

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 11 OCTOBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

One day a rich young man approached Jesus and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Even though he was rich there was something he really admired about Jesus. Perhaps he came to Jesus because, despite his wealth, he was still searching. And he could say to Jesus, in all truth, "I have kept all the commandments since my youth."

He was undoubtedly a good-living, respectable young man. In essence he was saying, "I haven't killed anyone. I haven't stolen from anyone. I haven't committed adultery. I haven't dishonoured my father or my mother". In a nutshell, he hadn't done anyone any harm. Sure enough, he had no blot on his copybook. But did this mean he was an outstanding young man? Was he someone who had been through trials and tribulations and proved himself to be good? Possibly not. He simply hadn't been tested. But he was about to be. For him keeping the commandments would get him to eternal life. But for Jesus keeping the commandments was the bare minimum. He saw that the young man was capable of more. He offered him a new vision of goodness – a positive one. This consisted of not just avoiding evil, but in doing good and going the extra mile for others, especially the poor.

So Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, sell what you have and give it to the poor. Then come back and follow me, and you will have treasure in Heaven." Unfortunately the young man was not up to the challenge. He returned to his old comforts and securities. But he went away sad. No doubt he would continue to dream about doing something really worthwhile with his life. But in time, the dream would fade. Jesus let him go. He respected his freedom. There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. There is an important message in the story for all of us. This is a discipleship story. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of discipleship. When Jesus says, "Sell what you have ..." he doesn't mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardship and suffering, is not set forth in Mark's Gospel as the ideal way of living as a disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.

The question for us today is, what sacrifices are we willing to make for the sake of God's Kingdom? Jesus' Kingdom is a kingdom of love. The young man was on the brink of this exciting new world. However, he quickly realized that he could not say "yes" without saying goodbye to his old world. Let us pray that our response to Jesus will always be "yes" and that we might let go of the old and embrace the riches that Jesus promises us if we follow him today.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Vernon Byrne, Kevin & Margaret Fleming, Vincent Ganley, Dorothy Heaton, Special Intention.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

The second session of the First Communion & Confirmation Programme (Called by name) will take place on Wednesday 14th October at 3.45pm in the Mather Room.

THE ROSARY

October is the month of Our Lady, the Rosary is prayed before Mass on Wednesday and Friday and after Mass on Monday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of church, before and after both Masses, from Sunday 18th October.

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.

RED MISSION BOXES

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Fair will be held on Sunday 22nd November after the 10.30am Mass. Donations for the Tombola, Bottle Stall and Hamper would be very much appreciated. 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

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 next 200 Club will take place on Saturday 17th Oct after Mass. Cinderella Pantomime: can any money still owing please be paid in by the end of the month, please see Therese Thompson (tel 253507).

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 will lead the recital of the rosary in Sacred Heart church before Mass on Thursdays during October.

SECOND SUNDAY

Today 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.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

The second session of the First Communion & Confirmation programme (Called by name) will take place this Thursday, 15th October at 4.30pm in Sacred Heart church hall.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Most of us at Sunday Mass will know, at least by sight, Kevin O'Rourke and his wife Elizabeth. Kevin is a collector and he and Elizabeth are a constant presence at the back of church attending to doors and security. Elizabeth has been in poor health and has recently been admitted as an emergency to Bolton Hospital. Kevin says that she is now seriously ill and asks that you remember her in your prayers at this time.

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

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 Oct 3

The faith is not a gift just for me. Faith is given to be joyfully shared.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 1

Our life is not a pointless wandering. We have a sure goal: the house of the Father.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,877.27

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support. This week the Retiring Collection is on behalf of CAFOD. Please be as generous as you can.

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BAPTISM

Welcome into our Community through baptism to:
Eli Thomas Kennedy Jones

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, Elizabeth O'Rourke.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Vaiders
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 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.

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*



CAFOD CAMPAIGN

Signatures will be collected this week-end for Prime Minister David Cameron, Inspired by our Catholic faith and Pope Francis' Laudato Si' [May You be praised] encyclical, we call on you to show leadership nationally and internationally to secure fair and ambitious agreements on tackling climate change and poverty. We urge you and other world leaders to cut carbon emissions to keep global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 1.5 °C and to prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty. Please sign a list at the back of church.

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

Steve Williams and the Most Wanted Band

You don't want to miss these guys.

A blistering lawless band of outlaws that deals out forgotten songs, playing a hugely enjoyable programme of music that ranges from vintage blues to alternative country music and classic Americana all with sheer class.

The show is at:

St Stephen's Church, Manchester Road,
Astley from 7.00pm
Saturday 17th October.

Tickets £10 per adult and £5 per child -
pay on the door.

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 10 October

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

Mon 12 October **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 28, Year I**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth (RIP)

Tue 13 October **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Brian Crawley

Wed 14 October **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Marriage Blessing (Australia)
SH 7.00pm MASS SVP past & present members

Thu 15 October **Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Special Intention St Jude
SH 12.00noon MASS Mary Winifred Murray

Fri 16 October **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Joe Moore (Anniv.)
StJ 12.00noon MASS Tony Broster (RIP)

Sat 17 October **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Reginald Squires (Birthday memorial)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 18 October **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

World Mission Day

StJ 8.30am MASS Alan & Eileen Hogan (RIP)
SH 9.30am MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke (sick)
StJ 10.30am MASS Pauline Reynolds & Kathleen Reynolds (Anniv.)
OL 11.00am MASS Ann Devlin
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 2nd September the numbers drawn were 3, 10,11. NO winner of £650. This week's estimated jackpot was £720.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 281 K Jones, £5 No. 328 K Jones, £3 No. 286 A Sharkie, £2 No. 181 A Sharkie

Bonus Ball No. 4 Mrs M Collins

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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