

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

21 FEBRUARY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

REFLECTION

That the transfiguration happened on a mountain top should come as no surprise. There is something special about being on a mountain. A mountain gives us a wider view and an over-all view. It helps us to see the pattern in things and puts things into perspective. It also raises the spirits. On a mountain top we are often in the presence of great majesty and beauty. We can even feel closer to God there. Indeed, we can feel like we are in his presence. On Mount Tabor the sky was bright. Jesus was praying. As he prayed his face shone and his clothes became white as snow. On one side of Jesus stood Moses, the great law giver. On the other side was Elijah, one of the greatest of the prophets. A luminous cloud overshadowed them, symbolizing the presence of God. Out of the cloud, the voice of the Father was heard saying these wonderful words: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." Later Peter exclaimed, "It is wonderful for us to be here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Peter wanted to stay on the mountain. He wanted to build a safe haven there, away from all the trouble and danger. But the purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape. The purpose was to comfort and strengthen Jesus and the apostles so that they would be able to go back to Jerusalem and face the mess they had left behind. And how much they needed that strength! For there would come another day and another hill. This time the sky would be dark. The face of Jesus would be covered with sweat and blood. His clothes would not dazzle as on Mount Tabor – they would be taken from him. For companions he would have two criminals. There would be no voice from Heaven, only the voices of scoffers and people mocking him. The disciples would be scattered and would want no part of what was happening. The only thing in common would be that Jesus would once again be praying. From this it is clear that what sustained him in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with God the Father.

Hopefully all of us have some experience of Mount Tabor, the hill of joy and exaltation. But we are possibly more familiar with Mount Calvary. What happens is we tend to go from one to the other. On "Tabor" we can glimpse the beauty of Heaven. Encouraged, elated, we have thought, like Peter, "it is good for us to be here." Then at times we are plunged to walk with Jesus into the sorrow of Calvary where, with the help of God, we can learn to say, "Thy will be done." May we also learn to respond to God the Father's words on Mount Tabor who asks us to "listen" to his Son.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Denis Appleton, Tony Broster, Elizabeth Cleworth, Mary Corner, Mr R Crompton, Rachel Darbyshire, Monica Davies, Frank Evans, Phil Garside, Mary Green, Kevin Fleming, Herd Family, Christine Hession, The Higgins Family, Glynis & Philip Hindley, Kearns & Kinney Families, May Malley, Ellen Mullahy, Thomas McCulloch, Steven Naylor, Tommy O'Donnell, Marlene O'Neill, Sam Postlewaite, Joe Roberts, Pat Ryan, Mary Taylor, John Thompson, Ellen Tolitt, Anne & Paul Unsworth, Peter Worden, Christopher Yates, Deceased members of the Yates Family, Recovery from illness, St Jude, Successful Operation,

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.

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 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

The pilgrimage this year is from 22nd to 29th July. Places are still available for ordinary and assisted pilgrims in both hotels and the Accueil Marie Saint-Frai (with 24 hour medical and nursing care). Hotels cost from £669 per person including flights from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, transfers and three daily meals. Our tour operator this year is Joe Walsh Tours (0151 909 2871). Pilgrims requiring assistance (mobility/medical etc.) in any form should contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at their earliest convenience to avoid disappointment. Lourdes Office Tel: 0151 727 4000
Email: lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk
Web: www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk

DEMENTIA FRIENDS CHAMPION?

Are you one already or could you become one? The Archdiocese has joined the Dementia Action Alliance and is committed to making the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends awareness session available in all our parish communities. So we need people who have completed the one-day training

and become Dementia Friends Champions. If you are a Dementia Friends Champion, or you would like to become one, please contact Maureen Knight at the Pastoral Formation Department, 0151 522 1046, m.knight@rcaol.co.uk
Training information at <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk>
The diocesan Action Plan drawn up by our Dementia Working Group can be viewed now and will be regularly updated on the Dementia Action Alliance website where it is listed as Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool:
www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/3012_liverpool_dementia_action_alliance



Pope Francis' @Pontifex Feb 13

Mary is the woman who says yes, a yes of surrender to God, a yes of surrender to her brothers and sisters. May we follow her example.

