

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

7 FEBRUARY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Peter and his companions had done their best. They had fished all night but had caught nothing. They were now tired and dispirited as they washed their nets. It's always possible to do your best yet at the end of the day, or night, to have nothing to show for it, nothing but weariness and wounds. Someone might study hard for an exam, yet not get the results they wanted. A player might play their heart out yet still lose the match. A parent might try their hardest yet a child can still do things wrong. Jesus might have blamed his disciples for not being very good at fishing. Instead he gives them another chance, another opportunity. To fail is painful enough without someone rubbing salt into the wounds. Most of us experience failure at some time or other. There is no point in being sentimental about it. Failure can breed despair. What we need is not blame but someone to believe in us, to encourage us and to challenge us. Besides, success isn't everything: we can win an argument but lose a friend. Through competition and promotion we may advance in our profession, but in terms of relationships we may be impoverished. Success is sweet at the moment it is achieved. But almost immediately the cup of success begins to drain away and a feeling of emptiness can set in.

Jesus did not blame Peter and his companions. But he didn't encourage them to wallow in self-pity either. Nor did he allow them to rest in failure. He challenged them to try again: "Launch out into the deep and let down the net for a catch." Every person in life has a greater possibility. If we are to realize this "greater possibility" we need to be challenged to go beyond ourselves, beyond what we think we are capable of and have settled for. We need someone to say to us "Launch out into the deep." Jesus knew that Peter was a sinner. But he knew that he was also capable of greatness. Many cults appeal to people's weaknesses. But Jesus appealed to Peter's strengths. He knew that Peter and his companions were capable of better things. So he threw down a challenge to them – to leave their nets and become fishers of men and women. And, to their credit, they responded wholeheartedly. They left everything and followed him. We all need someone to accept us for what and who we are. But we also need someone who believes that we are capable of more and who are strong and loving enough to challenge us to believe in it.

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Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Denis Appleton, Kathleen & Francis Duffy, Ellen Anne Joyce, Francis Joseph Murphy.

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. If anyone could loan any items from Cuba, for a display in the church, they would be cared for and returned to you promptly after the service. Please ask your friends. Please ring (01942) 676962.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today, 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 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, Health-care 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 Feb 2

Mary, Mother of Jesus, help us to share the wonders of the Lord with all whom we meet on the way.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jan 28

As Christians, we cannot be self-centred, but must always be open to others and for others.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be available at all the Masses. Also at the back of church of all our churches are *Walk With Me* booklets with readings and reflections for all each day of Lent. Please take one, there is no charge, but please only take one per household. Thank you.

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions.

Candidates for the Sacraments - especially on the Sundays of Lent.

Friday, 19th February is Lent Fast Day (Friday of 1st week)

Friday, 4th March is Women's World Day of Prayer

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

There will be two extra opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Pastoral Area during Lent.

- Service (including individual confessions) at Holy Family on March 2nd at 7.00pm.
- Confessathon at St Joseph's on March 29th between 10am-2pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

... this year have been adjusted so as not to coincide

- Holy Family, Boothstown, Sunday at 3.00pm.
- St Richard's, Atherton, Monday at 7.00pm.
- St Joseph's, Leigh, Wednesday at 7.00pm.
- Sacred Heart, Leigh, Thursday after midday Mass.
- St Ambrose Barlow, Astley Friday at 7.00pm.

'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 £1,749.40

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, Claire Slater, John Thompson.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Denis Appleton, Christine Hession, Patrick Ryan.

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.

EASTER CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND

Seventy cards from St Edmund Arrowsmith parish have been taken by our pilgrims to Fr Twal in Jerusalem to distribute, showing our solidarity with those who are suffering injustices. Thanks to those who donated £45 for the Carmelite cards, which cost £35. The difference, converted to dollars, \$15, was sent with a pilgrim to help one of the poor Churches.

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.

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

Oliver

9,10,11th February

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

Tickets £5.00 with various options

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

A public meeting about the refugee crisis will be held on Wednesday, 17th February, 7.30 to 8.30pm in Leigh Parish church vestry.

LENT FAST DAY

Friday 19th February

The day water came to 14 year old Proscovia's community, her life changed completely. Her mother was close to removing her from school because she needed the young girl to collect life-giving water for the family to drink, wash and cook with. This would mean she would keep her family alive, but Proscovia's dreams of getting an education would die.

When Proscovia cranked the pump on that incredible day and water finally flowed from it, she knew she no longer had to walk hours to collect it each day. She could wash when she wanted and cook when she wanted. It meant that she was never late for school or missed a day.

This phenomenal transformation was thanks to the compassion and generosity of CAFOD supporters throughout the country.

Please continue with your prayers for the men and women who work for CAFOD, that through the grace of God they may continue to support people and bring hope to those in greatest need.

We pray for world leaders: that they may act to protect God's creation and ensure all people have access to these gifts.

CAFOD
just one world

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 6 February

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Shaun Kelly (LD)

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

Mon 8 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time Year II, Week 5

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Denis Appleton
SH 12.00noon MASS Brian Brett LD

Tue 9 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Dorothea Grundy R.I.P.

Wed 10 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.15am MASS Phillip John Aldred (anniv.)
OL 9.45am MASS Stacey Boylan (LD) and family
(12A) 11.00am MASS IN SCHOOL
StJ 12.00noon MASS Florence Yates
SH 7.00pm MASS J.B. Griffin LD

Thu 11 February

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.15am FUNERAL MASS Christine Hession
SH NO MASS

Fri 12 February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.45am FUNERAL SERVICE Delia Bridget Brett
SH NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS Annie & James McDermott R.I.P.

Sat 13 February

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OL 12.00noon MASS John Griffin (LD)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Brian Griffin LD

Sun 14 February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

StJ 8.30am MASS Kathleen Sinclair (anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS Beaty & Syd Fletcher
StJ 10.30am MASS Molly Toher R.I.P.
OL 11.00am MASS Gerald and Eileen Massey
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 29th January the numbers drawn were 7, 17, 22. NO winner of £180. This week's estimated jackpot was £210.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 140 A Sharkie, £5 No. 358 M Moore, £3 No. 095 E West, £2 No. 462 M Moore
Bonus Ball 42 M Roach

Twelve Apostles 200 Club £40, 98, Mike Watt; £15, 124, T Thompson; £5, 204, E Foster; £5, 25, M Gredecki.

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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