

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

25 OCTOBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

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

Jesus is leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, probably pilgrims travelling to the holy city for Passover. When the blind beggar Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is so near, he shouts a prayer of hope: "Son of David, Jesus, take pity on me." Some of those following Jesus resent this disturbance, so they tell him to be quiet. They represent those who feel it is OK to leave the afflicted to suffer in silence, no doubt in the belief that this is a religious response to suffering. Without the capacity to communicate his suffering, the blind man will continue to inhabit his world of darkness. He knows that, if there was going to be ANY change in his circumstance, he must communicate with Jesus. So he screams his lamentation. The sound of his voice stops Jesus in his tracks and he tells the crowd to minister to this blind man by calling him over. So the crowd changes its tune: "Courage," they say. "Get up; he is calling you." Jesus asked the question of questions: "What do you want me to do for you?" When the blind man finds a language for his loss, Jesus heals him and compliments him for a faith that has ultimately saved him. Saved by faith, he uses his new sight to follow Jesus along the road.

The healing in today's Gospel takes place as a result of the prayer of lamentation, the prayer which Bartimaeus screams out so he can be heard over the noise of the crowd. This prayer expresses the pain and the faith of Bartimaeus. He believed in a God who pays attention, a God who listens to his prayers. Why bother screaming if you believe that no one is there to listen? Bartimaeus focused on Jesus, and ignored all the other advice. He gave Jesus his undivided attention. And Jesus returned the compliment. If we have been brought up to believe that the religious response to suffering should be silence and a slow response then today's Gospel has got to open our eyes and change that. The loss of this prayer of lamentation is the loss of a language for our own suffering, the loss of a faith that desires to speak honestly to God. When Jesus reaches the end of his road, he will use the prayer of lamentation in Gethsemane. There, on the ground, he will find a language for his own pain and loss and fear.

The Good News is that the Father hears that prayer of Jesus and, through him, he will hear our prayers too. Calling out to God in desperation is not a useless exercise. It is a prayer that can reach the heart of God himself.

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and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Deceased Members of the Boon & Campbell Family, Carolyn Burke, JB Griffin, Pat Moss, Cath Trungle, Frances Wilcock

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 are on sale at the back of church, before and after both Sunday Masses.

RED MISSION BOXES

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice will be on Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm in the Green Room. Anyone interested in joining the choir will be very welcome.

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 6th November around 9.30am. If you are able to help, please just come along. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The next meeting of the support group will be held on Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm in the Green Room: the main topic will be the Christmas Fair. All are welcome to attend. 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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be having our Christmas raffle as usual and would be grateful for any prizes, food for hampers, bottles and gifts. Thank you.

BONUS BALL

We have ten spare numbers on the Bonus Ball. Anyone who wishes to participate, please see Margaret at the back of church. Thank you.

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

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of church from Saturday 31st October after Mass (limited supply).

SACRED HEART

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of Christmas cards and 2016 calendars are now in stock in our little shop next to the confessional together with a range of gifts. Come and have a look after Mass!

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the recital of the rosary in Sacred Heart church before Mass on Thursday (the last of this October).

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This year's Mass of Remembrance will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm. It is a time when we remember all our departed loved ones, especially those who have died in the last 12 months.

MASS CHANGE

Please note that from this week Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday at 10.00am and Friday at Sacred Heart at 10.00am. This is subject to change if we have a funeral on either of those days.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 22

In the poor, we see the face of Christ who for our sake became poor.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 20

Corruption is a cancer on society.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 16

Dear young friends, do not be afraid to give your all. Christ will never disappoint you.

PIOUS LIST

Envelopes for the November Pious List are now available in the porch at all our churches.

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.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Session 3 'Come back to me'

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

Session 4 'Holy Spirit: the helper'

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

Session 5 'Teach us to Pray'

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

Session 6 'Jesus brings us together'

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

Session 7 'Mary: the first Disciple'

Wed 6 th April	St Joseph's (Mather Room)	3.45pm
Wed 20 th April	Twelve Apostles School Hall	4.30pm
Thu 21 st 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

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

PARISH TOTAL £1,497.69

APF WORLD MISSIONS £439.04

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections next weekend are in aid of L.A.M.P. Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project.

SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Margaret Beckett, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Philip Harte, Shannon Mackay, Jack Parr, Mary (Molly) Toher, Gerald Turton.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Albert Hollinshead, James Michael Murphy, Agnes Whittington
Eternal rest grant unto them...

RECEIVING VATICAN II

The last of 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.

27 October

Dr Alana Harris (King's College London)

**'Interrogating the Council from Merseyside:
the Mariology and Eschatology of Dr Anne Biežanek**

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.catholicdsd.org.uk or email enquiries@catholicdsd.org.uk

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Again we have been very lucky in securing the outstanding Eddie Robbins to provide our New Year's 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 Year's 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 Cochran; 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 Year's 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



Understanding CAFOD

Ever wanted to know more about CAFOD? Come and see! 6.30 - 9.00pm, Tuesday, 10th November, 27 Crofton Road, Liverpool, L13 5UJ. Find out about what we do and join us for a bite to eat. Book by phone on 0151 228 4028.

Join the People's Climate March:

Sunday 29th November: London

As world leaders meet at the UN in Paris for global climate talks, join CAFOD and other Climate Coalition members at the London People's Climate March for a fun, family-friendly day, standing in solidarity with communities most affected by a changing climate.

Register & more details at:

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/climate-march> or contact us at liverpool@cafod.org.uk

Refugees

The current refugee crises in Syria and Europe are deeply concerning. Through our Syria Crisis appeal, the Catholic Community in England and Wales has donated more than £2.8 million in support so our partners can carry on delivering emergency supplies to thousands of vulnerable Syrian families in Jordan and Lebanon especially. We have also donated over £110,000 for refugee work since to our sister Caritas agencies in Greece and Serbia.

Here in Liverpool, the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission is coordinating local responses to refugees reaching the UK. Sign the Petition on Climate Change!

Our campaign **One Climate, One World** is calling for politicians to work together to:

- prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty.
- support the transition from polluting fossil fuels to sustainable energy for all.

2015 is a crucial year for action on climate change with the UN Summit in Paris (COP21) on Climate Change due to set international binding targets on greenhouse gas emissions in November - December to protect the Earth's environment. This is part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement which Pope Francis asks us to support by pressing our political leaders to take action on climate change. Please sign the petition in the church porch.

Volunteering

Over 50 years ago, CAFOD was born when volunteers from the National Board of Catholic Women organised the first Family Fast Day. Today, CAFOD still relies on the support of fantastic and committed volunteers doing amazing work to help those overseas.

We have a range of local roles, including within parishes, schools and the CAFOD shop. If you would like more information on volunteering roles, please contact us or see our website. <http://www.cafod.org.uk>

ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM OPEN NIGHT

St Mary's Sixth Form are holding an Open Evening on Thursday November 12th between 5.30pm-8.00pm. The results in the Sixth Form have reached a new high. Formal presentations will take place at 6.00pm and 7.00pm on the evening itself.

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 24 October

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

Mon 26 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 30, Year I

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS John Topping (B'day memorial)

Tue 27 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am

FUNERAL MASS Agnes Whittington

Wed 28 October

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am

MASS Gail Hampson

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Deceased Members of Boon & Campbell Families

SH 1.30pm

FUNERAL MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke

Thu 29 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

Eileen & Jim Keerney

SH

NO MASS

Fri 30 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am

MASS (Intention is "Mass of Angels")

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Joanne Smith (RIP)

12A 12.15pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Jean Graine

Sat 31 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Agnes Coleman

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Karol Gredecki

Sun 1 November

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

StJ 8.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am

MASS Bill, Doris and Doris.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Phyllis Bailey (Anniv)

OL 11.00am

MASS Brian Morris

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 16th September the numbers drawn were 1, 13, 14. NO winner of £820. This week's estimated jackpot was £900.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 058 J Newill, £5 No. 247 N Flynn, £3 No. 444 Aimee, £2 No. 119 M Sanderson

Bonus Ball No. 36 K O'Grady

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40 No 76 K Ogden, £15 No 112 S Peters, £5 No 138 B Mather, £5 No 65 V Jardine

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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