

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 3 July 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Many people are preparing to go somewhere on holiday this year. Some of them leave everything until the last minute, others prepare well in advance. There are many things to do, such as sorting out passports, travel tickets, money, etc. Leaving it all until the last minute can be very stressful and potentially damaging to the whole holiday experience. We all know it is best to prepare well in advance but we still leave so much to the last minute. It is perhaps surprising then to find that, in today's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples completely unprepared for their travels. In fact, he expressly forbade them from making any adequate provision for themselves. He sends them out in pairs to towns and villages to preach the Good News. Jesus lists a whole series of things the disciples are not to do. In a nutshell, they have to do absolutely nothing to prepare for their journey. They have to take nothing with them that would help their travel - no purse, no haversack, and no sandals. In the context of modern day travel, Jesus would be saying, "Don't take any currency or credit card with you, don't take any luggage because you won't be packing anything, and don't bother taking a change of shoes! They are to settle where they are made welcome and they are to eat what is set before them.

This journey is not a holiday, of course. Jesus' instructions emphasize the urgency of the disciples' tasks. Jesus has just begun his journey to Jerusalem. He has set himself resolutely for the task, because in Jerusalem he will meet his destiny - to suffer, die and rise again. Before he reaches Jerusalem, the Kingdom of God must be proclaimed as far as possible. The disciples must not delay the start of their journey through preparation, and they must not worry about what to take. They are embarking on God's work as Jesus' missionaries. God will provide them with everything they need.

Today's Gospel may seem remote from our world today, yet on reflection we may see that despite the peculiarities of Jesus' instructions, they are timeless. Pope Francis has said that to be a disciple is to be a missionary. As disciples, we are called to reflect on our own eagerness to proclaim the Kingdom of God to those around us. This proclamation was not to be delayed or lessened by Jesus' disciples concentrating on other things. Their presence alone was a sign that the Kingdom of God was at hand. The same is true for us today. Our hesitations, faults and failings can be barriers to the announcement that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Likewise, we can always find excuses to think that we can't be the bearers of the Good News. Yet our lives, if they are Gospel based, are automatically proclamations of the coming of God's Kingdom. Our capacity to bring healing and peace to others first and foremost rests on our capacity to be ONE with them. We don't need passports, tickets, luggage and currency to be disciples. We do, however, need the desire to go on that journey to the places where we can take the Good News of Jesus himself.

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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

Tony Broster, Tom Ramsdale, John Topping, St Jude Special Intention

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 10th 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 11th July. Thank you.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm.

All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

GARDENING DAY

Our next Gardening Day will be held on Saturday 16th July starting at 10.00am. The grounds are looking lovely, but there is still a lot to do: please come and help if you can, even if it is only for an hour.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today, Sunday 3rd 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 5th-9th 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 19th to Friday 23rd 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!

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations?

A one day conference on **Wednesday 6th July 2016** 10.30am to 3.00pm. St Anne's Parish Centre, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. This is open to any parishioner, priest, deacon. Cost: £5. Speaker: Stephen Hoyland. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided. You can just turn up or to book email Fr Philip Inch: penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 30

This Jubilee of mercy is a time of reconciliation for everyone. Jun 29

Today the Lord repeats to all pastors: follow me despite the difficulties, follow me by proclaiming the Gospel to all.

Jun 28

If God is present in our life, the joy of bringing the Gospel will be our strength and our happiness.

Jun 27

Jesus looks for us and invites us to make room in the inner reaches of our heart. Do we realize it?

Jun 26

I am happy to have visited Armenia, the first nation to accept Christianity as its religion, and I thank all for the welcome.

#PopelInArmenia

Jun 26

May the Armenian Church walk in peace and may the communion between us be complete. #PopelInArmenia

Jun 25

The sufferings of the Armenians are our own, they are the sufferings of the members of Christ's Mystical Body. #PopelInArmenia

Jun 24

The commitment to full unity and cooperation among all the Lord's disciples is like a radiant light in a dark night. #PopelInArmenia

Jun 23

Please accompany me with your prayers during my apostolic journey to Armenia.

