

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 31 JANUARY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

My lips will tell of your help.

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!

REFLECTION

There is a great link between faith and love. In today's Second Reading Saint Paul gives us what is acknowledged to be one of the best descriptions of love ever written, so much so that his words have been put to music by many people from all over the world, even by people who claim that they do not believe in God. Love is a much-used word today. But what today's culture calls love, in songs and books and films for example, frequently is not love at all. Sometimes it can even be the opposite to love. It is desire and control and possessiveness. Today a lot of people can be cynical about the existence of real love. They are sceptical about the existence of goodness that is untouched by self-interest. One reason, perhaps, is that today we have a better understanding of the complexity of human nature, and the mixed motives behind everything we do.

Saint Paul was well aware of the mixed motives that people have. He understood how people could make great sacrifices, yet those sacrifices are worthless because they are done from motives of self-interest. This is why he wrote the hymn of praise to love in today's Second Reading. However, Saint Paul still believed in the real possibility of love, and that this is essential for every Christian. What he proposes in his description of love is clearly an ideal. An ideal is like a star. Though we can never reach it, it still guides us. But the main point Paul is making is the primacy of love in the life of every Christian. We must be willing to try and give love a chance. But we must also be willing to accept our weaknesses and failures without anger and frustration. To be possessed with love is to be filled with a power which will not be denied. Love will do anything, brave anything, suffer anything, endure anything, for the sake of who or what it loves. Love, kindness, charity, doing things for others – these are the essential qualities.

Love never fails. Other things fade and pass away, but real love endures forever. If a person truly loves then they will possess all other virtues too. Faith, hope and love are three great virtues. These remain, and the greatest of these is love. All things pass away, but the kind word, the kind action, never pass away. Jesus illustrated this throughout his life here on earth. How will we do the same in our lives each day?

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**

**FAITH
HOPE
LOVE**

And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.
But the greatest of these is

LOVE

1 Cor.13:13

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Phillip John Aldred, Gerald Burke, Evelyn Donohue, Kathleen Greensmith, Frances Jones, Andrew O'Brian, William Fairclough, Tommy Manion, Terence Quinn, Elizabeth Waterson, Marie Whittle, Sylvia Withington, Get Well, Special Intention.

FLOWER TEAM

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are in great need of a new Flower Team. Anyone interested, please contact the office.

SACRED HEART

This year, on Friday, 4th March at 7.30pm, our church will be hosting the **Women's World Day of Prayer** service for all churches in Leigh. Both sexes and all ages are invited. Practices for singers, 7.30pm for one hour, are on Mondays, 22nd and 29th February. The service has been written by Christian women from Cuba.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass next Sunday, 7th February. Everyone welcome.

TWELVE APOSTLES

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

... will take place from Easter Monday, March 28th to Thursday March 31st. The cost is £175, names and a deposit of £30 are required ASAP. Please see Margaret Hawkins or Therese Thompson.

WITH YOU ALWAYS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Session 5 'Teach us to Pray'

Wed 3 rd Feb	St Joseph's Side Hall	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

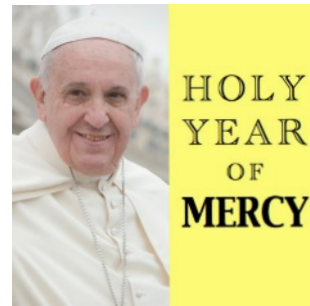
Session 7 'Mary: the first Disciple'

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

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016

By air from John Lennon Airport on Friday 22nd - Friday 29th July 2016. This year the pilgrimage is being lead by Archbishop Malcolm. Pilgrims who need help with mobility, nursing or medical care on the journey or in Lourdes should register as soon as possible with the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: 0151 727 4000. Email lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk The closing date for registration is 30th April 2016. For independent pilgrims please contact the Tour operator, Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2, Ireland www.joewalshstours.co.uk There is a reduction for those who book on line. Tel: 0151 909 2871

Can You Help? We urgently need Doctors, Nurses, Healthcare professionals
Adult helpers 18+ no experience required
Youth helpers 15+Musicians & singers
Contact Adam Taylor 0151 727 4000
Animate Youth Office 01744 740462



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jan 22

In today's society, in which forgiveness is so rare, mercy is ever more important.

ORDINARY TIME (WINTER)

During this time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for the following intentions.

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it, The Sick and Those who Care for Them, The Unemployed.

Sunday, 7 February is Day of the Unemployed

Monday, 8 February is Day for Victims of Trafficking
(Ash Wednesday is on 10 February 2016)

Thursday, 11 February is World Day for the Sick

RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 6th February at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

'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.

