

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 20 SEPTEMBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today in the Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples about the kind of leadership he wants to see in his Church. But they seem deaf to what he says. He has to remind them that if they are to be his disciples they will have to follow him to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested by the political leaders and then killed. He has already told them that his leadership will involve suffering. But the disciples don't seem to understand why the Messiah should suffer and they are afraid to ask because it is a message that they do not want to hear.

As they walk along they want to talk about something else. Jesus eventually finds out that they are talking about who is the greatest amongst them. Who wields the most power? Who is the top dog? So in response, Jesus points to a little child. Leadership in his Church must be based on service, so the one who wants to be first must be the least. The disciples, in their day, would have seen children as lowly nonentities. But Jesus tells them that they must learn to welcome not just the powerful but these insignificant children. If they do, they will be welcoming Jesus himself.

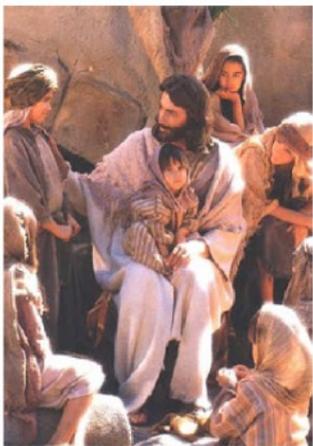
Our attitudes have perhaps not changed that much over the years. We still look at leadership as the disciples did. And Saint James' view of the cause of violence in the world is still correct when he writes, "Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it, so you are prepared to kill." It is the world in which we live today which looks up to the rich and powerful and serves their purposes rather than the weaker members of society.

Jesus wants strong leadership for his Church. But he wants a leadership that does not dominate and insist on rank or privilege. It is a leadership that will inevitably come into conflict with the rich and powerful and, like Jesus, will have to suffer as it serves the weaker members of the community. In our parishes and homes, welcoming the "little children" will mean giving more time for those who are sick, disabled, poor and vulnerable in all sorts of ways. In our competitive and often ruthless society, Christ Jesus is more likely to be found at the bottom of the social pile than at the top.

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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

Fred Barden, Alf Case, Patrick Costello Snr., William Fairclough, Brian Gaskell, Kathy Hallinan, Mary Roach, Ellen Squires, Marriage Blessing, Special Intention,

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Fr Strowbridge this weekend. He will be saying Mass at St Joseph's this Sunday and next Sunday.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Next week the coffee Morning will be held in the Mather Room. Please still come a long for a chat. Normal Service will be resumed the following week!

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.

TWELVE APOSTLES

The First Session of the 'With You Always' Sacramental Programme for Twelve Apostles children is on Wednesday 23rd September at 4.30pm in Twelve Apostles School Hall.

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Abbey's Funeral Service who have provided several boxes of tea and jars of coffee for our coffee mornings.



**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 17

In spite of injustices and sufferings, the Lord's victory is certain.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 14

God loves the lowly. When we live humbly, he takes our small efforts and creates great things.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 12

Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Trinity.

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

This group meets for an hour of prayer at St Ambrose Barlow church every Saturday at 10.00am.

WELCOME TO FR PAUL GRADY

Fr Paul (the younger) is the newest member of our pastoral area team of priests and is resident at Holy Family, Boothstown. Here is how he describes himself.

"I was born on Holy Saturday on 10th April 1982. Before entering seminary I lived at home in Wigan with my parents and was head altar server at St Mary and St John's parish in the town centre. I have a great love of music and play piano, organ and guitar, and have played regularly at funerals, weddings and Sunday Masses in the Wigan Pastoral area as well as being in an Irish band. I have been involved in Scouts from a young age and was the Cub Scout Leader for 5th Wigan for several years and Band Master of the Wigan & District Scout Marching Band. I have also been involved with the Youth Service in Lourdes and was a member of the Hospitalité for a year. After leaving sixth form college I attended Liverpool Hope for eighteen months studying Music and teacher training, during which I spent some time in St Paschal Baylon Primary School in Childwall, and Holy Trinity Primary School in Garston. I felt my vocation lay elsewhere and left university and worked for a time in St Cuthbert's parish in Wigan as a Pastoral Assistant doing office duties and assisting with music and the choir. I then worked for three years as a Bar manager in a pub in Wigan before approaching the diocese to be considered for formation to the priesthood and was accepted at Easter 2006. My long placement in the diocese was at Christ the King and Our Lady, Childwall, which was a wonderful time of discernment and preparation together with my studies at Ushaw for five years and Oscott for my final year. I also enjoy playing snooker, badminton and table tennis.

I'm looking forward to what the future holds in ministry to and with God's people."

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections this weekend are for the Home Missions to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

HOME MISSIONS

Home Mission Sunday takes place this weekend. 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'*.

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

Mary Frances Gardener, James Naylor, Harold Ruffley
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Declan David Jackson, Robyn Ann Hodson.

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.

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.

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 been rescheduled for Thursday, 24th September, 7.30pm at Holy Family.

A DAY FOR READERS

.... with Dr Marian Tolley at St Joseph's, Penketh, Warrington, Saturday 17th October 10am - 4 pm £10 per person. Book on line www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Courses-Events. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Come, see and talk with CAFOD's Michel Mondengele who works in Niger, the poorest country on earth and CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day focus, about the Church's transforming work in the face of climate change: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29th September.

In September Pope Francis makes his first visit to the United States. It could not come at a more important time, because the United Nations is about to agree on a plan to reduce world poverty over the next 15 years. People living in extreme poverty, and those most vulnerable to climate change, need our prayers. We ask that you join us in praying for leaders to heed the Pope's message and match their promises with action. Before the heads of state meet in New York to agree the final text, they will hear from the Pope, who addresses the UN General Assembly at lunchtime (1.30pm British time) on Friday 25 September.

The Novena to St Francis can be found on line, cafod.org.uk or there are a few copies at the back of church.

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

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

LEIGH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

26th & 27th September 2015 10.00am - 5.00pm
St Joseph's Hall Admission £5 Concessions £4

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 19 September

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Ray and Cath Ellis (70th Wedding Anniv.)

Sun 20 September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

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 Ann Harman
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 21 September FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS

Tue 22 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 25, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 7.00pm MASS Special intention & thanksgiving

Wed 23 September Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS
SH NO MASS

Thu 24 September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS
12A 11.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Mary Frances Gardener
SH 12.00noon MASS Elizabeth Landers (LD)

Fri 25 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS James Naylon

Sat 26 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
12A 12.00noon MASS Kathi Pyzynski (LD)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Anthony Cooney (LD)

Sun 27 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Day of Special Prayer for thanksgiving for Harvest and fruits of Human Work

StJ 8.30am MASS Michael McHugh (RIP)
SH 9.30am MASS Maureen Henrys (LD)
StJ 10.30am MASS John Lucas (RIP)
OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 11th September the numbers drawn were 9, 13, 19. NO winner of £444. This week's estimated jackpot was £500.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 109 M Sanderson, £5 No. 484 M Moore, £3 No. 236 D Quinn, £2 No. 374 P Leonard

Bonus Ball No. 44 Mr N Jones

There is a spare Number on the Bonus Ball. See Margaret at the back of church.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club draw after Mass today.

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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