

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

24 APRIL 2016



Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Karol Wojtyla, the man who would become Pope John Paul II, had to experience many hardships before he entered the Kingdom of God. He lost his mother when he was nine years old. His elder brother died when Karol was just thirteen, and before the age of twenty he had lost his father too. While this series of sorrows was entering his life, his native land was also overshadowed by tragedy, being invaded from west and east by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, who sought to wipe Poland from the map. Karol's life, as a student and then as a priest, was lived under a regime of oppression. Life under communism was anything but free. When he was elected Pope in 1978, he had spent a lifetime living under an alien and oppressive government. This experience had clearly toughened him, for under that smiling exterior and that easy way with people was a strong-minded person who stood up for Gospel values. People in the west hailed this man from a far country with delight, yet he challenged them to live out the values of the Gospel message. He was, like Saint Paul before him, constantly on the move, bringing fresh hope into people's lives.

Today, in the Second Reading, we hear about the great missionary journey of the disciples Paul and Barnabas through Asia Minor. A great message that they gave to people, on their travels, was to give them encouragement in the midst of their trials and hardships. "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the Kingdom of God," they told their followers. In our lives, when hardship strikes us, we can feel very much alone in our sorrow. Our troubles are isolating experiences. If we lose someone in death, for example, or a precious relationship breaks down, we can feel terribly alone. But as our sorrows ease, we begin to see again that other people suffer the very same things as we do. This recognition can bring us back once more to living life to the full as we find consolation in our common story and our shared experiences with others. Jesus himself, when about to enter the most painful experience of his life, leaves with his disciples the most precious gift, the instruction to love one another as he loves us. There is no sorrow greater than the sorrow that came to the Lord, and out that of this dark place God the Father restored him to life.

In our own lives perhaps the best way in which we love one another is precisely by giving one another encouragement, bringing hope to others by the way we live and the way we treat them. A good mother and father will do this with their children, helping them and supporting them as they set off into the world. Friends will do this for one another, not allowing envy or jealousy to get the better of them, but urging their friends on to greater things. On the night before he died Jesus talked to his disciples about his glory, about how his faithfulness to God would bring him to Heaven. It did not look hopeful the next day, and yet when the Lord was lifted up on the Cross this moment of sheer agony turned into pure exultation. The hardship of the Cross led to the light of the Resurrection. The death and resurrection of the Lord is the new heart that brings life and hope to our lives today. And there is nothing greater in life than to put new hope into people, to encourage them to follow the light of the Gospel, as Pope John Paul II did throughout his life here on earth.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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

As I have
loved you,
love one
another.

John 13:34

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Brian Ashton, Cooper & Parry Families, Catherine Curran, Sally Fish, David Fogg & Family, Elizabeth Frost, Margaret Grogan, Jim & Elsie McHugh, Maria & Michael McHugh Snr., Michael McHugh Jnr., Mary & Michael O'Hara, Harry O'Hara, Jack Parr, Eileen Peacock, Kevin Quinn, Fr John Southworth, Reginald Squires, Richard Yates & Margaret Fleming, Special Intention.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery tomorrow, Monday 25th April.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Saturday 7th May is the day when our children in Year 4 will be making their First Communion and being Confirmed. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING

Gardening will be on Tuesday 26th April. We had to cancel last week due to unforeseen circumstances.

SACRED HEART

SACRED HEART SHOP

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

MUSICIANS & SINGERS

All musicians and singers are welcome to attend a music workshop, led by Sister Moira Meegan, on Saturday 21st May at Sacred Heart Church from 10.00am – 1.00pm. It will be an opportunity to learn some new Glorias, Mass Settings and other church music. If you would like to come, please contact Fr. Kieran on 01942 731679.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Apr 20

To form a family is to be a part of God's dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone.

Apr 19

The royal road to peace is to see others not as enemies to be opposed but as brothers and sisters to be embraced.

Apr 18

We pray for the earthquake victims in Ecuador and Japan. May God and all our brothers and sisters give them help and support.

Apr 17

Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus, who forgives us and calls us to follow Him.

Apr 16

Today is Benedict XVI's birthday. Let us remember him in our prayers and thank God for giving him to the Church and the world.

Apr 16

Refugees are not numbers, they are people who have faces, names, stories, and need to be treated as such.

Apr 15

In the darkest hours of a family's life, union with Jesus can help avoid a breakup.

Apr 14

Love is the only light which can constantly illuminate a world grown dim.

