

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 12 June 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.**

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

One night during a blackout a man retrieved an old paraffin lamp from the attic. It was in a terrible state. The globe was cracked and almost black. He lit it anyway but it shed very little light. Besides, the wick smoked and gave off a very foul smell. "This lamp is useless, it should be thrown out", he thought to himself. And with that he extinguished it, and lit a candle instead. Three weeks later another blackout occurred. This time it was the wife who provided the light. She produced a beautiful oil lamp and lit it. Its brightness shone throughout the house. The man could not believe that this was the same lamp he was going to throw away. His wife had cleaned it, and bought a couple of new parts. Now it was like new and lit up the house with light. It would have been much easier to cast the lamp aside than to take the time and the care to clean it up and polish it. It's the same with people. It's sometimes much easier to label them and pigeon-hole them and write them off as no good or as "not our cup of tea". It's much more difficult, yet often much better, to befriend them and help them out of their misery. To reclaim a person, especially a friend, can often be a delicate and a difficult task.

In the Gospel today Simon was a Pharisee, one of the "separated ones" who would have nothing to do with sinners. Consequently, he was scandalized to see that Jesus allowed a sinner, not only to approach him, but to actually touch him. In Simon's mind the woman was beyond redemption. She was a sinner and would always be a sinner. Therefore, he didn't want anything to do with her. He perhaps thought that Jesus too would have been repelled by someone like her. Yet he allowed her to approach him and to touch him. There wasn't a hint of condemnation. There are many in our society who won't accept the possibility that people can change. They are not willing to give people a second chance. A culture that doesn't believe in redemption is a culture without hope. Jesus knew well that the woman was a sinner. But he saw that there was another and better side to her. He saw that she was thirsting to be seen as a person and not as an object. By graciously accepting her humble and loving service, he helped her to believe in that side of her personality and to let it unfold. It is something we all need from time to time – someone who believes in us, someone who has faith and confidence in us, someone who is going to give us a second chance whenever we fail. In other words, it is good to have someone who loves us.

As followers of Jesus we have to learn to see the goodness in one another, and affirm this goodness whenever we can. A person's faults can be cured by loving them. We cannot change anyone unless we accept them as they are. Condemnation does not liberate, but simply oppresses people. Jesus did not condemn the woman. He saw her sorrow, her humility, her courage, her love and he affirmed her for it. Let's pray that we may do the same with others.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Alan Ratcliffe, Mgr. A Hunt, Terry Malley, Florence Nowell, Winifred Irene Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

GARDENING DAY

Thank you to all those who turned up to help at the Gardening Day at St Joseph's yesterday. If you are able to help next time please just come along. We need your help to keep the grounds looking as lovely as they did last summer.

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. Back to normal with the gardening next Tuesday. Please come along, many hands make light work.

SACRED HEART / TWELVE APOSTLES

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all who had any part in the preparation and celebration of first communion and confirmation with our Year 4 children. Their presence has enriched our Sunday and Saturday evening Masses over the last four weeks. Looking on the bright side, there will be less competition for your favourite bench and Mass at Our Lady's has returned to the usual 11.00am slot. Next year our Archdiocese will return to the more usual programme and confirmation will again follow first communion after several years.

WITH YOU ALWAYS FOR 2016-2017

What stays the same:

Family Catechesis, seven sessions Sept-May, parents working with children

What changes:

more about Christian living, the Beatitudes, more about the Eucharist, Confirmation and Pentecost topics removed
Delivery expected mid-June. For more information or session samples e.lalley@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522-1047 Mon-Wed.

SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Very soon, just as in the last two years, we are going to have a Summer schedule of weekend Mass times. The reason for this is that it is proving more and more difficult to sort out supply priests for weekend Masses when any of the priests are away or on pilgrimage or retreat.

Therefore, **for the duration of July and August, there will be NO Sunday evening Masses.** The 6.30pm Mass will resume at Saint Richard's on Sunday 4th September.

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 8

Let us protect the oceans, part of the "global commons", vital for our water supply and the variety of living creatures!

Jun 7

In this age lacking in social friendship, our first task is that of building community.

