

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 18 OCTOBER 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

## 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

We hear the story of the two brothers asking for places beside him in God's Kingdom, in today's Gospel Reading. Jesus tells them that they don't know what they are asking him. He has already told the disciples of how he will be handed over to the religious authorities, who will condemn him to death and hand him over to the pagans. The two disciples mention nothing of all this. Their request is to share Jesus' power when he "comes into glory", thus timing their appointment to begin when the suffering is over. But Jesus brings the conversation back to what must happen before.

Jesus' Kingdom is not about who wears the crown, but who bears the cross. So he asks the two brothers, "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I must be baptized?" They boast that they can. Jesus tells them that they will have a share in his sufferings, but it isn't for him to assign seats in the Kingdom of God. The message is clear: there are no shortcuts to God's favour. Not surprisingly, there is trouble when the other ten disciples hear how the two have been questioning Jesus.

So, to avoid more conflict, Jesus reflects on his own image of religious authority. He tells them that the pagan rulers lord it over others and make their authority felt. Jesus' command to his followers is unambiguous; "This must not happen among you." Before anything else is said, his followers must not imitate those whose standard of greatness is how much power and control they have over people. This has nothing to do with the spirit of the Gospel.

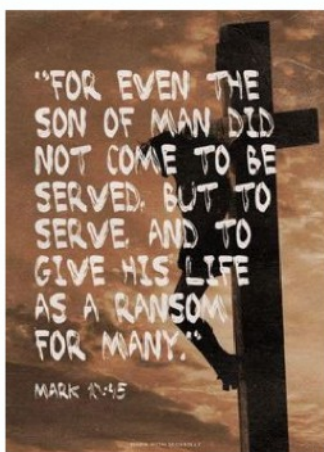
Jesus' image of authority is the one who is servant of all. If there is a great importance in his community, it is the importance of service. Jesus' image of "greatness is service" is not some advertising gimmick. It addresses real problems. As someone who fled when people actually wanted to make him their king, Jesus is suspicious of people who need to arrange their own enthronement. Jesus does himself what he asks others to do: to serve, not to be served; to give love freely, not to exact everyone's worship; to reach out to those in need, not to wait for adoring approval.

Christian discipleship is a service industry in which there should be no unemployment. There is work for everyone.

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST JOSEPH'S

### MASS INTENTIONS

Phylis Bailey, Deceased Members of the Boon & Campbell Families, Joseph Green, Deceased Members of the Manfredi Family, Marcus McCann, Bernard McHugh, John Topping, Cath Trungle, Mike Ward, Special Intention & Thanksgiving to Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints.

### THE ROSARY

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

### WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting for the Women's Sodality will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of church, before and after both Masses, from today.

### RED MISSION BOXES

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

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Our little army of ladies who clean the church are in need of more troops! They usually clean the church every other Friday morning but, due to holidays etc., the next cleaning day will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November around 9.30am. If you are able to help, please just come along. Thank you.

### SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Support Group will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm in the Green Room. If you would like to get involved in organising the Christmas Fair, please come along to the meeting. You will be most welcome.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 13

Let us learn solidarity. Without solidarity, our faith is dead.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 10

Work is important, but so too is rest. Shouldn't we learn to respect times of rest, especially Sundays?

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 8

Dear young friends, ask the Lord for a free heart so as not to be ensnared by the false pleasures of the world.

### PIOUS LIST

Envelopes for the Pious List are available in the porch in all our churches this weekend.

### LITURGY FOR CHILDREN DURING ADVENT

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

### WITH YOU ALWAYS

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

##### Session 3 'Come back to me'

|                          |                             |        |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov | St Joseph's (Mather Room)   | 3.45pm |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Twelve Apostles School Hall | 4.30pm |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Sacred Heart Church Hall    | 4.30pm |

##### Session 4 'Holy Spirit: the helper'

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | St Joseph's (Mather Room)   | 3.45pm |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Twelve Apostles School Hall | 4.30pm |
| Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Sacred Heart Church Hall    | 4.30pm |

##### Session 5 'Teach us to Pray'

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb  | St Joseph's (Mather Room)   | 3.45pm |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Twelve Apostles School Hall | 4.30pm |
| Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Sacred Heart Church Hall    | 4.30pm |

##### Session 6 'Jesus brings us together'

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | St Joseph's (Mather Room)   | 3.45pm |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Twelve Apostles School Hall | 4.30pm |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Sacred Heart Church Hall    | 4.30pm |

##### Session 7 'Mary: the first Disciple'

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | St Joseph's (Mather Room)   | 3.45pm |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Twelve Apostles School Hall | 4.30pm |
| Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> April | Sacred Heart Church Hall    | 4.30pm |

### 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

'Pray, hope, and  
don't worry.  
Worry is useless.  
God is merciful  
and will hear  
your prayer.'

