

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 4 OCTOBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today many people think that when emotional love ends, they no longer love one another. This isn't necessarily the case. Harold Kushner, an American rabbi, tells the story of a young couple who came to see him about their forthcoming marriage. He was to officiate at the wedding. At one point during the meeting the young man said, "Rabbi, would you object if we made one small change to the wedding vows? Instead of pronouncing us husband and wife *till death do us part*, could you pronounce as husband and wife *for as long as love lasts*? We've talked about this and we both feel that, should the day come when we no longer love each other, it wouldn't be morally right for us to be stuck with each other." But the rabbi replied, "I do object and I won't make the change. If you go into marriage with the attitude of 'if it doesn't work out then we can always split up', then I can almost guarantee you that things won't work out for you. I appreciate your honesty but you must understand that marriage is not just a mutual willingness to live together, but a commitment to accept the frustrations and disappointments that are an inevitable part of being together."

This story reminds us that marriage, like so many other things in life, including our faith, is not always plain sailing. When two people get married, their lives are linked together. From that point they have a common destiny. They are committed to one another, and are responsible to and for one another. However, the bond is not made of unbreakable material. It is made of human, and therefore, imperfect, vulnerable material. God made us for love – to receive it and to give it. However, the ability to love is not something that is given automatically to anyone. Love is something that has to be learned. The real journey that married couples have to make, and not just them but single people too, is the journey from selfishness to love.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the special love that exists between a married couple. It also gives Jesus the opportunity to share his faith and hope that marriage should last forever. We all know that this does not always happen. So let us pray for all those who are married this weekend, those who are preparing for marriage, and especially for those whose marriage has ended. We pray that God will continue to bless them with the gift of his love. May this love be present in those around them, especially those who give them the support and friendship they need.

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Mildred Baker, Tony Broster, Brian Burns, Agnes Coleman, Michael & Amelia Griffin, John Gromley, James & Lucy Jones, Michael Riley, Reginald Squires, Catherine White-side, Sylvia Withington,

SACRED HEART FATHERS OF BETHARRAM

There will be a Mass at Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton (Fr Anton's parish), in celebration of the Canonisation of Miriam Baouardy at 7.15pm on Friday 16th October. Fr Anton has invited St Joseph's parishioners to go along, especially the Companions of Bétharram. Miriam Baouardy is a special saint for the Sacred Heart Fathers of Bétharram, Fr Austin and Fr Dominic will also be there.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 6th October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 26th October. Thank you.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

COFFEE MORNING

We are sorry but there will not be a Tea & Coffee morning today: it has had to be cancelled.

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 MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Each year, May is the month of Mary and October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Legion of Mary began to honour that dedication in Sacred Heart church before Mass on Thursday by leading the recital of five decades. After Mass school children came in to say one decade. The Legion will continue before each Thursday Mass during October.

SECOND SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of the month and, as well as having our monthly coffee morning, we will also welcome parents and children from Sacred Heart school for their monthly Family Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL MASS

The St Vincent de Paul Annual Mass for past and present members will be held on 14th October at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart church. All welcome.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION

Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting the Pastoral Area over this weekend. 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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 28

With my heartfelt thanks. May the love of Christ always guide the American people! #GodBlessAmerica

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 £1,863.90

Friday was Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD. Please, if you haven't yet done so, take an envelope this week and bring your offering on 11th October.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Ruffley
Eternal rest grant unto her ...

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.

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'**

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

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. That's why, as well as responding with compassion to emergencies, we need to think of people like Hamani.

Hamani is his 70s who lives in a remote village in Niger, the poorest country in the world. Each year at Harvest time he looks forward to a crop that will feed him and his family throughout the year and hopes and prays 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. In recent times, the harvest has got smaller because of longer and hotter dry seasons.

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.

With your support, 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 live-stock 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. Please share the feast God spreads for us all. We are grateful for your support. Please continue to pray for our global family.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN SYRIA

*God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria
Comfort those who suffer violence,
Console those who mourn the dead,
Give strength to Syria's neighbouring countries to
welcome refugees,
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,
And protect those who are committed to peace.*

*God of Hope,
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek
reconciliation with their enemies. In flame the Universal
Church with compassion for the people of Syria and give us
hope for a future built on justice for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and
Light of the world. Amen*



St Joseph's Players Present

A Pulitzer Winning Play

HARVEY

By Mary Chase

Tuesday 13th October -

Saturday 17th October

Curtain up 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh
Bar, Raffle & Refreshments available.
Tickets £8 16 yrs and under £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 3 October

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

Mon 5 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 27, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Tony Broster (RIP)

Tue 6 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Flynn family decd. members

Wed 7 October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Marlene O'Neill (RIP)

SH 7.00pm MASS Barry Scotson (Anniv.)

Thu 8 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS James & Ann Marsh (RIP)

SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention

Fri 9 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Safe Confinement

StJ 12.00noon MASS Ellen Squires (B'day memorial)

Sat 10 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Joan Steven (LD)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Sheila Monaghan

Sun 11 October

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Day of Prayer for Prisoners

StJ 8.30am MASS Agnes Hayes (Anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS Wedding Anniversary

OL 11.00am MASS Eileen Massey and Danny O'Brien

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 25th September the numbers drawn were 4, 5, 17 (4, 5, 7 last week). NO winner of £584. This week's estimated jackpot was £650.

Our Lady's 500 Club £50 No. 481 Mrs K Jones, £10 No. 108 Mrs M Sanderson, £5 No. 438 Mrs C Ellis, £ No. 038 Mrs D Hindley, £2 No. 439 Mrs J Riley

Bonus Ball No. 26 Mrs B Ryan

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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