

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

1 MAY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

During the Last Supper Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you. A peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. So do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." These are some of the most uplifting words of the Gospel. The Hebrew word for peace is "Shalom", a word very widely used in the Bible. It is so rich in content that the English word for peace conveys only a fraction of what it means. In general it means a sense of universal completeness, a condition in which nothing is lacking. The state of perfect well-being which the word signifies belongs only to God. When a person has peace, they are in communion with God. So peace is not just the absence of war or dissension. Nor is it simply harmony. Peace is a state of inner calm, and points to having a true and real relationship with God and with others. Peace in this complete sense, a peace which surpasses all human thought, cannot be created by human effort alone. It is a gift from God.

God desires the peace of those who serve him. God speaks peace to his people. In biblical times "Shalom" was an ordinary greeting. But it came to mean more than that. It was an expression of good wishes. Peace is one of the greatest gifts we can ever give to one another. But we can't give it if we haven't got it. And we can't give it to someone who doesn't want it or who is unable to receive it. We can create the conditions where peace is able to take root, but we can't impose peace on someone. Jesus was able to offer peace to his disciples because he had peace himself: "My own peace I give you." Peace is communion with God. Since Jesus is in perfect communion with God, he can give us the gift of peace.

What other peace can we give but our own? Every Christian has a vocation to share peace with others. But often, unfortunately, instead of peace we offer our own unrest and unhappiness. When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection he didn't blame them or even scold them for failing him. Instead, he broke through the closed doors of fear and doubt and spoke the words they desperately needed to hear. He said, "Peace be with you." And the disciples replied, "And with your Spirit!" Through this wonderful gift he turned their despair into hope and their sadness into joy.

We are very fortunate if we can experience the peace of Jesus in our lives – the peace which surpasses all understanding, the peace which this world cannot give, a peace no one can take away from us, a peace which can exist in the midst of a troubled world. Peace is God's gift to us, but it can also be our gift to one another.

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Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Philip Cusack, Joan Glover, Margaret Grogan, Josephine Harrison, Jack Parr, John Pendlebury, Kevin Quinn, Eddie Trumble, Margaret Fleming & Richard Yates,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Saturday 7th May is the day when our children in Year 4 will be making their First Communion and being confirmed. There will not be any confessions or Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, but everyone is welcome to come to the First Communion & Confirmation Mass at St Joseph's at 10.00am.

MAY PROCESSION

The May Procession will be taking place on Sunday 8th May at 11.45. The children from Year 4 will be leading the procession. Please come along to honour Our Lady. You can bring a small bunch of flowers to place at her altar if you wish.

GIFT AID

The Gift Aid repayment claim for 2015-16 is now being prepared for submission. Thank you to all those taxpayers taking part in the Gift Aid scheme which provides much needed extra income for the parish - without any added cost to the givers. The only requirement is to be paying at least enough tax to cover the amount reclaimed on your donations.

If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax or have changed address, a phone call or letter to the parish office will be passed to the Gift Aid team for attention. Thank you again.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning will be held in the Mather Room today. Sorry for any inconvenience.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & coffee will be served after Mass today. Everyone welcome.

LAND AT PLANK LANE

If anyone has any information about the spare land at Plank Lane that belongs to Our Lady of the Rosary and is willing to make a statement about it, please contact John Ledger at St Joseph's church on 01942 673517. Thank you.

SACRED HEART

THE ROSARY

During the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed before midday Mass on Thursdays at Sacred Heart church.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

From the weekend of the 14th/15th May through to the 4th/5th June we will welcome our Year 4 children who will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. This will take place at the 5.30pm Mass at Twelve Apostles church and the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart church. On a practical note, the first few benches at the front of each of these churches will be reserved for our children and their families.

Also, Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary will be at the slightly later time of 11.15am.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Apr 27

Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him.

Apr 26

Let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life.

Apr 25

All are called to love and cherish family life, for families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity.

Apr 24

Dear Young People, with the grace of God you can become authentic and courageous Christians, witnesses to love and peace.

Apr 23

Dear Young Friends, your names are written in heaven in the merciful heart of the Father. Be brave and go against the tide!

Apr 22

A true ecological approach knows how to safeguard the environment and justice, hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Apr 21

Climate change represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity today, and the response requires the solidarity of all.

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

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£2,791.69
Survive-Miva	£1,124.46
Priests Training Fund	£1,000 (O.L.R.)

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

After the recitation of the *Regina Coeli* on Sunday 3rd April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to be taken in all of the Catholic churches in Europe. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

Next Sunday is the 50th World Communications Day and the second collection will be taken on behalf of Catholic Communications.

SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time, especially Margaret Beckett, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Philip Harte, Thomas & Brenda Lowe, Shannon Mackay, Claire Slater, Kevin O'Rourke.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Peters, Joseph Scott

Eternal rest grant unto them.

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 7th May 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 our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE AT LADYWELL

Bishop Tom Williams invites you to join him on Saturday 28th May for our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. The Pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12.00noon in St Mary's church; followed by a Rosary Procession to the Shrine and later in the day there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims will need to bring their own packed lunch and, weather permitting, will be able to have a picnic in the grounds of the shrine.

If you would like more information, please contact Fr James Preston: frjamespreston@gmail.com

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.

Statement issued by The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, following the Hillsborough verdicts.

Since the awful events that unfolded when Liverpool played Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough on 15th April 1989, the families of the deceased and all who survived that appalling tragedy have been relentless in their quest for justice.

I would like to thank the coroner and the jurors for their careful consideration of the evidence and all whose work has led to the conclusion of the inquest into the death of the 96. I hope that the acknowledgment that those who died were unlawfully killed will bring comfort to the survivors and the families of the 96.

May they rest in peace, to be for ever remembered in the hearts and minds of the people of Liverpool.

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 and becomes jealous of his son's success.

The 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".

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 30 April

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

Mon 2 May

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Peter Hall (RIP)

Tue 3 May

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

Wed 4 May

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Maureen Peters

Thu 5 May

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ NO MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS For the souls of our parish priests & my family

Fri 6 May

Weekday of Easter

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn (RIP)

Sat 7 May

Weekday of Easter

StJ 10.00am MASS of Confirmation & First Communion (all parish welcome)

OL NO Exposition & Reconciliation

OL NO MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Sun 8 May

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

StJ 8.30am MASS Patricia Brandwood (RIP)

SH 9.30am MASS Philomena Gaughan

StJ 10.30am MASS Fr John Southworth (40th Anniversary of Ordination)

OLR 11.00am MASS Special Intention (F)

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 22nd April the numbers drawn were 9, 10, 16. There were no winners of £570. Last week's estimated jackpot was £640.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 122 C Baker, £5 No. 051 D Hindley, £3 No. 251 N Flynn, £2 No. 344 R Ellis

Bonus Ball No. 24 N Jones

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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