

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year C)

22 MAY 2016



Responsorial Psalm

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

There is an African story about God. One day, as he travelled up and down the vast continent, God noticed that one particular tribe was losing its faith. So he manifested himself in a field where four men were working, one in each corner. The men saw God standing there in the centre of the field, looked closely at him, and then fell to the ground in adoration. God then vanished but watched everything that followed.

The four men ran back to their village, assembled all the people, and proclaimed that there could be no doubt: God truly existed and cared for them, since he had come down to visit them. Hence, they should all start worshipping him. The people received the news enthusiastically. They could see that these men really did have a holy vision of God. Then one of the villagers asked, "What was God wearing?"

"He was wearing a red cloak," the first man answered.

"No, he was wearing a blue cloak," said the second.

"You're both wrong," said the third, "it was a green cloak."

"You're all crazy," shouted the fourth, "he was wearing a yellow cloak."

And with that they started to argue. With that they started to fight and became completely bitter and hateful towards each other. They broke up into four different groups. With a little reflection, they might easily have reached an agreement. Each had been given a glimpse of God. Instead of each insisting that he had the complete vision, they might have admitted that each had only a partial image of God and what he looked like. Had they been open to each other's point of view, they could have ended up with a larger and richer image of God.

God is greater than us all. We can never fully comprehend and understand him. We struggle to understand earthly things at times, so how can we grasp the things of Heaven? People can know the truths of the faith and yet not know God. So, it is important that we have a good image of him. How can we pray properly, or how can we have a proper relationship with God, if we have a false or inadequate image of him? To tell what God is like, all we have to do is look at Jesus. In the words of Saint Paul, "He is the image of the invisible God." So what is Jesus like? Of all the images we have of Jesus, perhaps the most wonderful is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus himself who used it. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep. In Jesus we see the father's love for us. And the Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son, and between them and us. The mystery of the Trinity is not something to argue about or even study. It is more something to pray about and to live.

Every Christian lives in the world of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. On this great feast day let us pray that we can share the unity and love of the Father, Son and Spirit with everyone we meet.

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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

Brian Ashton, Frances & James Clarke, Anne Davidson, Barbara Gallagher, Christine Hession, Mary Littlewood, Joseph Loughlin, Micky Lynch, Tony O'Donnell & Adam Orchison, David Robinson, Albert Sankey, Walter Wyndik,

TWELVE APOSTLES

Is there anyone who would like to take over collecting and taking the Mission Box money to the bank? Sheila is finishing at the end of the year. Please ring 01942 675405.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Many thanks to those who came to help with the garden. Anyone willing to help please come along on Tuesdays at 10.00am, weather permitting.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

From the weekend of 14th/15th May through to 4th/5th June we are welcoming 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 18

The Jubilee is the party to which Jesus invites us all, without excluding anyone.

May 17

The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers.

May 16

The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed in abundance so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity.

May 15

Come, Holy Spirit! Free us from being closed in on ourselves and instill in us the joy of proclaiming the Gospel.

May 14

To communicate with mercy means to help create a healthy, free and fraternal closeness among the children of God.

May 13

If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power.

May 12

Dear Religious: wake up the world! Be witnesses to a different way of thinking, acting and living!

May 11

What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

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

QUARANTORE

Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at

The Oratory Church of St Chad
Cheetham Hill Rd, Manchester, M8 8GG

between

Friday 27th May, Opening Solemn Mass - 5.30pm
Sunday 29th May, Solemn Mass & Procession - 11.30am

GARDEN FETE & FUN DAY

DON ORIONE CENTRE

SCHOOL LANE, Near The FOX, Roby Mill, Upholland, WN8 0QR
on

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

30th May 2016

12.00noon - 4.00pm

PLANTS, FOOD, CLOTHING, TOMBOLA and more ...

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize £500.00

CAR BOOT SALE, £10 per Car - Contact- 01695 622885
No Traders & No Vans

Live Entertainment, with the highly talented -

ZOE UNSWORTH

a Surprise Guest appearance

Proceeds to: Don Orione Centre and Don Orione Philip

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,758.15

The retiring collections next weekend will be for the cause of Provision for Priests in Retirement.

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Gallagher
Eternal rest grant unto her...

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

Leigh

Or contact Gemma Evans on 01942 261936



COME CELEBRATE THE CHILD

St Pascal Baylon Primary School, Chelworth Ave,
Liverpool, L16 2LN

Sunday 3rd July, 2.00pm

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, contact The Safeguarding Office
at LACE on 0151 522 1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

“ Let the children come to me!”

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 21 May

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

Mon 23 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 8)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Deceased Members of the Yates Family

Tue 24 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn L.D.

Wed 25 May

Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS Monica Davies R.I.P.
SH 7.00pm MASS Philomena Gaughan (anniv.)

Thu 26 May

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Dennis Appleton R.I.P.
SH 12.00noon MASS Monica Davies R.I.P.

Fri 27 May

FEAST OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Mary Gredecki L.D.
StJ 12.00noon MASS Tony Broster R.I.P.

Sat 28 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OLR 12.00noon MASS Ciaran Ryan (14)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Peggy Derbyshire L.D.

Sun 29 May

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS Kathleen & Francis Duffy RIP
SH 9.30am MASS James Mannion (anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS Alice Milward (anniv.)
OL 11.15am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 13th May the numbers drawn were 2, 4, 12. There was ONE lucky winner of £774! Last week's estimated jackpot was £60. Please keep on buying weekly tickets and help build up the next prize more quickly.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 043 Dominic Lee, £5 No. 428 P Purcell, £3 No. 285 M Roach, £2 No. 162 F Hilton

Bonus Ball No. 16 M Collins

We still have two numbers available on our Bonus Ball. See Margaret at Our Lady's 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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