THE EU REFERENDUM

Cardinal Vincent Nichols gave the following statement after the announcement of the EU Referendum result to leave the European Union: "A great tradition of the United Kingdom is to respect the will of the people, expressed at the ballot box. Today we set out on a new course that will be demanding on all. Our prayer is that all will work in this task with respect and civility, despite deep differences of opinion. WE pray that in this process the most vulnerable will be supported and protected, especially those who are easy targets for unscrupulous employers and human traffickers. WE pray that our nation will build on our finest traditions of generosity, of welcome for the stranger and shelter for the needy. WE now must work hard to show ourselves to be good neighbours and resolute contributors in joint international efforts to tackle the critical problems of our world today".

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1508.06

Next weekend is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

SICK

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time. Please submit to the parish office the names of those you know to be sick and who would welcome our prayers. Entries will be expired after four weeks so, if someone remains unwell, their name should then be re-submitted.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joseph Loughlin
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-
Sophia Berrido Peters, Emmet Anthony Ray, Caoimhe Honora Ray, Oonagh Hope Ray, Gracie Karen Hill

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Vicki Ann Turner & Jonathan Peter Healey, who were married at St Joseph's last weekend.

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.

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

LOURDES DEPARTURE MASS

St Margaret Mary's Church
Pilch Lane, Knotty Ash L14 0JG
Sunday 17th 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.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

... for the Alzheimer's Society, Saturday 16th 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 7th at 7.00pm. More details nearer the time.

THE YEAR OF MERCY ST MARY'S LEYLAND

Broadfield Drive, Leyland PR25 1PD

THE MERCY OF GOD AND THE CHARISM OF
St ALPHONSUS LIGOURI,
FOUNDER OF THE REDEMPTORISTS.
THURSDAY 7 JULY 6 – 8.30pm

Fr. Andrew Burns CSSR, Rector of the Monastery of Bishop Eton Liverpool will outline the gift of the Charism of St Alphonsus, and its relevance for us today. *With Him (God) there is plentiful Redemption*

PARISH SUMMER SINGALONG SOCIAL NIGHT

Parish 'Summer Singalong Social' Night at Sacred Heart Club, Hindsford Tuesday, 12th July 8.00pm till 11.00pm

Free social night, no tickets required. Arrive when you want, leave when you want. 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 - and if you are not sure where it is there are location details below.

Pop in for a pint or a glass of wine 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. *So Pack up your Troubles and get your hair tied up in a Black Velvet Band or I'll Tell My Ma.*

Location: Sacred Heart Club is right next to Sacred Heart Hindsford church on the A577 'Tyldesley Road'. From Ather-ton turn right after the church, before Iceland; from Tyldesley turn left immediately after Iceland. The Club is on the right.

Saturday 16th July 2016 St Mary's RC church Standishgate, Wigan WN1 2XL Holy Mass at 12noon Devotions, Procession & Benediction at 3.00pm In Honour of Our Lady The Rosa Mystica Mother of the Church Bring a packed lunch Tea and drinks available in the Parish Hall

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 2 July

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.

OL 11.00am MASS Dorothy Addi (anniv.)

StR SUMMER SCHEDULE means **NO** Sunday evening Mass until 4th September.

Mon 4 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 14)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Jim & Elsie McHugh (anniv.)

Tue 5 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

Wed 6 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A/OL NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Tony Shovelton (Birthday memorial)

Thu 7 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 10.15am FUNERAL MASS Joseph Loughlin

SH NO MASS

Fri 8 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary & Michael O'Hara (anniv.)

Sat 9 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Gredecki L.D.

Sun 10 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sea Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Harry O'Hara (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Anthony Vincent Johnson L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS Ronald Brown (anniv.)

OL 11.00am MASS Bill Burke

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Sacred Heart Lottery On 24th June the numbers drawn were 14, 16, 18. There was no winner of £218. Last week's estimated jackpot was £250.

Our Lady's 500 Club £50 No. 491 J Causby, £10 No. 213 M Collins, £5 No. 428 P Purcell, £3 No. 028 J Atherton, £2 No. 440 M Flannery

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.

PASTORAL AREA TEAM

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