

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 6 SEPTEMBER 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,  
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

The apostle James said to the Christians of his day, "Do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ with the making of distinctions between classes of people." He berated them for the fact that their community just mirrored the class distinctions of the society they lived in. They failed to see each other as equal in the sight of God. His words are still quite a challenge to us today. We live in a society full of divisions of all kinds. In our society people can so often be valued on the basis of wealth, or what type of car they drive, or what kind of house they live in. If you are wealthy you are somebody. If you are poor you are nobody. Yet, according to today's Second Reading, it is the poor that God chose to be rich in faith. Divisions and distinctions between people are not necessarily a problem. What causes the problem is what results from such distinctions between people. It can keep people apart. It can create even more division. Class distinction can lead to double standards and should have no place in a Christian community. As Christians, we need to challenge these false standards rather than allow ourselves to conform to them in any way.

If God shows any partiality at all it is towards the poor and the oppressed. Just read the words of the Beatitudes or Mary's hymn of praise, the Magnificat. The Bible is full of stories about the poor being oppressed by the rich and by those who are more powerful. Greatness cannot be defined by class, nor can goodness or evil. No class has a monopoly on good or evil, suffering or joy. But, when it comes to faith, Saint James says that it is those who are poor according to the world that are rich in faith. The rich can rely on their riches, whereas those who are poor turn to God instinctively. This is why Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor, the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." Here Jesus talks about the blessedness of those who put their trust in God rather than in material things. We can have lots of money in the bank, but so long as we share that money and it doesn't become our God then we can still be "poor in spirit" and blessed in Jesus' eyes.

In the house of God all barriers of class should fall away. Here our true dignity as human beings and as followers of Christ should become more apparent. It is not based on what we have but on who we are. We are God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of the Lord. Any other distinctions are trivial and insignificant.

## WELCOME

Welcome to Fr David who will be saying Mass at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Rosary this weekend and a very warm welcome to our new priest Fr Paul Grady. We hope he will be happy here with us.

## AND GOODBYE

While we welcome Fr Paul we bid farewell to Fr Dave Heywood, who has served Holy Family and St Margaret Ciltherow for many years, and we wish him well in his new parish.

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**St. Joseph,  
Sacred Heart,  
Twelve Apostles,  
and  
Our Lady of the  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASS INTENTIONS

The Byrne Family, Deirdre Anne Costello, The Farrimond Family, Mary Fildes, Annie Garvey, George & Agnes Hayes, Christy Janey, Ian & Margaret Knowles, Adam Orchisn. Kathleen Sales, John Joseph Ward, Robert Woods, Veronica Worrall

### 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, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am to greet all our Reception children and their families as they start their time at St Joseph's School.

### GARDENING DAY

Thank you to the Support Group and all who came to help with the gardening. The Church grounds are looking lovely because of your hard work.

### SUPPORT GROUP

St Joseph's Support Group will meet on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm in the Green Room. Everyone welcome.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today. Everyone welcome.

### TWELVE APOSTLES

This week is the last week for anyone wishing to book a place for the Cinderella Pantomime.

### 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*

### 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.

### MUSICIAN'S PRACTICE

Fr Paul Seddon will be leading a session in Sacred Heart church on Wednesday this week, beginning at 7.00pm, for musicians from all our communities in the pastoral area to practice for our Mass on Friday. Please come along if you can. On Friday not only musicians but also **altar servers (be early, bring alb)**, readers and eucharistic ministers who usually serve at another of our churches will be most welcome to join the Sacred Heart contingent. We hope that this will be a complete Pastoral Area celebration!



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Sep 1

Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Let us work and pray.

Pope Francis'@Pontifex Aug 28

Lord, help us always to be more generous and closer to poor families.

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

St Padre Pio prayer groups are under the guidance of the Friars at Pantasaph and have the approval and guidance of our Parish Priests. All St Padre Pio prayer groups are also registered at San Giovanni. There is no formal membership, just a desire to pray together with others. The prayer hour consists of Hymns and formal prayers with the rosary at the heart of each hour. On alternate weeks we have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This hour of prayer is at St Ambrose Barlow Church every week, commencing **12<sup>th</sup> September on every Saturday morning at 10.00am.**



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 £ 1,240.92  
SVP £338.15

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, Albert Hollingshead, Shannon Mackay, Jack Parr, Mary (Molly) Toher, Gerald Turton.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen Sales, Richard Parr, Ellen Buckley

Eternal rest grant unto them....

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Malakai James Mullaney Reynolds, Seth Peter Kilshaw, Spencer Rix,

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

## 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 meeting postponed from 22<sup>nd</sup> July has now been scheduled for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Holy Family.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING EVENT

St Richard's Parish Centre

Mayfield St., Atherton Manchester M46 0AQ

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 10.00am - 2.30pm**

Protecting the young and vulnerable, is Module 2 of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service National Training Programme and is open to all who volunteer within the Parish. If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office or ring the Safeguarding Department on 0151 522 1043 to book a place.

*Tea coffee and biscuits will be provided, however participants are asked to bring their own packed lunch*

## FAITH & CREATION: A CALL TO MISSION

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 10.00am - 4.00pm**

LACE Conference Centre Liverpool

Join Columban missionaries and others for a day exploring responses to Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Laudato Si'* *Laudato Si'*: On the Care of our Common Home is a reminder to all Christians that care for creation is a core element of our faith. The Columban missionaries have long been prophetic about climate change's impact on the poorest communities. In 2015 the Columbans have been visiting parishes in the Liverpool Archdiocese for the Annual Mission Appeal. This day is offered as a gesture of thanks for your welcome, hospitality and support.

*The day will include Mass at midday celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon*

To book a place, please call the Columban Mission Office on 01564 772 096 or email [helen.dufficy@columbans.co.uk](mailto:helen.dufficy@columbans.co.uk)

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

## "Dance Night"

St Richards Hall

19<sup>th</sup> September

After the very successful event last year, the Catechian 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 5 September

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 L.D.  
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

### Mon 7 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 23, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS George Hayes (Anniv.)

### Tue 8 September FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH **NO MASS**

### Wed 9 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ **NO MASS**  
OLR 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Kathleen Sales  
SH **NO MASS**

### Thu 10 September Memorial of Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ **NO MASS**  
SH 12.00noon MASS Mr J. Lyon L.D.

### Fri 11 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Bett Sroka RIP  
SH 7.00pm **PASTORAL AREA PATRONAL FEAST DAYS MASS**

### Sat 12 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
OL 12.00noon MASS Astley Ward  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Anne Turnock L.D.

### Sun 13 September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Racial Justice Day*  
StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
SH 9.30am MASS Maurice Flanagan L.D.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Alice Wilcock (Anniv.)  
OL 11.00am MASS Elizabeth Tickle L.D.  
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 28<sup>th</sup> August the numbers drawn were 5, 8, 15. NO winner of £328. This week's estimated jackpot was £380.

**Our Lady's 500 Club 23<sup>rd</sup> August** £10 No. 327 M Roach, £5 No. 184 A Sharkie, £3 No 499 B Ryan, £2 No.252 N Flynn  
**Bonus Ball** No. 31 J Evans

**30<sup>th</sup> August** £10 No. 016 Mars Dawber, £5 No. 469 Mrs E West, £3 No. 103 J Causbt, £2 No. 194 Mrs C Baker

**Bonus Ball** No. 10 R Ellis

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** £40 No 139 J Brundrett, £15 No 74 L Stephens, £5 No 27 A Morris, £5 No 55 J Gredecki.

## 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 Paul Seddon or Fr Paul Grady who are based in St. Margaret Clitherow parish.

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