

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

17 APRIL 2016



## Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

The image of Jesus as the Shepherd of the Father's flock is one of the most beautiful images we have of him. And we owe this to Jesus himself. This is how he described himself and his mission here on earth. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and not someone who has been hired to look after the sheep. The sheep belong to him and he is ready to die for them, unlike those who are hired and run away as soon as there is trouble or danger approaching. Jesus made the most wonderful promises to those who belong to him. He said that none of them would ever be lost. No one would succeed in snatching from his care the sheep that the Father has entrusted to him. The sheep that belong to him will be safe with him because the Father's power is in him. Jesus and the Father are ONE. And he will lead them to the pastures of eternal life. The feeling of belonging to Jesus, and of being known and loved by him, is enormously comforting and reassuring. Who would not want to belong to his flock? To belong to him requires three things:-

- Firstly we have to believe in Jesus. However believing is only the beginning.
- Secondly we have to listen to him – "My sheep listen to my voice". To listen to Jesus means to live out his teaching.
- Thirdly, we are called to follow him, in others we have to do his holy will.

Obviously the relationship we have with Jesus has to be a two-way thing. The sheep have to choose to belong. Jesus won't or can't save people against their will. But it is wonderfully consoling to realize that if we do sincerely want to and try to belong to him then he will take care of us in life and death. He promises to give us eternal life. So we can place our faith and trust in his Word, "I give them eternal life ... they will never be lost." It doesn't mean that belonging to Jesus will give us an easy life here on earth. The opposite is more likely to be the case. Those who belong to him are likely to be persecuted, but those who remain faithful through their trials will share in the glory of Heaven, as mentioned in today's Second Reading. Trials and sufferings are an opportunity to prove one's faith and obedience to the Lord.

The flock in today's Gospel Reading is a good image of community. Even on a human level we all have a deep need for belonging to a community, whether it means being part of a church, a youth club, a football or rugby team, or even a local pub. Jesus understood this human need. It was a need he had himself, which is why he called the disciples to be his followers. This is why he wanted his own followers to live as a community. It is here that we should find mutual support, encouragement and companionship. We can't belong to Jesus without belonging to his flock, the Church here today. This privilege of belonging is not something that is offered to a chosen few, but to everyone. As we give thanks for Jesus the Good Shepherd today, let us pray that we may be good shepherds too and welcome others into the family of God's Church.

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Sacred Heart,  
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and  
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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Deceased Members of Boon & Campbell Families, Byrne & Farr Family, Ann Davison, Margaret Grogan, Winifred & Anne Hampson, Christine Hession, Jack Parr, Margaret Pember-ton, Kevin Quinn, Catherine Trundle.

### THANK YOU

Bernard & Joyce Worden would like to thank everybody for their good wishes, cards & Mass cards on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

Thank you and God bless.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS THANKSGIVING MASS

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the Green Room. This Mass is open to all parishioners. All welcome

### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is held in the Side Hall after 10.30am Mass every week. Everyone is welcome, come along and have a chat.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### EASTER RAFFLE

Please check your raffle tickets, there are still unclaimed prizes left from our Easter Raffle. The prize winners are 417, 713, 893, 815, 65, 645, 285

#### GARDENING DAY

Our Gardening Day will start at 10.00am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along and help. All welcome.

### SACRED HEART

#### SACRED HEART SHOP

Cards and small gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now available.

### WITH YOU ALWAYS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

#### Session 7 'Mary: the first Disciple'

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Twelve Apostles School Hall	4.30pm
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Sacred Heart Church Hall	4.30pm



