

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

1 NOVEMBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

If we wish to gain some insight into what it is to become a saint, our first and last point of reference within the life of the Church is to read the scriptures. On this great feast of All Saints we hear the words of the Beatitudes in today's Gospel. The Beatitudes, part of the Sermon on the Mount, provides us with the perfect information on living a Christian life and being a saint in our world today. In his presentation of the Beatitudes, Saint Matthew presents Jesus as fulfilling the Law of Moses. Just as Moses went up the mountain to receive the tablets of the Law, which is the basis for the life of Israel, Jesus now ascends the mountain to preach the new Kingdom of God.

Jesus does not receive a Law written on tablets, for he is the Law, he is the new Kingdom. The Beatitudes are the expression of his life, and those who live according to the Beatitudes will become like him. Our holiness with God is expressed in the way we share our love of God with others and in the way we put others first. Each of us are called to live out the Beatitudes in our lives and open our hearts fully to the mystery of Christ's love.

When we read the lives of the saints we can find great inspiration, but we can sometimes find it hard to see how we, with all our faults, can ever approach or imitate their holiness. The important thing about reading the lives of the saints is to understand that they are always focused on Christ, for the lives of the saints are always to be seen in his light. ***It is no use devoting ourselves to any particular saint unless we try to imitate them in our lives today.*** In Jesus Christ we are all invited to share in a mystery of love that goes beyond our understanding and imagination. It is by welcoming this mystery into our lives that we are able to follow the example of the saints. We can often misunderstand the mystery of sainthood. Sainthood is not something reserved for a select few within the Church. It is a calling given to everyone.

As we pray, as we celebrate the liturgy of the Church, as we try through God's grace to live the Beatitudes in our everyday lives, it is important to see all of this as a sharing in the mystery of Christ's love. At those times when we fail we are called not to lose hope, but to find in our failure the opportunity to encounter Christ's love, a love on which we can never place limits, a love that calls each one of us to holiness.

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St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
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Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Eileen Appleton, Deceased members of the Batchegalup family, Michael Cain, John & Mary Griffin, Eileen Kelly, Michael Monaghan, Jimmy Murphy, Steven Naylor, Carrie O'Rourke, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Jack Parr.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

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

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today. Everyone welcome.

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

... is now discontinued for the winter months.

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!

JOINT CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year the Christmas Fair will be jointly run by the churches of Twelve Apostles, Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Rosary. The fair will be held on Saturday, 28th November, in Sacred Heart School Hall and will start at 1.00pm. Gifts of bottles, chocolates, gifts will be gratefully accepted. These are to be handed in to the different churches. Each church will raffle a Christmas Hamper and tickets will be on sale after Mass for the next few weeks. Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

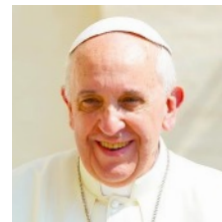
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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 since last 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 29

Let us ask the help of Saint Michael the Archangel to defend us from the snares of the devil.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 27

Parents, can you "waste time" with your children? It is one of the most important things that you can do each day.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 24

Economic development needs to have a human face, so that no one will be excluded.

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

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organized for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help those who feel a calling to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning their call. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the Archdiocese and a time for prayer and discussion. The next Day of Recollection will take place on Saturday 7th November at Saint Charles' Presbytery, 224, Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information please contact Fr James Preston at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone 0151-727-2493.

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 ... not available. It will be updated next week.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

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

BAPTISM

Welcome into our community through baptism to:-
Violet May Doherty and Joshua Craig Ridyard

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

James Murray, Albert Hollinshead.
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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

LUNCHTIME REFLECTIONS

... on some of the themes of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* (May you be praised), Care for our Common Home, using the CAFOD Guides. Venue: the Green Room, St Joseph's Presbytery, 12.30pm to 1.30pm (after the 12.00 noon Mass) on Fridays 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th December. Please come: you will all be made most welcome. As "food for thought", a delicious cup of hot soup will be available to start.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of a summary of the financial report are available at the back of church, please feel free to take one. The report will also be included within the November edition of the Catholic Pictorial. The full annual report and summary are also accessible on the archdiocesan website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/accounts

WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts are a different way in which we can all help to fight poverty. The World Gift catalogues are available at the back of church. You will find a range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to communities around the world. The refugee crises in both Europe and the Middle East have prompted us to include two additional World Gifts. Food for a family and a Winter survival kit. Please take a catalogue and see if you can give a loved one a gift that will help the poorest people in the world.



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/climatemarch> 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/climatemarch>

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 31 October

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 LD
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 2 November COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Pious List
OL 12.00noon MASS Pious List

Tue 3 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 31, Year I*

StJ 8.00am MASS Special intention Our Lady & St Jude
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS

Wed 4 November *Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am FUNERAL MASS James Murray
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Albert Hollinshead

Thu 5 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Nellie Abbott RIP
SH 12.00noon MASS Pious List

Fri 6 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 10.00am MASS James Worden
StJ 12.00noon MASS Frances & James Clarke (anniv.)

Sat 7 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OL 12.00noon MASS Margaret Woodcock
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Rebecca Duffy

Sun 8 November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS John Morse RIP
SH 9.30am MASS Thanksgiving
StJ 10.30am MASS Patricia Battersby RIP
OL 11.00am MASS Kath Sales LD
StJ 11.30am MEMORIAL SERVICE at the War Memorial in the grounds
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 23rd October the numbers drawn were 14, 15, 16. TWO lucky winners shared the jackpot of £916. This week's estimated jackpot was £50.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 229 J Evans, £5 No. 296 M Roach, £3 No. 303 C Ellis, £2 No. 030 R Atherton

Bonus Ball No. 11 A Farrell

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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