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

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 3rd 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

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

The Archdiocese has joined the Dementia Action Alliance and is committed to making the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends sessions available in every Parish Community. We need people who will volunteer to train to become Dementia Friends Champions. If you already help in any way, or would like to apply for training or simply find out more, then please contact Maureen Knight at the Pastoral Formation Department on 0151-522-1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

'RESPONDING TO THE CALL'

A Day of Reflection to support those exploring vocations to the Priesthood, on Saturday 7th May. Discover more about diocesan priesthood; talk with and hear from priests of the archdiocese and spend time in prayer and discussion. 10.00am at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG. Further information from Father James Preston Tel: 0151 727 2493 or email: frjamespreston@gmail.com. Also on Facebook at [liverpoolvocations](https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolvocations) and on Twitter @LVocations.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,586.78
Priests' Training Fund.	£1,112.65
Lent CAFOD Total	£1,474.44

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

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

SURVIVE - MIVA

What we do

SURVIVE-MIVA is a (Roman) Catholic Lay Association and UK Registered Charity, founded in Liverpool, UK in 1974. We exist to provide one vital element for successful healthcare and pastoral work that is being carried out by the Church in areas of great need in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The funds we receive (voluntary donations from our generous supporters) are converted into grants for all types of transport: this may be a bicycle, a moped, a trail bike, a 4wd ambulance, a pickup, an outboard motor - it is the people on the ground who know what best suits their terrain. Some examples of vehicles/modes of transport we have provided and projects supported include:-

Tata 207 Crew Cabin for the Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Palladam, Madurai, India: Working with women in 36 villages in the areas of hygiene, non-formal education, micro-credit schemes & vocational training.

Aluminium Dinghy & 25 hp Engine for Nukunonu Catholic Mission, Tokelau: Pastoral care for parishioners on this atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

Toyota Hilux for the Parish of Expectation, Huancasancos, Peruvian Andes: Mobility for the Parish Priest responsible for a geographically large parish covering four districts.

Fifty bicycles for Catechists of St. Patrick's Parish, Madera, Uganda: Pastoral care for parishioners in 50 outstations.

Toyota Hilux 4wd for St Agnes' Mission, Zambia: HIV/AIDS home-based care programme.

St Thérèse of Lisieux is the Patron of Survive-Miva
St Thérèse, in your lifetime you offered God prayer and sacrifice for the missions, and you promised that your heaven would be spent doing good upon earth. We therefore ask, with confidence, for your support for SURVIVE-MIVA's work providing transport to strengthen the Church's health and pastoral care work in places of difficult access.

May the dedication and commitment of the Associations beneficiaries and the generosity of SURVIVE-MIVA's supporters bear witness to God's love for all humanity. Amen.

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

Maureen Peters, Luise Cwiakala, Margaret Grogan, Josephine Elizabeth Harrison, Jack Parr.
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.

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.

To access the training follow these steps:

1. Email 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.

The Three Towns Operatic Society

proudly present

Waltzes from Vienna

Music by Johann Strauss (father & son)

Tuesday 10th – Saturday 14th 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'.

STRATFORD 2016

There are now only a few places left on the coach to go to Stratford on September 15th. 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 23 April

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson L.D.

Sun 24 April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

StJ 8.30am MASS Francis Gallagher
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StJ 10.30am MASS Bernard & Joyce Worden (Diamond Wedding)
OLR 11.00am MASS John Griffin (L.D.)
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 25 April

FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am FUNERAL MASS Margaret Grogan

Tue 26 April

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Molly Togher

Wed 27 April

Weekday of Easter

SH 9.45 FUNERAL SERVICE Luise Cwiakala
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR 10.00am MASS Vera Keegan (Anniv.)
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Jack Parr

Thu 28 April Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Helen Hudson (R.I.P.)
SH 12.00noon MASS Richard Lysakowski & family

Fri 29 April

FEAST OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor PATRON OF EUROPE

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 10.00am MASS David Grice L.D.
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Josephine Elizabeth Harrison

Sat 30 April

Weekday of Easter

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
SH 12.00noon MASS Christine Carty L.D.
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 1 May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

StJ 8.30am MASS Margaret Fleming & Richard Yates (Anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS Ted Charnock L.D.
StJ 10.30am MASS Reginald Squires (Anniv.)
OLR 11.00am MASS John Terrence Knowles (L.D.)
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 15th April the numbers drawn were 2, 3, 14. There were no winners of £504. Last week's estimated jackpot was £555.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 195 U Lightfoot, £5 No. 460 D Vint, £3 No. J Evans, £2 No. J Flannery

Bonus Ball No 54 M Dooley

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 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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