

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 8 NOVEMBER 2015



## Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The scene for today's Gospel is the Temple area of the city. Around the walls of the court of women there were thirteen collecting boxes, known from their shape as trumpets. They were set up for people's contributions towards the costs of the sacrifices and the running expenses of the Temple. Many rich people put in large sums of money – some, no doubt, trumpeting the size of their contribution. A poor widow puts in two of the smallest coins in circulation. In the arithmetic of the Kingdom the widow's offering is worth more than all the other contributions. Whereas the others give from their surplus, she gives everything. The two small coins make up the total of her resources. She could have kept one.

For Jesus, true generosity is measured not by what people give but by what they have left after they give. The poor widow leaves herself with nothing. She cannot give more, for she has nothing more to give. In Jesus' estimation she is a mighty widow and a very generous lady.

The story of the widow's generosity is well placed at this stage in Mark's Gospel. The poor widow typifies what Jesus will do himself – give everything as an offering to God. When Jesus has finished giving, there will be nothing left for him to give. He gives his all. Jesus hopes that his own disciples will take their cue from the example of the poor widow, not from the scribes who are hungry for status and honour. He hopes that we, his followers on earth today, will be equally generous. We are called upon to give of our time, our talent, our understanding. We are asked to give not just from our abundance but from our substance. This kind of giving can often hurt because we feel like we are spent afterwards. Like the widow, we might feel that we have nothing more to give, but it's this kind of giving that matters most for Jesus.

Every day, demands are made on us. We are called to be generous with our love, our forgiveness, our patience, our resources. And the Good News is that when we do this out of love, Jesus will be our constant support and he will repay us with great blessings in return.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASS INTENTIONS

Terry Gavin, Albert Hollinshead, Margaret McCarthy, Michael Sayer, Deceased members of the Yates Family.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

There will be a meeting for Mothers' Prayers on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

After the 10.30am Mass today we will have a short Service of Remembrance at the War memorial in the church grounds.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations from everyone at St Joseph's to Mr Alf Keavney, who last month was appointed to the rank of *Chevalier* in the *Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur* by the President of the Republic of France.

Here is a short extract from the letter Mr Keavney received from the French Ambassador.

*I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.*

*As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life.*

### 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, Cakes, Jewellery, Children's toys/games, Bottle Stall and Hamper would be very much appreciated.

### 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. Raffle Tickets will be on sale after Mass today.

#### BONUS BALL

We have ten spare numbers on the Bonus Ball. Anyone wishing to participate should please see Margaret at the back of church.

### TWELVE APOSTLES

Christmas Cards are on sale at the back of church after Mass (limited supply). The next 200 club will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the back of church after Mass. There are lists at the back of church for donations for Hampers for the Christmas Draw.

### 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. It is a time when we remember all our departed loved ones, especially those who have died in the last twelve months.

### MASS CHANGE

Please note that weekday Mass will usually be at Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday at 10.00am and Friday at Sacred Heart at 10.00am. These are subject to late change.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Oct 31

Vanity not only distances us from God: it makes us look ridiculous.

### PIOUS LIST

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

### 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'

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

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 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**      25/10/15   £1,919.54  
                                 1/11/15   £1,564.93  
L.A.M.P.                     £ 368.65

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, Shannon Mackay, Jack Parr, Mary (Molly) Toher.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Holden, Dorothea Mary Grundy, John Balmer, Michael Joseph Marren.  
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.catholicisd.org.uk](http://www.catholicisd.org.uk) or email [enquiries@catholicisd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@catholicisd.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 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Archdiocesan 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](http://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.

## ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM OPEN NIGHT

St Mary's Sixth Form are holding an Open Evening on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Understanding CAFOD

Ever wanted to know more about CAFOD? Come and see! 6.30 - 9.00pm, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/climate-march>

## CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

We would like to invite the families and friends of CAFOD supporters who have passed away, to a **Memorial Mass of Remembrance** on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November** in **SS. Peter and Paul Church, Crosby (161 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5TE)**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Furnival at 12.00 noon and there will be refreshments afterwards.

## 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 7 November

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

### Mon 9 November FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Eileen Appleton (Anniv.)

SH 12.00noon MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke LD

### Tue 10 November Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Marian Woodward (Anniv.)

### Wed 11 November Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Barbara Anne Cooke

StJ 12.00noon MASS Pat Leyland (Anniv.)

### Thu 12 November Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Emmison Family

SH NO MASS

### Fri 13 November Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 32, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Thanksgiving (FW)

### Sat 14 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Joan Hampson (RIP)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Nora and John Devaney

### Sun 15 November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Day of Prayer for Prisoners

StJ 8.30am MASS Ronald Gore (Anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Woldenars (Val) Stradins (Anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington (Birthday Memorial)

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 30<sup>th</sup> October the numbers drawn were 6, 23, 24. NO winner of £42. This week's estimated jackpot was £90.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 258 F Rasburn, £5 No. 407 N Jones, £3 No. 310 B Ellis, £2 No. 416 J Waterfield

**Bonus Ball** No. 16 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](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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