

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) 5 June 2016



Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's First Reading we meet Elijah, the great Hebrew prophet. He was trying to escape from a terrible famine and drought when he met a widow at the city gate of Sidon. She was preparing the last meal for herself and her son before they resigned themselves to death because of their lack of food. She had enough to bother about without having to worry about Elijah's hunger, but he told her not to be afraid, for her flour and oil would not be used up until the drought ended. From then on Elijah lodged in the upstairs room as a favoured guest. But when the widow's son died the distraught woman blamed Elijah. He did not run and leave her in her misery. Instead he stretched himself over the son and prayed that God would restore the dead child to life. The child revived and the relieved mother declared that Elijah truly was a man of God.

This story is the background for today's Gospel as Luke tells us how Jesus raised the widow's son to life at a town called Nain. Jesus is approaching the town when he sees a funeral procession coming out of the town gate. The dead man is the only son of a widow. She is supported by a large group of neighbours. Nobody asks Jesus to do anything. Jesus could just watch the procession heading for the grave without getting involved in someone else's tragedy. He is not expected to be drawn into the widow's experience of loss. He has his own schedule to keep. But Luke tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and compassion at the sight of the widow. Jesus moves first because he is first moved. He tells her not to cry and then gives her a reason not to cry. As his hand touches the stretcher carrying the dead body, the funeral procession comes to a halt. At his word of command, the dead man sits up and begins to talk. Jesus gives him to his mother. The people respond to this by praising God and recognizing how God has visited his people in the person of Jesus. Truly Jesus is the prophet of God.

In both these stories from Scripture we see that there are people who are more concerned with other people. There are people who do not distance themselves from others who are in pain. The poor widow shares the little she has with a hungry prophet. He in turn shares the touch of life with her dead son. In the Gospel the neighbours of the widow in Nain declare their sympathy for a woman who is now very alone in life. At the heart of it all there is the figure of Jesus who does not let loss and grief pass him by. He is not the unmoved mover. He is touched by the pain of other people. By the power of his Word there is new life and new hope. What do we do when we are confronted by the suffering of other people? How do we react when we are interrupted by an anxious visitor? What happens when we seem to be overwhelmed by people who are in great need? In the end we must allow the Gospel to question us and to challenge us to do what Jesus would always do.

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Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Alicia & Alan Cox, Julia Fletcher, Eleanor Heaton, Eileen Johnson, Vincent & Peter Lythgoe, Edna & Ronnie Massey, Catherine & Daniel Porter, Alan Ratcliffe, Edward Unsworth,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new Rota is now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

GARDENING DAY

There will be a Gardening Day at St Joseph's on Saturday 11th June, beginning at 9.00am. If you are able to help please come along, we need help to keep the grounds looking as lovely as they did last summer. Thank you.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held on Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm at St Joseph's.

All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

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

SACRED HEART

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 31

I join spiritually all those taking part in special devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary on this last day of the month of May.

May 30

We are stewards, not masters of our earth. Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for the precious gift of God's creation.

May 29

By receiving the Eucharist we are nourished of the Body and

Blood of Jesus, and by entering us, Jesus joins us to his Body!
May 28

Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey!

May 27

Mary is an icon of how the Church must offer forgiveness to those who seek it.

May 26

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, offering himself as spiritual food that sustains our life.

May 25

With the weapons of love, God has defeated selfishness and death. His son Jesus is the door of mercy wide open to all.

LOURDES AT HOME DAY

Friday 29th July 2016

Sacred Heart church, Leigh

7.30am

Mass (followed by breakfast)

9.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11.15am)

12.00noon

Mass of Anointing of the Sick (followed by lunch)

Please add your name to the SIGN-UP list at the back of church for catering purposes.

We would be grateful if Eucharistic Ministers, SVP Visitors and others who visit those who are sick and housebound, could extend an invitation to those they visit and sign the sheet at the back of church on their behalf.

We need helpers to serve refreshments after both Masses. Please sign up if you can help. A planning meeting will be organised in the next couple of weeks.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

BIBLE ALIVE & WORD ALIVE

Get your free copies of *Bible Alive* & *Word Alive*, Catholic scripture magazines which encourage us to read the daily and Sunday scriptures. *Bible Alive* has a reflection on one of the daily readings and *Word Alive* has the scripture text for every day. They are the perfect resources for Mass Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and anybody interested in getting to know the scriptures. Pick up your free copy today. If you would like to subscribe to either magazine, please let the parish office know.

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place at Holy Family church on Wednesday, 8th June at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

HELP NEEDED

We have received an appeal for help for a gentleman who has fallen on hard times and is in need of help. He has been given a flat, but has nothing at all to put in it. If you are able to help with furniture, bedding, white goods etc please contact St Joseph's church 01942 673517 or Sr Megan 01942 683554. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,650.00
Provision for Priests in Retirement	£ 607.58

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

Elizabeth Mary Brennan, Michael English.
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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

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!"

VOLUNTEER WITH US

CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International.

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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



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 4 June

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

Sun 5 June

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS Edmund, Teresa & Maurice Hurst (Anni & B'day Mem)
SH 9.30am MASS Alojzy & Anna Tesmer (anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS David Robinson (anniv.)
OL 11.15am MASS Anne Devlin
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 6 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 10)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Christine Hession R.I.P.

Tue 7 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wed 8 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Mary Gredecki L.D.
StJ 12.00noon MASS Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.

Thu 9 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Elizabeth Mary Brennan
SH 12.00noon MASS Glynis & Philip Hindley (anniv.)

Fri 10 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 10.00am MASS Frank Evans (anniv.)
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Michael English

Sat 11 June

Memorial of Saint Barnabas

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn R.I.P.
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Joan Glover L.D.

Sun 12 June

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS Tom Gibbon (anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StJ 10.30am MASS Vincent & Peter Lythgoe
OL 11.00am MASS Roy and Bride Greenhalgh
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 27th May the numbers drawn were 6, 12, 14. There was no winner of £82. Last week's estimated jackpot was £100. Please keep on buying weekly tickets and help build up the next prize more quickly.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 179 A Sharkie, £5 No. 211 Cath Ellis, £3 No. 495 B Ryan, £2 No. 279 M Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 59 M Price

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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