

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 26 June



## Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

When the Lord calls and says, "Follow me", the response he is looking for is an immediate one. To the person who says, "Let me go and bury my father first", Jesus' reply is quite clear, "Leave the dead to bury their dead. Your duty is to go and spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God." To the person who simply asks if he can go home and say goodbye to his people, which we may consider a perfectly reasonable request, Jesus again is startlingly clear, "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." The popular hymn, "Follow Me", contains the following lines, "The foxes have their holes and the swallows have their nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay down." Despite the cheerful tune, the message, if we think about it, is an alarming one. Jesus has nowhere to call home. So when we read the Gospel today, what do we think? Are we disturbed by Jesus' seeming impatience? Do his demands seem too much? How are we to respond to Our Lord? Do the consequences of responding to his call to follow him seem a bit scary?

If we understand Jesus properly there is no reason for us to fear. Jesus is telling his disciples that their business is to proclaim the Kingdom of God. If this is their business, then it should be our business too. People can often forget that we are in the business of spreading the Good News together, today. People can sometimes think that they are not holy enough and a much holier and more qualified person will come along. Jesus is telling us very clearly today that the proclamation of God's Kingdom is for everyone who claims to be his disciples today, not just a chosen few. In this coming week, look at ways in which we may be able to respond to the Lord's call. Jesus calls each and every one of us to "Follow me". This is why we are here at Mass today. Let's not fall into the trap of waiting for a holier person to come along. It may never happen! We ourselves, with the grace of God, are the people called by the Lord to follow him. If we believe this, how will we live out our vocation this week? This is a question we are all called to answer for ourselves, as each one of us has our own unique and particular vocation.

Whatever we may look like, whoever we may be, whether we receive recognition for it in this world or not, we are all called to be proclaimers of God's Kingdom.

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Our Lady of the  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

John Byrne, Vernon Byrne, Robert Farrimond, Mary Frain, Mary Hollindhead, J T Jones, Annie Leather, John Murphy, Anne Sharples, John Topping, Special Intention, Successful Operation.

### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Moss Bank Nurseries, who donated all the plants for the Gardening Day at St Joseph's. They have now all been planted and are looking lovely!

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July on the school field. Please come along and support the school.

### WITH YOU ALWAYS 2017

#### (Reconciliation & First Communion)

If your child attends St Joseph's school or a non-Catholic school and will be going into Year 4 in September and you wish them to make their First Communion, please call at the presbytery any weekday between 9.00am and 4.00pm to collect an enrolment form. The form must be returned to the presbytery no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who look after the grounds at Our Lady of the Rosary church every week. Your hard work is appreciated and the gardens are looking lovely.

### COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Everyone welcome.

### WITH YOU ALWAYS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2016-17

If your child will be in Year 4 next September (currently in Year 3) and will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next year (2017) and your child attends either Twelve Apostles School or Sacred Heart School, a form will be given to them for you to sign and then be brought back to school. If your child attends another school, enrolment forms can be picked up from either one of the following churches: Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Rosary or Twelve Apostles. If your child has not been baptised, please speak to Fr. Kieran.

### LOURDES 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September

A small group of people are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes in September and anyone who wishes to join us is most welcome. Flying from Manchester and staying at the American Hotel on full board basis. £579.00 per person sharing a room. Single room supplement £120.00. Travel cost to Manchester will be calculated closer to departure. Travel insurance is not included in the price but can be arranged. Please contact Lianne on 709040 (evenings) or text 07932 495139 (day).

### FATIMA 2017

In 2017 the Church will celebrate the centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to the Three Visionaries of Fatima. To commemorate this event we are planning a Pilgrimage to the shrine. The proposed dates are Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with a flight departing from Liverpool. Accommodation would be in a good 3 star hotel at the edge of the Sanctuary with full Board and the anticipated cost will be in the region of £400/430 subject to airfare. As we had a fantastic response

for our recent Holy Land Pilgrimage, if you are interested, please register your interest by contacting Des on 07973 114365 as soon as possible. Check your diaries now!

### 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. Please give to the **collection this weekend** for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response and, if you can Gift Aid it, the government will add an extra 25% to whatever you donate.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 22

Being Christian involves joining one's own life, in all its aspects, to the person of Jesus and, through Him, to the Father.

Jun 21

People are the primary artisans of their own development, the first in charge!

Jun 20

We are all on a journey to the common house of heaven, where we will be able to admire with joyful wonder the mystery of the universe.

Jun 19

Let us join in prayer with our Orthodox brothers and sisters for the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church opening today in Crete.

Jun 18

More than a scientific question, the universe is a joyful mystery that speaks of God's boundless love for us.

Jun 17

In prayer let us experience the compassion of God, full of merciful love.

Jun 16

Even in the worst situation of life, God waits for me, God wants to embrace me, God expects me.

