

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 13 SEPTEMBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

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

Jesus says to Peter, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the sacrifice involved in being a disciple. Sacrifice has a harsh ring to it. It suggests hardship, discipline, renunciation and pain. Yet there are few real achievements in the world without sacrifice. And sacrifice can bring out the very best in people.

If there is one thing that proves the truth of this it is the marathon. Many cities throughout the world stage a marathon every year. The marathon shows that people are capable of great sacrifices, provided they are motivated. Most of those who take part in a marathon have no hope of winning it. Their only hope is the satisfaction of completing it. But along with that, after just over 26 miles of running, comes severe muscle soreness, blisters, acute dehydration, and physical exhaustion. If you watch marathon runners, you can see that most of them are suffering in some way. Yet they keep on going because of the goal of finishing the race. The marathon shows the importance of commitment.

To come back to discipleship, we need to be committed followers of Christ. It has sometimes been claimed that religion asks too little of people, especially in recent years. Often it appeals to people's weaknesses rather than to their strengths. There is a religion of devotion, and a religion of commitment. A religion of commitment is a religion of challenge, of risk, and of unselfishness. In the Gospel Jesus asks for commitment from his followers. For the committed Christian, suffering is not just a likelihood, it is a certainty. Yet this doesn't mean that suffering is something that Christians should seek. Jesus himself did not seek suffering – the story of the Garden of Gethsemane makes this very clear. But suffering will inevitably be part of Christian life just as it was a big part of Jesus' life. There are sacrifices but there are also great rewards, just as there are for marathon runners.

The way of Jesus is the way of love. And the way of love is the way of the cross. But there's nothing terrible about suffering a little if it teaches us to love. If we suffer in the cause of love, then the wounds we bear will mark us out as true disciples of Jesus. As we gather around his table today let us remember that Jesus supports all those who follow him down the narrow road of suffering, and shares his Easter victory with them.

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Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Teresa Atherton, Vincent Ganley, John Lucas, Ian & Margaret Knowles, Kathleen Sales, Special Intention.

GIVE UP CLOTHES FOR GOOD

Help brave kids beat cancer sooner

TK Maxx is the UK's largest corporate funder of research into children's cancers. With your help we can find cures and kinder treatments for children with cancer. To get involved take a bag from the back of church and fill it up with unwanted items. You can either bring the bag back into church or a TK Maxx store. Cancer Research UK can then sell these items in their shops to help raise money for childhood cancer research.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday, 15th September at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies 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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING

We meet on Tuesday mornings to do Our Lady's Garden at 10.00am. Anyone who would like to join us would be welcome.

SACRED HEART

PERSONAL SECURITY

Please remember that our churches are public places and not everyone you see may be there for the right reasons. Last Sunday a local sneak thief entered at the end of Mass and got away with the petty sum of £4 from the lottery ticket offerings. It could easily have been a handbag at communion time. Please be welcoming but also alert to remove any temptation.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION

Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting the Pastoral Area over the weekend of October 3rd & 4th. Unfortunately he won't be able to visit all the churches but he will celebrate three Masses over the weekend:-

- Saturday October 3rd – XII Apostles, Leigh at 5.30pm.
- Sunday October 4th – Holy Family, Boothstown at 9.00am.
- Sunday October 4th – St Joseph's, Leigh at 10.30am.

The Archbishop will also celebrate the Year 7 Mass of Welcome for the new intake of St Mary's on the following Thursday, October 8th in St Joseph's church at 7.00pm.



**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)**



Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 10

Do we say "Thank you" to God every day?

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 8

May every parish and religious community in Europe host a refugee family. #Jubilee #refugeeswelcome

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 7

Let us ask Our Lady to help all families, especially those affected by unemployment.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 4

War is the mother of all poverty, a vast predator of lives and souls.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING EVENT

St Richard's Parish Centre

Mayfield St., Atherton Manchester M46 0AQ

Saturday, 26th 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.

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, commencing **12th September, every Saturday at 10.00am.**

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*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 2,136.28

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

HOME MISSIONS

Home Mission Sunday takes place on 20th September 2015. It's the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. The theme of this year's Sunday is '*Proclaim God's Mercy*'. The Bishops ask that a mandatory second collection is taken in parishes on this day to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

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

Frederick Savin
Eternal rest grant unto him....

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Ivy Farrah Mercer, Maya Josefina Villanueva,

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 and perhaps have a drink together beforehand. Here are two screenings taking place next month:-

- National Theatre's Hamlet – 15th October.
- 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.

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 22nd July has now been rescheduled for Thursday, 24th September, 7.30pm at Holy Family.



HARVEST FAST DAY Friday 2nd October 2015

Harmani lives in a remote village in Niger. Life is incredibly tough there. With longer and hotter dry seasons, it is becoming more and more difficult to grow crops. Just three years ago drought destroyed much of the harvest Harmani and his neighbours were dependant on. Your generosity provided Harmani's community with enough basic food to keep them alive. But his community don't want to rely on handouts. They want to be self-sufficient. Your support this Harvest, will ensure millions of people around the world are able to grow enough food to eat. Signing up to 'Hands On' on Niger, you will be supporting an entire community of people in Niger with tools and knowledge to not only survive the most extreme droughts, but to flourish. See your parish envelope for more on giving at Harvest Fast Day and how to take part in this life changing opportunity.

FAITH & CREATION: A CALL TO MISSION

Saturday 24th 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

"Dance Night"

St Richard's Hall 19th 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.

Anna Pauline in Concert:

International singer / song writer Anna Pauline will be performing her "Give me Time" concert at St Stephen's church, Astley on Saturday 26th September at 7.30. Tickets are priced £10 per adult and £5 per child and can be obtained by phoning Phil on (01942) 879608 or e-mailing

rtr2014@btinternet.com or
pollardtrumpets@Hotmail.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 12 September

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

Mon 14 September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Vincent Ganley (B'day Memorial)

Tue 15 September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Carlo, Annetta Manfredi & parents

Wed 16 September Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Deirdre Anne Costello (B'day Memorial)
SH NO MASS

Thu 17 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 24, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Jimmy Maxwell

Fri 18 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Frederick Savin

Sat 19 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Rita Dolan (RIP)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Ray and Cath Ellis (70th Wedding Anniv.)

Sun 20 September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Home Mission Day

StJ 8.30am MASS Anthony Higgins (Anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS Family & Friends of the Harrison family.
StJ 10.30am MASS Barbara Cooke (RIP)
OL 11.00am MASS
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 4th September the numbers drawn were 1, 2, 15. NO winner of £382. This week's estimated jackpot was £440.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 212 Mrs D Davies, £5 No. Mr J Waterfield, £3 No. 393 Mr & Mrs Ellis, £2 No. 445 Mrs C Ellis
Bonus Ball No. 22 Mrs K Jones

Twelve Apostles 200 Club Due to the sad closure of Twelve Apostles Club the 200 Club Draw will take place after Saturday night Mass: the next one will be on Saturday 19th September. If you would like a number it is £1 a month: we have lost quite a few members since the club closed: see Jane or Therese at the back of church. Thanks for your support.

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

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