Dr Anne Biezanek

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place at Holy Family on Thursday, 24th September at 7.30pm. Please come to learn about some of the many Justice and Peace issues.

St Joseph's Players Present

The Wonderfully Entertaining 84 Charing Cross Road

Written by Helene Hanff

Tuesday 8th to

Saturday 12th 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 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

"Dance Night"

St Richards Hall

19th September

After the very successful event last year, the Cate-nian Association of Leigh are delighted to sponsor and promote another live Band "Dancing to Swing" Ticket price of £10 includes a hotpot supper. 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 29 August

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Kevin Kenny

Sun 30 August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS James & Anne Marsh (RIP)

SH 9.30am MASS Julie Costello & family

StJ 10.30am MASS Stephen Sarsfield (RIP)

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm **NO MASS**

Mon 31 August *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 22, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Elizabeth & Jack Cleworth (RIP)

Tue 1 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH **NO MASS**

Wed 2 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Eddie Unsworth (Anniv)

SH **NO MASS**

Thu 3 September **FEAST OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ, SH **NO MASS**

12A 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Ellen Buckley

Fri 4 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Ceb Wood (Anniv)

OL **NO MASS**

Sat 5 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Pat Atherton

Sun 6 September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Anne Barnes (Anniv)

SH 9.30am MASS Maureen Henrys LD

StJ 10.30am MASS Paul Highton (RIP)

OL 11.00am MASS Rita Vint (Anniv)

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 21st August the numbers drawn were 5, 15, 24. NO winner of £282. This week's estimated jackpot was £330.

Our Lady's 500 Club n/a

Bonus Ball n/a

Twelve Apostles 200 Club n/a

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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