

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 27 SEPTEMBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Very few of us go through life without ever joining some kind of group or club. Some people take pride in being a member of a whole range of different groups, from local ones to international companies. For some people, the more select the group the better they feel. Victor Mature, who was a famous US film actor many years ago, and specialized in rather wooden romantic rôles, applied for membership of an exclusive Los Angeles Country Club. He was told, "We don't accept actors." "I'm no actor", he protested, "and I have sixty-four movies to prove it." He may have been correct but he still didn't get in. Groucho Marx famously said that he wouldn't want to join any club that would have himself as a member! Joining any group or club, religious or political or social, can enlarge our world and introduce us to new people and new possibilities. It can help us move within a relatively secure network of relationships. This sense of belonging is important to our identity. The same is true of our belonging to God's Church. Yet sometimes we can still reject others because they seem to be so different from ourselves.

In today's Gospel the disciples of Jesus refuse to recognize the authority of an exorcist who doesn't belong to their company. John appeals to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name, and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." The exorcist has been successful in his ministry, and this success clearly worries the disciples. They are obviously threatened by the outsider's success. Seeing this they seem to feel diminished, reduced, lessened as disciples. It's as though their own self-esteem will be reinforced if the outsider is rejected. But Jesus refuses to do this. Instead he invites his fragile disciples to a larger vision of God's goodness.

The interesting thing to remember is that the disciples are themselves outsiders in their own society. In a world where they hope to be recognized and accepted in Jesus' name, Jesus asks them to extend the same favour to others. Jesus' lesson is very important for us today. The cause of Catholicism is not served by the rejection of other ways of Christian discipleship. The case for Christianity is not reinforced by those who claim that no real good can happen beyond the boundaries of faith. Jesus calls us all to be tolerant and accepting of others whoever they are.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Ronald Gore, J.T. Jones, Pauline Reynolds & Kathleen Reynolds, Special Intention Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Special Intention Louis Manfredi & Family, Wedding Anniversary

WELCOME

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

This 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

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass next Sunday, 4th October. Everyone welcome

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

WITH YOU ALWAYS

The first meeting for the With You Always Programme for Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Rosary children will be held on Thursday 1st October at 4.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Walmesley Rd

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.

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.

HELP NEEDED

Sister Megan is asking for help for someone in need. Furniture, white goods, bedding, pots, pans etc. If you can help please ring Sister Megan on 01942 683554



Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 22

Thank you to the Cuban people! Thank you from my heart!

Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 18

I ask you to join me in praying for my trip to Cuba and the United States. I need your prayers.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

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

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN DURING ADVENT

All Children's Liturgy Catechists are invited to an afternoon with Catherine Darby SND. Saturday, 7th November 2015, 2.00pm - 4.00pm at LACE Conference Centre. Please contact the parish office if you would like to book a place.

BUILD MY KINGDOM!

EMBRACE 2015

Catholic Youth Conference aimed at young people age 16 - 30, however all ages are welcome. This year's conference takes place on Saturday 21st November 2015 9.30am - 6.00pm, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. **Keynote Speakers, Mass, Praise & Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, Workshops.**

Admission Free - register on our web site www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,419.21
Home Missions £326.75

Friday is Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD. Please take an envelope this week and return it next week.

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

Jean Ramsdale, Francis (Frank) Moscrop
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Bryan David Paul Tyldesley,

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.

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 Biežanek

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.

HARVEST FAST DAY Friday 2nd October 2015

As you know, hundreds of thousands of refugees have arrived in Europe this year, escaping war, oppression and poverty. Many come from Syria, where more than 11 million people have been forced to flee their homes.

CAFOD has worked for years with Syrians whose lives have been torn apart by the war, providing food, shelter and health-care. And with your support, CAFOD's Church partners are now also helping refugees as they arrive in Europe, ensuring that they have food, vital supplies like clothes and sleeping bags, and safe places to stay.

But no-one wants to be a refugee. People want to live with dignity, in their own communities, watching their children and grandchildren grow and flourish. That's why, as well as re-

sponding with compassion to emergencies, we need to think of people like Hamani.

Hamani is a man in his 70s who lives in a remote village in Niger, the poorest country in the world. Each year at Harvest time – about a month from now – he looks forward to a crop that will feed him and his family throughout the year.

And each year, he hopes and prays that the harvest comes on time. That the rains come when they should. That the crop is enough to see him through to the next harvest. And that his children and grandchildren won't starve.

This is because in recent times, the harvest has got smaller because of longer and hotter dry seasons. This is a dry, punishing heat - strong enough to boil water if it's left outside for too long. Strong enough to burn crops as they grow in the fields.

On your behalf, CAFOD has been working with a Catholic Partner – Caritas Niger – to ensure that Hamani and his family can survive if his crop is destroyed. Following a disastrous harvest in 2011, your support ensured he was able to eat and to have enough seeds to plant for the next harvest.

But perhaps more importantly, you are enabling work not just in one village, but in larger areas of Niger to ensure people don't have to live hand-to-mouth if a harvest fails.

With your support, and through our local Church partner, entire communities are being trained to grow different crops that can still be eaten, even if the burning sun cooks them on the stalk. People have been given livestock and ploughs so that they can farm land. And have been supported to grow a natural protection for their land – one that will prevent the earth from being scorched.

This work is so vital because it means more and more people throughout Niger have the dignity of not relying on handouts. The dignity of being able to feed their family and the joy of sharing their abundance with others.

Please give what you can today, so all our sisters and brothers, wherever they are in the world, can share in the earth's abundance.

A single gift will go towards supporting refugees and also towards our long term work., a regular gift for CAFOD's long-term Hands On project in Niger. Hands On allows you to follow the progress of a specific project and to get regular updates from the community as they work towards a more secure future.

Please share the feast God spreads for us all.

We are grateful for your support. Without your generosity and prayers, the work that CAFOD does to change the lives of thousands of people worldwide, would not be possible. On behalf of CAFOD and the communities we work with, thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for our global family, and please take a prayer card home with you after Mass.

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.



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 26 September

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

Mon 28 September Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 26, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ NO MASS

Tue 29 September FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Thanksgiving (B.F.)

Wed 30 September Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Jean Ramsdale

StJ 12.00noon MASS Teresa Atherton (Birthday)

StJ 2.15pm FUNERAL SERVICE Francis Moscrop

SH 7.00pm MASS Mary Stout (LD)

Thu 1 October Memorial of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Patrick Costello (anniv.)

SH 12.00noon MASS Lilly Farrimond

Fri 2 October Memorial of the Guardian Angels

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 10.00am MASS at Moss Bank Court (Special Intention)

StJ 12.00noon MASS William Fairclough (anniv.)

Sat 3 October Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Maurice Flanagan (LD)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 4 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Rosary Sunday / Special prayer for Nugent Society

StJ 8.30am MASS Nellie Abbott (RIP)

SH 9.30am MASS Shannon Mackey (S.I.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Alf Case (anniv.)

OL 11.00am MASS Kitty & Trevor Golden Wedding

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 18th September the numbers drawn were 4, 5, 17. NO winner of £516. This week's estimated jackpot was £590.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 248 Mrs N Flynn, £5 No. 039 Mr R Ellis, £3 No. 244 Mrs C Ellis, £2 No. 250 Mrs M Flannery

Bonus Ball No. There is a spare Number on the Bonus Ball. See Margaret at the back of church.

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40, 18, Margaret Frain; £15, 113; Rachel Thompson; £5, 144, M Foxcroft; £5, 57, A Turnock.

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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