Jun 6

We need to discover the gifts of each person: may communities transmit their own values and be open to the experiences of others.

Jun 5

The Saints are not supermen, nor were they born perfect. When they recognized God's love, they followed it and served others.

Jun 4

Let us hear the cry of the victims and those suffering, no family without a home, no child without a childhood.

Jun 3

Our priestly life is given over in service, in closeness to the People of God, with the joy of those who hear the Lord.

Jun 2

Let us pray together for the Jubilee for Priests from 1-3 June. Visit <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/live.html> ...

Jun 1

When disciples of Christ are transparent in heart and sensitive in life, they bring the Lord's light to the places where they live and work.

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.

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 £n/a

The retiring collections next weekend will be in support of the Day for Life.

DAY FOR LIFE

... is an annual celebration in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to upholding the dignity of all human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

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

Anthony Vincent Johnson
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alan William Spires & Keeley Ann Hurst, who were married at St Joseph's church on Saturday 4th June.

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!"

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

There is currently a serious food crisis in Ethiopia that has left over ten million women, men and children facing severe food shortages. Although there is little about it in the British press at present, CAFOD, want to alert us to the severity of the situation - and to ask for your help, so that we can act together now.

We are seeing the El Niño effect worsening, and this has meant flash floods in Ethiopia, and also that now, the rains have failed twice. As a result, severe drought has left millions in need of emergency food aid, with some 400,000 children suffering from malnutrition. We need to act now to prevent a far more terrible crisis. CAFOD has been working for some time now, with our local Ethiopian partner organisations, to help those worst hit by the crisis. However, the scale of the need is increasing dramatically, and weather forecasts predict that the El Niño effect will continue well into 2016.

Please give to the **collection on 25th/26th June** for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response and if you can Gift Aid it, the government will add an extra 25% to whatever you donate. And importantly, please pray for those suffering in this crisis. The situation in Ethiopia has become severe, despite its people's long years of hard work and self-sufficiency. Without immediate action, we face a very real human tragedy; but with your support and prayers now, a more terrible crisis can be averted. Thank you all so much for your enduring support for CAFOD's work.

A prayer for Ethiopia

Father, into your loving hands we bring our brothers and sisters who are experiencing the drought in Ethiopia. May you fill them with strength and comfort, and help us always remember them in our prayers. Amen.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

25 June 10am-4:30pm at LACE L17 1AA with prayer, music, workshops, information & a talk by Fr Damian Howard SJ. Includes refugees & asylum seekers telling their stories. £10 suggested donation.

0151 522 1080/81 or s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk

An innovative guide about refugees, asylum seekers & migrants is also [Available to download here](#). For more information, or to obtain a printed copy see the contact above.



AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

in-service for Bereavement Groups, Funeral Ministers & Dementia Champions. Thursday 14th July 2-4pm at LACE L17 1AA. To book a place contact Maureen Knight 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

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 11 June

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

Mon 13 June

Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Maria Ward

Tue 14 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 11)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Christine Hession R.I.P.

Wed 15 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OL 10.00am MASS Maud Burton
StJ 12.00noon MASS Julia Fletcher (anniv.)
12A 1.00pm FUNERAL MASS Anthony Vincent Johnson

Thu 16 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Dennis McCallum
SH 12.00noon MASS Ernest Kelly L.D., Kevin Quinn L.D.

Fri 17 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 10.00am MASS John Thompson R.I.P.
StJ 12.00noon MASS Ellis family

Sat 18 June

Memorial of Saint John Rigby, Martyr

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OL 12.00noon MASS John Flynn (anniv.)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 19 June

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Day for Life

StJ 8.30am MASS Charlesworth family
SH 9.30am MASS Doris Gaskell & Doris Stout
StJ 10.30am MASS Margaret Pemberton (anniv.)
OL 11.00am MASS Anne Harman (anniv.)
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery On 3rd June the numbers drawn were 13, 17, 19. There was no winner of £108. Last week's estimated jackpot was £150.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10, 159, U Lightford; £5, 388, J Causby; £3, 386, J Waterfield; £2, 433, B Woods.

Bonus Ball No. 30, J Riley.

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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