#### Pope Francis @Pontifex **Apr 13**

The Lord's presence dwells in families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. **Apr 12** The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone for ever, it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy. The Church must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. To understand, forgive, accompany and integrate. That is the mindset which should prevail in the Church. It is essential that children see that prayer is something truly important for their parents. The home is the place where we learn to appreciate the beauty of the faith, to pray and serve our neighbour. **Apr 11** The family is where we first learn to listen and share, to be patient and show respect, to help one another. Children are a wonderful gift from God and a joy for parents. Fidelity has to do with patience. Its joys and sacrifices bear fruit as the years go by. To know how to forgive and feel forgiven is a basic experience in family life. The divorced who have entered a new union should be made

to feel part of the Church. They are not excommunicated. **Apr 10** Open and caring families find a place for the poor. It is important for a child to feel wanted. He or she is not an accessory or a solution to some personal need. Each new life allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love. Love opens our eyes and enables us to see the great worth of a human being. In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness. **Apr 9** Every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world. Our teaching on marriage and the family cannot fail to be inspired by the message of love and tenderness. The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love. No one can think that the weakening of the family will prove beneficial to society as a whole. People with disabilities are a gift for the family and an opportunity to grow in love, mutual aid and unity. **Apr 8** The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected. The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world. The word of God is a source of comfort for every family that experiences difficulty or suffering. The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. **Apr 7** I encourage you to bear witness to Christ in your personal life and families: a witness of gratuitousness, solidarity, spirit of service.

### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."*

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Director at 0151 727 2493

### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

When Parishioners are admitted to Hospital, the Catholic Chaplains attached to the hospital are responsible for providing pastoral visits and sacramental care. However, NHS procedures mean the patient or their family must ask nursing staff that they want the Catholic Chaplain to be informed and wish to have their names put on the Chaplain's list for Holy Communion visits. If the patient or family want to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) or for any urgent needs, the nursing staff should be told to contact the 'Catholic Chaplain on call'. If you are in hospital and you want a visit by a Hospital Chaplain, you must ask the nursing staff. **Please tell your family and friends about this.**

### ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Meetings of the Saint Pio prayer group will continue throughout the summer on Tuesdays, 7.00pm at St Ambrose Barlow.

### EASTER PRAYER

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:  
**New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 17 April
St Joseph the Worker	Sunday 1 May
World Communications Day	Sunday 8 May
The Church especially at Pentecost	Sunday 15 May

### CELEBRATE THE CHILD

**Archdiocese of Liverpool, Safeguarding Department**  
St Pascal Baylon Primary School, Chelwood Avenue,  
Liverpool L16 2LN  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm  
Celebrant Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP  
Activities to prepare for the Mass will begin at 1.00pm.  
Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds after Mass.  
For more information please contact the Safeguarding Office at LACE or 0151 522 1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,921.65

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

The retiring collection this weekend will be in support of the Priests' Training Fund.

Next weekend there will be an appeal from Survive-Miva and the second collection will be taken on their behalf.

## 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, Claire Slater, Kevin O'Rourke.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Grogan, Jack Parr, Eileen Peacock  
Eternal rest grant unto them.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's school are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. Please would you post your vouchers in the collection box at the entrance to church. We use the vouchers in exchange for footballs/tennis balls etc. Thank you so much for your support.

## RECREATE THE WORLD

*Creator God,  
Because of your abundant love  
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,  
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty  
and you saw that it was good.  
We ask that you continue to recreate the world  
with that same attentive love,  
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness  
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your  
creation.  
Replenish our hearts so that we too can renew the face of the  
earth. Amen.*  
Kieran O'Brien/CAFOD

Thanks to the inspiring generosity of parishes, communities and schools across England and Wales, our Lent Appeal has raised over £3 million. Help us reach thousands more people with the life-saving gift of clean water. You still have a chance to double your impact this Easter.

The UK government has promised to give up to £3.5 million to CAFOD water projects, by matching donations £1 for £1.

We're almost at the limit, but there's still time to take advantage of this offer. You can donate via the CAFOD web site [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) or put your donation in an envelope marked CAFOD and drop it off at church.

## EDUCARE E-LEARNING PACKAGE

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office recommend to ALL parishioners (especially those who volunteer within the Parish), parents and schools that they should sign-up to this important training package. The purpose of the training is to raise awareness and understanding across all aspects of child and vulnerable adult activities. There are 7 modules - Child Protection, Child Protection in Education, Child Protection Refresher, Safeguarding Adults, Safeguarding Adults Refresher, Mental Capacity and Child Exploitation & Online Safety. The training is all online and can be undertaken on your own personal computer.