- Saint Padre Pio



### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>PARISH TOTAL</b> | £1,316.60 |
| <b>CAFOD</b>        | £ 789.91  |

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections this weekend are in support of A.P.F. World Missions.

Mongolia is the focus of the World Mission Sunday 2015 collection and money raised in parishes across England and Wales will go to support the work of missionaries, like Bishop Wenceslao 'Wens' Padilla, the first and only Bishop of Mongolia, all around the world. As part of the worldwide Pontifical Mission Societies, Missio supports all of the Churches which are young and poor and the World Mission Sunday collection will also be helping our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

## THANK YOU!

Michel, CAFOD's country representative for Niger, says:

*"On behalf of the people of Niger, I really thank you for what you have already done and for what you will hopefully continue to do through CAFOD."*



## 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

Elizabeth O'Rourke, Maria Vaiders  
Eternal rest grant unto them...

## 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.*

**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'**

## FAITH & CREATION: A CALL TO MISSION

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helen.dufficy@columbans.co.uk)

## 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 is the next screening:-

- RSC's Henry V – 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## DAY TRIP TO STRATFORD

The day trip to Stratford takes place this week. We will leave early in the morning on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and set off back from Stratford at 6.30pm. Due to the road works on Chaddock Lane and the heavy traffic in Astley, there will be two pick up points in the morning:-

- **St. Joseph's, Leigh at 8.45am**
- **St. Richard's, Atherton at 9.00am**

Please try your very best to be on time for the coach – we want to start our journey as soon as possible. Let's pray for good weather and for a good journey down to Stratford.

## NEW YEARS EVE

Again we have been very lucky in securing the outstanding Eddie Robbins to provide our New Years Eve Entertainment at St Joseph's Hall. Eddie (New stage name Billy Scott) along with 50's band the Jetsons is back very much by popular demand.

We are aware that a number of people may have been deterred from coming along last New Years Eve because of the inadequate heating in the Hall. We are delighted to tell you, that we have now had the Hall fully double glazed and also have substantial supplementary heating available. Hopefully, those heating problems should be a thing of the past.

So come along, dance the night away, or simply sit back and listen as Billy and the Jetsons take you on a magnificent journey through the late 50's & 60's to the songs and music of Eddie Cochrane; Chuck Berry; Billy Fury; Johnny Kidd; Buddy Holly; Bobby Vee; Cliff Richard; Marty Wilde; Ricky Nelson; Elvis and others.

Where else can you go on New Years Eve, enjoy live music, refreshments, a professional bar service and convivial company for just £15.

Book your tickets from Des Cooney 01942 674868 or the Parish Office 01942 673517

## CAFOD CAMPAIGN

Still at the back of church is a petition to David Cameron saying:

Dear Prime Minister,

Climate change affects everyone, but especially the poorest and most vulnerable people among us. Inspired by Pope Francis and *Laudato Si*, we call on you to show leadership nationally and internationally so that agreements on tackling climate change and poverty are fair and ambitious.

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 this today if you can. Many thanks.

## OPPORTUNITY

Thinking of applying to become a secondary school teacher for September 2016?

Wigan and West Lancashire Catholic School Direct programme is a partnership between seven Catholic secondary schools, one Catholic Sixth Form College and Liverpool Hope University working together to provide first class Initial Teacher Training within the Catholic community. Applications open from the end of October 2015. For more information visit [www.catholicds.org.uk](http://www.catholicds.org.uk) or email [enquiries@catholicds.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@catholicds.org.uk)



## 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 17 October

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 (lately dead)  
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

### Mon 19 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 29, Year I*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Joseph Green (anniv.)

### Tue 20 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 7.00pm MASS Damian Kelly

### Wed 21 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Barbara Cook (RIP)  
SH 7.00pm MASS Lisa Hession

### Thu 22 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ NO MASS  
SH 12.30pm FUNERAL MASS Maria Vaiders

### Fri 23 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.15am SCHOOL HARVEST MASS (in church, all welcome)  
OL 10.00am MASS In thanksgiving  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Agnes Hayes (anniv.)

### Sat 24 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
12A 12.00noon MASS John Fisher (birthday anniv.)  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Brian Keavney (birthday anniv.)

### Sun 25 October **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

StJ 8.30am MASS Vincent Ganley (anniv.)  
SH 9.30am MASS Maureen Henrys (LD)  
StJ 10.30am MASS Special Intention  
OL 11.00am MASS John Northeyl  
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 9<sup>th</sup> September the numbers drawn were 8, 12, 14. NO winner of £732. This week's estimated jackpot was £810.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No.121 C Ackers, £5 No.270 J Newill, £3 No.246 N Flynn, £2 No.222 K Jones

**Bonus Ball** No. 8 Mrs A Simpson

Owing to changes in the lottery, we now have ten spare numbers. Please see Margaret at the back of church. Thank you.

### 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](mailto: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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