

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 15 NOVEMBER 2015



Responsorial Psalm

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the pages of the Bible there are many stories of great figures who, as they see their death approaching, gather their children or followers to give a final testament. Before Jacob died he called his twelve sons to give an appropriate blessing to each one. The dying Moses encouraged his people to be strong and to stand firm, then appointed his successor to lead the twelve tribes. Before King David ended his days, he addressed the officials of Israel and passed authority to his son Solomon.

In the same way Jesus, before he died, gathered his disciples and delivered his final teaching on the future age, instructing them how to live in the midst of political and cosmic upheavals. Part of Jesus' final testament is what we hear in today's Gospel. It's useful to remember that Saint Mark is writing at a time when there is widespread oppression and persecution of the Christian community in Rome. No doubt Jesus' followers are wondering if the end is near, uncertain in their suffering how things are going to turn out. To give his readers hope, Mark gives them Jesus' vision of the future. This vision doesn't look very appealing at first. The bad news is delivered first of all. Jesus imagines a time of terror and trouble and persecution. People will be betrayed and handed over to the authorities. There will also be cosmic changes, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from Heaven."

After this catalogue of disaster comes the Good News. Jesus looks beyond this time of distress to the final time, when the Son of God will gather the scattered people of God to himself. Jesus sees beyond the suffering and persecution to a future of peace with God. This hope is so important for Mark's persecuted community. If their hope is not to be exhausted by force of circumstances, they need help to imagine an end to their pain and suffering. Mark gives them hope by sharing Jesus' vision of peace. In the meantime, we have to depend on the promise of Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." No one, not even the Son of God, knows when this will happen. The only sure thing we can hold onto is the word of Jesus. We live in an age of uncertainty. The future never looks wholly secure. In a nuclear age and a world of unrest and disunity, Jesus presents a vision that takes us beyond our worst imaginings.

There is a place beyond the mountains of arms and weapons. There is a world beyond the hate and fear we see in the news each day. This vision doesn't free us from the duty to strive and campaign for peace and an end to poverty, but it does free us from the fear that the world is not ultimately in God's hands. There is only one final word: Jesus. He is our way, our truth and our life.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Mandy Barwick, Frank Duff & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Margaret Hogden, Albert Hollinshead, Kathleen & Philip McLloglin, Delia Reilly, Gordon & Mary Turner, June Woodcock, Special Intention.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Fair will be held on Sunday 22nd 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.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

There will be a meeting for the Women's Sodality on Tuesday 17th November at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The last meeting of the support group before the Christmas Fair will be held on Monday 16th November at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

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. Donations for the Raffle and for the Christmas Fair would be much appreciated. Thank you.

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 21st 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 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 7.00pm**. 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 Nov 12

As Christians, we are called to imitate the Good Shepherd and to help families experiencing difficulties.

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 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

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.

ORDER OF DEACONS

Why we need more deacons

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and priests are also welcome on Thursday, 10th December from 7.30-9.00pm, refreshments available from 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Rooms, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB.

PRAYER FOR THE EARTH

God of love, teach us to care for this world our common home. Inspire government leaders as they gather in Paris: to listen to and heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor; to be united in heart and mind in responding courageously; to seek the common good and protect the beautiful earthly garden you have created for us, for all our brothers and sisters, for all generations to come.

Amen.

This prayer is offered by Bishops from around the world ahead of the UN climate talks in Paris. It is reproduced with kind permission from Vatican Radio,



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,267.53

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collections next weekend (Youth Sunday) will be in support of Catholic Youth Services.

SICK

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

BAPTISM

Welcome into our community through baptism to:-
Ivie Jean Sullivan-Whiteside, Gracie Ann Creegan, Euan Daffydd Vincent Thomas.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Leonard Gibbons, Shaun Kelly.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR OLDER PEOPLE

We are looking to deliver gifts and spend time with people who may otherwise not see anyone else. Are you or someone you know going to be alone this festive period? Please get in touch via e-mail address rachel_prescott1990@hotmail.com or on 01942 875032 (Flower Shop). If you would like to donate gifts (of e.g. playing cards, crosswords, sweets, chocolate, books etc.) or of your own spare time, please call into the drop-off point 'Inspire Gift Shop' on Market St, Atherton (opposite the Post Office) or 'Flower Shop by Gill' on Smith St, Atherton. Any donation, no matter how small is greatly appreciated.

*One kind word
can warm
three winter
months.*
-Japanese proverb



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

Billions invested in dirty fossil fuels overseas

The UK government is spending billions of pounds investing in dirty fossil fuels overseas – more than double the amount it spends supporting renewable energy. To protect the planet and the poorest people from climate change, we urgently need to shift the balance.

Inspired by our faith and encouraged by the words of Pope Francis, we're asking **Climate and Energy Secretary Amber Rudd** to lead that shift, away from dirty fossil fuels towards clean, sustainable energy that meets the needs of the poorest people.

You can help by emailing the government. Visit cafod.org.uk for the details.



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



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EDDIE ROBBINS

and the

JETSONS

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Tickets £15

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Parish Office 01942 673517

Entertainment starts at 8.00pm

Doors open at 7.00pm

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 14 November

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

Mon 16 November Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 33, Year I

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)

Tue 17 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Marian Woodward (Anniv.)

Wed 18 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.15am MASS George Bennet
StJ 12.00noon MASS Delia Riley (Anniv.)
SH 7.00pm PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Pious Lists

Thu 19 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Leonard Gibbons
SH 12.00noon MASS Philip Bannon LD

Fri 20 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 10.00am MASS Special intention
StJ 12.00noon MASS Joseph Smith (Anniv.)

Sat 21 November Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
12A 12.00noon MASS Toher & Lavery families
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY McArt & Murnan families

Sun 22 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Youth Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Adam Orchison (Anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS Frank Crossley
StJ 10.30am MASS Vernon Byrne (Anniv.)
OL 11.00am MASS Keith Cooper
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 6th November the numbers drawn were 1, 13, 28. NO winner of £96. This week's estimated jackpot was £160.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 212 D Davies, £5 No. 038 D Hindley, £3 No. 426 C Ellis, £2 No. 252 N Flynn

Bonus Ball No. 38 C Ackers

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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