7.30pm - 9.00pm on Wednesday, 17th February 2016
(Refreshments available from 7.00pm)

Christ the King Parish Room, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree
Liverpool, L15 6YQ

RCIA PROGRAMME

Do you know anyone who would like to be a Catholic? Perhaps you yourself have been coming to Church for a while and thinking about becoming a Catholic too?

Very soon, we are going to have a gathering of people who are thinking about becoming new members of the Church. This would usually take place at one of the Easter Vigils – this year celebrated on March 26th – when people entering the Church would celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist as well as being Baptised if they have not been baptised before. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is, please contact the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,581.42

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Margaret Beckett, Baby Grace Burgess, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Philip Harte, Shannon Mackay, Jack Parr.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Denis Appleton, Keith Ogden

Eternal rest grant unto them.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS

You are invited by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon to the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 21st February at 11.00am. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Gibberd room afterwards.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us
your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

BAD WEATHER PREPARATION

In the event of ice and snow please take greater care when coming into grounds of each of the churches. Wear suitable footwear. There may be limited access to each church with only some paths gritted. If the weather is very bad do not attempt to get to Mass.

FAITH AND MERCY: CYMFED ADULT LEADERS' CONGRESS 2016

The 2016 Congress takes place on Saturday 6th February 2016 at the Friend's Meeting House, Euston Rd, London. Doors open at 10am, ending at 4pm. Book tickets for less than 10 (£11.49 per ticket) at <https://t.co/mgtlfBDy0W> or for groups of 10 go to <http://cymfed.org.uk/congress2016/>

This event is for anyone who does anything to work with young people in any setting in the Church. The more the merrier, all are welcome. Our keynote speaker for the event will be Fr Andrew Small. Fr Andrew is the man behind jokewiththepope.org and the brand new *missio* app available on the android and app store. He is an excellent practitioner of the new evangelisation and through his work as Director of the Pontifical Mission Society in America he helps people to actually put their faith into action and see measurable results. Born in Liverpool, Fr Andrew is making a special trip back to the UK to be with us for our congress. As well as Fr Andrew Small, we will be joined by RISE Theatre, One Hope Project, will be launching the Faith in Action Awards and will have further information

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

As many of you will know, a number of people from the Pastoral Area are travelling to the Holy Land on Monday. During our Pilgrimage we will hopefully be visiting many famous sites and walking in the footsteps of Our Lord and the disciples. Please keep us in your prayers, so that we have a safe journey. We promise that you will be in our prayers at all times and we will light a candle for you – if we can – in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

EASTER CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND

Our Holy Land pilgrims will take our Easter cards this year. Today only, cards made by Liverpool Carmel will be available to purchase (50p) and for you to sign and add a message.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

The Catholic Trust for England and Wales has purchased a package of e-learning programmes available to all members of the Catholic community free of charge. This is part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding. If you wish to access the training course email safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk your email should contain your name, the name of your parish, your role in the church e.g. Catechist, Eucharistic minister etc. On receipt of your email, the safeguarding administrator will register your email address with EduCare. You will receive a welcome email from them inviting you to set your password. You will then have instant access to the training programmes.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Present

The logo for Oliver, featuring a stylized blue 'O' with a white swirl inside, followed by the word 'liver' in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

9,10,11th February

Check web site or Tel. 01942 884144
Cheryl Grange for ticket availability

Tickets £5.00 with various options

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 30 January

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Trevor Jones

Sun 31 January

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Olivia, Ken & Stephen Hartnell
SH 9.30am MASS Bridie Greenhalgh LD
StJ 10.30am MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)
OL 11.00am MASS Teresa and John Ryder (anniv.)
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 1 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II, Week 4

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ NO MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS Gerald Oddie

Tue 2 February

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Michael Monaghan

Wed 3 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Brian Ashton (Birthday memorial)

Thu 4 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS John Lucas (Birthday memorial)

SH 12.00noon MASS Maureen Henrys

Fri 5 February

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

(OL) 10.00am MASS at Moss Bank Court Bill Clarke

StJ 12.00noon MASS Daniel & Catherine Porter (anniv.)

Sat 6 February

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke LD

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Sun 7 February

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS Marie Corner R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am MASS Thomas Kennedy (anniv.)

OL 11.00am MASS Derek Robins

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 22nd January the numbers drawn were 8, 9, 11. NO winner of £150. This week's estimated jackpot was £180.

Our Lady's 500 Club 17th Jan: £10, 298; A Unsworth, £5, 480, M Fleming, £3, 036, M Roach; £2, 333, Michael
24th Jan: £10, 387, P Purcell, £5, 388, J Causby, £3, 157, L Bettys, £2, 188, A Sharkie

Bonus Ball 24th Jan No. 24 Mr N Jones

Twelve Apostles 200 Club n/a

There are still two numbers on Our Lady's Bonus Ball available, once these numbers are sold we can increase our prize money to £30. Please see Margaret at the back of church.

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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