

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PENTECOST SUNDAY

15 MAY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

A group of dispirited followers of Jesus had gathered and locked themselves in an upper room, possibly the same room where they held the Last Supper. There was more anxiety than inspiration in the room this time. There was fear and suspicion. The room was occupied by a group of followers who were afraid that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. So they listened to every step on the stairs. They waited for the knock of the executioner. They prayed that no one would discover their hiding place and that the world would leave them safe in their sacred enclosure. Yet the Holy Spirit was not constrained by the boundaries the disciples had erected. The Spirit was not blocked by locked doors or locked hearts. The Spirit didn't exclude itself from the restrictive areas people live in. When the Spirit arrives, it is not like the Spring breeze that whispers unnoticed through the room. It is more like a hurricane that lays flat all the precious protections against its force. And the Holy Spirit takes this group of dispirited followers and fires them with a new energy and a new enthusiasm and authority. The Spirit makes the disciples open their lives to others. So, instead of remaining in the darkness of the upper room, they go outdoors. They go to the market place where people gather and proclaim to everyone how they have been changed through the power of God's Holy Spirit. At first the crowds think they are drunk, no doubt because they are not sure what type of spirit has transformed them! Yet they rejoice when they realise that the disciples are all speaking their own language. There is now communion whereas before there had only been misunderstanding and division.

On Pentecost Sunday the disciples got their message through to the people. The Holy Spirit changed them completely from people who remained scared for their lives in the darkness of the upper room into people who risked their lives to share the Gospel with others. They spoke to the people in a language they could understand and comprehend. They spoke the deep language that is in all of us which rarely gets spoken. It is a language in search of meaning and understanding. Saint Paul spoke of it as an inarticulate groaning, the cry of the Spirit within us. The disciples reach people in this special language. It is the language of the Holy Spirit. After Pentecost the Church struggles to live the language of the Spirit. In today's Second Reading we hear Paul reminding the divided community at Corinth that their diverse gifts are for the good of everyone, not for themselves. It is the one Holy Spirit who is the source of all God's gifts; and the Spirit which fires the disciples at Pentecost and which enthused Paul is the same Spirit which is given to us. Forgiveness, love and understanding form a language which everyone understands and needs to hear. As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, let us allow the Spirit of God to work within us and through us, so that we, like the disciples, may allow God's Spirit to renew the face of the earth and the family of the Church in whose name we gather today.

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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

Teresa Ashton, Tony Baker, Mary Gibbon, Tom Gibbon, Thomas Lowe, Roger Millward MBE, Joseph Roarty, Joseph Robinson.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came to help clean the church after the scaffolding had been taken down. There was a lot of work to do, everyone worked very hard and the church looked lovely for our First Communion and Confirmation celebration.

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.

THANK YOU

Kath Parr would like to thank everyone at St Joseph's for their kind thoughts and prayers, Mass Cards, Sympathy cards and flowers sent to her at this very sad time. God bless you all.

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH SVP

At all Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th May 2016 the SVP will be having its quarterly collection. The monies we collect will be used to support parishioners of all ages during the year. We ask that you continue to be generous, as any small amount helps us to continue our work in our parish community. If you would like support from the SVP or know anybody who might benefit from our support or a visit from one of our members, please contact the parish secretary with your/their details (01942 673517).

God bless,
SVP Treasurer

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Gardening is back on Tuesdays at 10.00am, weather permitting. Come and join us.

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 14th/15th May through to 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 May 10

May today's challenges become forces for unity to overcome our fears and build together a better future for Europe and the world.

May 9

Jesus, ascended into heaven, is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.

May 7

Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. #ComMisericordia50

May 6

Christ is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down.

May 5

The Lord consoles us. We are all called to comfort our brothers and sisters, to testify that God alone can eliminate the causes of tragedies

May 4

May the challenges in the ecumenical journey encourage us to know each other better, pray together and unite in works of charity.

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

The Church especially at Pentecost Sunday 15 May

Twelve Apostles Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Guides

Senior Section are now meeting at Sacred Heart Church Hall. We are looking for new members to join the following groups: Rainbows - 5 to 7 years, Brownies 7 to 10 years, Guides 10 to 14 years, Senior Section 14 to 25 years (Rangers and Young Leaders). For more information about any of the above groups please ring Cheryl on 07719 357069.

RETREATS 2016

at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby. L37 1PH. Contact: 01704 875850 or 07712 178670
E-mail: nora.coughlan@gmail.com
Individually Guided Retreats: Sr Margaret O'Shea SMG June 13-20; July 11-17; September 11-17.
Preached/ Directed: July 24-30: Fr William Pearsall SJ, August 23-27: "Soul care" Fr Tony Slingo, September 27-30: Fr John Hemer MHM

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £2,041.81

World Communications Day £ 466.67

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

This week's retiring collections will be for our S.V.P. Society.

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Lowe
Eternal rest grant unto him.

BAPTISMS

We welcome as new members of our parish community- Tierney Ann Gordon, Joseph Christopher Noon, Oscar James Seddon.

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.

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



ABBEY FUNERALS

Are hosting a

ROYAL TEA PARTY

(To Celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday)

on

THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2016

1pm – 3pm

at

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh.

Free admission by Ticket only.

Tickets are available from

Abbey Funerals

94 Chapel Street

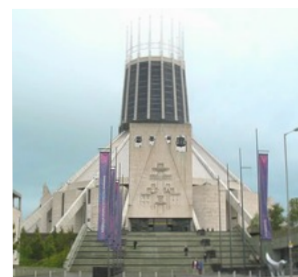
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Or contact Gemma Evans on 01942 261936.



LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL MASS FOR HEALING

At the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral



Friday 20th May 2016 Starting 7.00pm

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

All Are Welcome

THESE ARE THE SIGNS THAT WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BELIEVERS: THEY WILL LAY THEIR HANDS ON THE SICK WHO WILL RECOVER Mk: 16

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 14 May

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Greta Langan L.D.

Sun 15 May

PENTECOST SUNDAY

StJ 8.30am MASS William O'Hora (RIP)
SH 9.30am MASS Mr P.T. Simon 20th anniversary of death
StJ 10.30am MASS People of the Pastoral area
OL 11.15am MASS Tom & Betty Kennedy (Birthday Memorial)
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 16 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 7)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Philomena Gaughan (anniversary)
StJ NO MASS

Tue 17 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Eileen Slattery L.D.

Wed 18 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Tom Rasburn (Birthday Memories)
StJ 12.00noon MASS Teresa Ashton 80th Birthday

Thu 19 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Helen Hudson RIP
SH 12.00noon MASS Jack Parr L.D.

Fri 20 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Brian Ashton (anniversary)

Sat 21 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
12A 12.00noon MASS Mary Gredecki L.D.
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson L.D.

Sun 22 May

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS Mary Gibbon (Birthday)
SH 9.30am MASS A successful operation
StJ 10.30am MASS Kevin Quinn (RIP)
OL 11.15am MASS Eileen Peacock
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 6th May the numbers drawn were 1, 2, 5. There were no winners of £702. Last week's estimated jackpot was £770.

Our Lady's 500 Club 1st May: £10 No. 452 E West, £5 No. 302 M Moore, £3 No. 133 C Ackers, £2 No. 377 P Leonard
8th May £10 No. 478 Mrs Collins, £5 No. 460 Decn. Vint, £3 No. 157 L Bettys, £2 No. 423

Bonus Ball 1st May No. 31 J Evans 8th May No. 28 T Jones

We still have two numbers available on our Bonus Ball. See Margaret at the back of church if you would like to join in.

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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