Jun 15

Dear elderly friends, God does not abandon you; he is with you! With his help you are and you continue to be the memory for your people.

Jun 14

The future of society requires the fruitful encounter between young and old.

Jun 13

I invite all of the institutions of the world to give a voice to all of those who suffer silently from hunger. #ZeroHunger

Jun 12

Dear sick people, entrust yourselves to the Spirit who will not fail you with the consoling light of his presence.

Jun 11

Do not tire of asking in prayer for the Lord's help especially in difficulty.

Jun 10

The tenderness of God is present in the lives of all those who attend the sick and understand their needs, with eyes full of love.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,684.86  
*Day for life* £ 477.46

The retiring collections this weekend will be in support of the CAFOD emergency appeal for Ethiopia. On Wednesday there is a mandatory collection for *Peter's Pence*.

### SICK

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Bowers  
Eternal rest grant unto her ...

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-  
Charlie Thomas Belch, Ofondu Owen Pete-Echieh.

## LOURDES AT HOME DAY

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be a **planning meeting this Tuesday**, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery to discuss the arrangements for the day.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL

In response to the appeal for furniture for the man with an empty flat, we have had many kind offers of furniture and thank you to you all. Our problem is, we do not have access to a vehicle to collect the furniture. If anyone could help us with this we would be very grateful. Please contact the parish office 01942 673517. Thank you.

### 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 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdi-

ocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

## LOURDES DEPARTURE MASS

St Margaret Mary's Church  
Pilch Lane, Knotty Ash L14 0JG  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm  
Everyone welcome

The Novena of Prayers for the Pilgrimage are available at the back of church. Please take a copy if you would like to join the pilgrims in prayer.

## TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

XII Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Headteacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.

## COME CELEBRATE THE CHILD

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk)**

## STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

... for the Alzheimer's Society, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm to 4.30pm at Bedford Methodist church, Breaston Avenue, off Warrington Road, Leigh, WN7 3DJ. Ample parking. Tombola and various stalls. All most welcome.

## PASTORAL AREA FEAST DAY MASS

This is an early notice to say that we are having our annual Feast Day Mass, to celebrate the lives of the patrons of our two parishes, Saint Edmund Arrowsmith and Saint Margaret Clitherow, in Holy Family church, Boothstown, on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. More details nearer the time.

## PARISH SUMMER SINGALONG SOCIAL NIGHT

at Sacred Heart Club, Lodge Road, Hindsford  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00pm till 11.00pm

Free social night, no tickets required. If you didn't get to Glastonbury this year come to the Summer Singalong at Sacred Heart Club instead. If you haven't been to the club before this is your chance to see what it's like. Pop in for a pint and enjoy the music - popular songs from the sixties and a little earlier (plus more recent hits) sung and played by musicians from the same era. Pop, rock 'n' roll and a sprinkling of folk, country and Irish music plus some Shadows tunes to reminisce over. The bar will be open. We've got *Whiskey in the Jar* and *Love Potion Number Nine* and there's sure to be a corner for a *Little Ol' Wine Drinker*.

From Atherton turn right after the church, before Iceland: from Tyldesley turn left immediately after Iceland. Club is on right.

## 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 25 June

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

### Sun 26 June

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS Cooper & Parry Families  
SH 9.30am MASS Patricia Flanagan L.D.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Charlotte Whittaker (exam success)  
OLR 11.00am MASS Austin Wood  
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

### Mon 27 June

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 13)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 10.15am FUNERAL MASS Anne Sharples  
SH 12.00noon MASS Marie Daven Special intention

### Tue 28 June

#### Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
SH 12.00noon MASS Tony O'Brien L.D.

### Wed 29 June

#### SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

#### Holyday of Obligation

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 9.00am MASS Vinny Johnson L.D.  
StJ 12.00noon MASS John Griffin (Birthday Memorial)  
SH 1.15pm MASS of Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart school (in church) - All welcome  
OLR 7.00pm MASS People of the Pastoral Area

### Thu 30 June

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
StJ 9.00am MASS Annie Leather (anniv.)  
SH NO MASS

### Fri 1 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer  
12A 9.00am MASS of Thanksgiving for Twelve Apostles school (in church) - All welcome  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary Fox (anniv.)

### Sat 2 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
SH 12.00noon MASS Mary Green (Birthday memorial)  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson L.D.

### Sun 3 July

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
SH 9.30am MASS Christine Hession R.I.P.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Kevin Quinn R.I.P.  
OLR 11.00am MASS Dorothy Addi (anniv.)  
StR SUMMER SCHEDULE means **NO** Sunday evening Mass until 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 17<sup>th</sup> June the numbers drawn were 2, 6, 12. There was no winner of £188. Last week's estimated jackpot was £230.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10

**Bonus Ball** No. 47 Mrs A Unsworth

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](mailto: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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