To download a brochure and see the courses available go to [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk).

To access the training follow these steps:

1. Email [safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk) to register your interest.
2. Your email should contain your name, email address, the

name of the parish and your role in the parish (if you don't have a specific role just state Other (parishioner).

3. The Safeguarding Administrator will register your details with EduCare who will send you a Welcome letter telling you how to access the modules and asking you to set your password.

4. Once you are set up you can enter the system and complete the modules at your own pace. You can save and close at any time and resume whenever it is next convenient.

## QUIET DAYS AT THE CENACLE 2016

Why not treat yourself to have space to be? Why not come and enjoy some time to be quiet and pray? April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>; Oct 29<sup>th</sup>; Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Days begin at 10.00am with coffee and end at 4.00pm. Offering for the day is £10.00, bring your own lunch. No need to book, for further information contact Sr Winifred, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Liverpool, L15 6TW. 0151 722 2271 [emailwinniwcenacle@mail.com](mailto:emailwinniwcenacle@mail.com)

## The Three Towns Operatic Society

proudly present

### Waltzes from Vienna

Music by Johann Strauss (father & son)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.30pm

St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh. WN7 2PR

Tickets: £11 & £13 Concessions available

Contact 01942 883722

Set in glittering Vienna, Strauss refuses to recognise his son's musical talent. He becomes jealous of his son's success and ambition to succeed him as the Waltz King of Vienna.

The intriguing Countess Olga Baranskaya recognises his musical talent and schemes to help Johann fulfil his dream of becoming a great composer.

Humour, glamour, romance and a feast of Viennese music that set the whole world dancing, climaxed by the immortal "Blue Danube". For all fans of Andre Rieu this show is a 'must see'.

## "Direct from Carnegie Hall, New York"

Classical Spain - an evening of live classical music featuring soloists Salva Contreras Gila on clarinet and Javier Navascues on cello at St Stephen's Church, Manchester Road, Astley. Bar opens at 7.00pm and concert commences at 7.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Admission costs £10 (includes supper!)

Ticket details to follow, or pay on the door.

## STRATFORD 2016

There are now only seven places left on the coach to go to Stratford on September 15<sup>th</sup>. There are no tickets left for the play. However, if you do wish to go please contact Fr. Paul and he will put you on the reserve list just in case some of the tickets become free.



## 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 16 April

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Brian Keaveny

### Sun 17 April

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

StJ 8.30am MASS John Thomson R.I.P.  
SH 9.30am MASS Mrs P. Alker R.I.P.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Marlene O'Neill (Anniversary)  
OL 11.00am MASS Terry Jones (Anniversary)  
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

### Mon 18 April

#### *Weekday of Easter*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Sick Person

### Tue 19 April

#### *Weekday of Easter*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
OL 11.15am FUNERAL SERVICE Eileen Peacock  
SH 12.00noon MASS Molly Togher

### Wed 20 April

#### *Weekday of Easter*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
OL 10.00am MASS  
StJ 7.30pm MASS Dramatic Society thanksgiving Mass, Green Room, all welcome

### Thu 21 April *Weekday of Easter*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)  
SH 12.00noon MASS H.M. The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Fri 22 April

#### *Weekday of Easter*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 10.00am MASS Catherine Hoy  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn (RIP)

### Sat 23 April

#### SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
12A 12.00noon MASS Eileen Gibson LD  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson LD

### Sun 24 April

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

StJ 8.30am MASS Francis Gallagher  
SH 9.30am MASS Richard Lysakowski & family  
StJ 10.30am MASS Bernard & Joyce Worden (Diamond Wedding)  
OL 11.00am MASS John Griffin (LD)  
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 8<sup>th</sup> April the numbers drawn were 7, 10, 15. There were no winners of £454. Last week's estimated jackpot was £500.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 128 M Sanderson, £5 No. 013 S Wilkinson, £3 No. 497 E Ryan, £2 No. 026 E Joyce

**Bonus Ball** No 18 P Purcell

There are still 2 numbers available on our Bonus Ball, if you are interested in joining, 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](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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