Pope Francis' @Pontifex Feb 14

Jesus is waiting for us and wants to heal our hearts of all that tears us down. He is the God who has a name: Mercy.

Pope Francis' @Pontifex Feb 18

The mercy of Jesus embraces everyone in every part of the world: open your hearts!

LENT

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions. Candidates for the Sacraments - especially on the Sundays of Lent.

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 19th between 10.00am - 2.00pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- 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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

... on Laudato Si' and the Year of Mercy
Tuesday evenings during Lent
(23rd February and 1st, 8th, 15th March)
at St Ambrose Barlow Hall from 7.45pm – 8.45pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,851.25

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

This weekend, the retiring collection will be in support of CAFOD. Please take and return your Lenten Fast Day envelopes as soon as it is convenient.

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, Kevin O'Rourke, Margaret Case.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Thompson, Catherine Pennington, Eileen Gibson

Eternal rest grant unto them.

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE 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

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.

LENT FAST DAY FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the worlds poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and play with their friends.

Did you know... Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Nick Hurd has given the thumbs-up for your incredible support at Lent? He says "It's fantastic that people across England and Wales will be 'making a splash'...for CAFOD's Lent Appeal, supporting thousands of people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zimbabwe, and Uganda. By doubling every pound raised, together we can ensure that 300,000 people, especially young girls, can go to school rather than walking miles to collect water, can be protected from disease, and live healthy, productive lives." Your support is transforming lives. Thank you!



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.

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

AN EVENING OF BIG BAND MUSIC.

There will be an evening of big band swing, featuring the Mark Gillbanks Big Band at St Stephen's church, Manchester Road, Astley on Saturday, 27th February - from 7.00pm. Admission £10 - pay on the door.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 20 February

12A 5.30pm

Weekday of Lent

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Molly Toher L.D.

Sun 21 February

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OL 11.00am

StR 6.30pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS Ward family (S.I.)

MASS William Landers (birthday memorial)

MASS Joe & Tony Shovelton (anniv.)

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 22 February

StJ 8.30am

StJ 9.00am

FEAST OF THE SEE OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Morning Prayer

MASS May John & Christine Gillbanks

Tue 23 February

StJ 8.30am

StJ 9.00am

12A 10.30am

SH

Weekday of Lent

Morning Prayer

MASS Dorothy Grundy (RIP)

FUNERAL MASS John Thompson

NO MASS

Wed 24 February

StJ 8.30am

OL 10.00am

StJ 12.00noon

StJ 7.00pm

Weekday of Lent

Morning Prayer

MASS In thanksgiving

MASS Louisa Farrington (Anni)

Stations of the Cross

Thu 25 February

StJ 8.30am

StJ

SH 12.00noon

SH after Mass

12A 4.00pm

Weekday of Lent

Morning Prayer

NO MASS

MASS Special Intention (B.F.)

Stations of the Cross

Reception into Church

Fri 26 February

StJ 8.30am

SH

12A 10.30am

StJ 12.00noon

StJ 1.30am

Weekday of Lent

Morning Prayer

NO MASS

FUNERAL MASS Eileen Gibson

MASS Vincent Keavney (RIP)

FUNERAL SERVICE Catherine Pennington

Sat 27 February

12A 11.00am

12A 12.00noon

12A 5.30pm

Weekday of Lent

Exposition & Reconciliation

MASS Jean Cooney L.D.

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Special Intention (H.R.)

Sun 28 February

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OL 11.00am

StR 6.30pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS Albert Purcell (B'day memorial)

MASS Kitty Gallagher (anniv.)

MASS Joe & Tony Shovelton (Anni)

MASS Catherine Trundle (Birthday Mem)

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 12th February the numbers drawn were 2, 15, 17. NO winner of £244. Due to holidays, the next draw will be on 4th March, estimated jackpot £280.

Our Lady's 500 Club 7th February £10 No. 118 M Sanderson, £5 No. 445 T Jones, £3 No. 313 B Ellis, £2 No. 189 A Sharkie. 14th February £10 No. 325 a Unsworth, £5 No. 452 E West, £3 No. 408 N Jones, £2 No. 140 A Sharkie

Bonus Ball No. 50 M Flannery No. 36 Fr K O'Grady

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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