

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 10 July 2016



## Responsorial Psalm

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,  
and your hearts will revive.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

### *“A man was going down the road from....”*

Jesus doesn't attach any religious or social label to the man, though it reasonable to assume that he was a Jew. Was he a good man or a bad man? Was he an important man or maybe not so important? Was he rich or poor? These questions, for Jesus, were irrelevant because he was a human being.

### *“He was set upon by bandits....”*

These were heartless, violent men who preyed on the weak and the vulnerable. Jesus lived in the real world. He was aware of the dangers of travelling from one town to another. He knew that such people existed as they do today.

### *“A priest and a Levite saw him lying there half dead....but passed by.”*

The priest and the Levite were religious people. Yet they didn't even feel compassion for the wounded man. Religion without compassion is a contradiction. Without compassion how can we call ourselves truly human, let alone a truly religious person? This part of the story reminds us that actions speak louder than words.

### *“A Samaritan came along....”*

He saw the wounded man, felt compassion for him, and went at once to his aid. He didn't worry about the trouble it caused him. Nor is he put off by the fact that the man was a Jew – an enemy at that time to the Samaritans. He still dug deep into his pocket to help the poor man.

At the start of the story we know very little about the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan. At the end of it we still don't know that much about them. Yet we know all that matters. The priest and the Levite are self-centred people. When the crunch came, they put themselves first. The Samaritan, on the other hand, was unselfish. He put the other person first. The priest and the Levite were guilty of the sin of omission. In other words, whilst they perhaps didn't do anything bad, they failed to respond to the call to do something good. Perhaps we have seen people hurt or afraid and not done anything to help them. Perhaps we haven't shared what we have with those in most need. The Samaritan, on the other hand, was obviously someone who cared. He cared because his heart would not allow him to do otherwise.

Each one of us has the capacity to care. Small opportunities to care come our way every day. It's within our power to say a kind word, to offer a little sympathy, to give a little support. These are the little drops of “oil and wine” which can take some of the pain out of a wound. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho represents the road of life. At the end of the story Jesus says to the lawyer, “Go and act like the Samaritan.” Those words are shared with us today. And since we are still on that road we can carry them out.

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Sacred Heart,  
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and  
Our Lady of the  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Margaret Aitchison, Fred Cooper, Margaret Davey, Fr James Hawes, Ann Marsh, Marsh Family, Marlene O'Neill, John Pendlebury, Frank & Margaret Prescott, Keith Worrall.

### THANK YOU

For the anonymous donation of £200. Your gift is much appreciated.

Thank you also to Catherine Pennington RIP for her Legacy of £200. May she rest in peace.

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

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

### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning is cancelled today, so that we can go and support the School's Family Fun Day. Refreshments are available.

### 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.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

### GARDENING DAY

Our next Gardening Day will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### FORTHCOMING EVENT

We are having a cake sale on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

### 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!

### JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place at Holy Family on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30pm. All welcome to contribute Live Simply ideas.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 5

Let's join forces, at all levels, to ensure that peace in beloved Syria is possible! #peacepossible4Syria

Jul 4

The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. It's also a favorable time to take care of our human relationships.

Jul 3

Loving and forgiving as God loves and forgives. This is a programme of life that can know no interruptions or exceptions.

Jul 2

True joy which is experienced in the family is not something random and fortuitous, but normal and ongoing.

Jul 1

In the world of work today it is essential to educate and follow the luminous and demanding path of honesty.

### Ask Your MP To Support Early Day Motion 123 To Oppose Abortion Being Legalised Up Until BIRTH

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) is being forced by their leader, Cathy Warwick to support a campaign to allow abortion up until birth for any reason whatsoever. She did **NOT** consult her members on their views before implementing this new policy.

900 midwives have signed an open letter called 'Not In Our Name' opposing this new policy, and to express their anger and disappointment at the way this policy was imposed on them without their consent. Additionally, over 40,000 people have now signed the accompanying 'Not In Our Name' petition on the Citizen Go website, which opposes the new policy. MP Robert Ffello has now tabled an Early Day Motion (EDM) 123 which opposes this policy being forced on the RCM, and calls for Cathy Warwick's resignation. **Please write to your MP asking them to add their signature to EDM 123.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-your-mp/>

To read more about EDM 123 visit :

<https://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/123>

To sign the Not In Our Name Petition visit:

<http://notinourname.co>



### CAFOD PRAYER

God the Holy Spirit

Remove from us all desire for more money and possessions and cease our relentless quest for comforts that we do not need.

Make us aware of how much we already have and help us to share our wealth and time in partnership with all of humanity.

Ignite in us the fire of your love so that, filled with your Spirit, our faith is awakened by renewed commitment and deed.

Amen.

Tony Singleton/CAFOD

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## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,557.34
Peters Pence	£ 338.16
CAFOD	£ 814.32

Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

## SICK

Eileen Boardman

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

Fred Cooper, Margaret Aitcheson, John Jagger  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-  
Robert-Joseph Philip Schuller,

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 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.

## 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, Hindsford  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00pm till 11.00pm

Free social night - no tickets required – the bar will be open.

Live Music from members of

The StreetLifers & The Cambridge Crew.

Popular songs from the 60's 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.

Join in and enjoy songs made famous by: Buddy Holly, Cliff Richard, Eddie Cochran, Dean Martin, The Everly Brothers, Lonnie Donegan, The Beatles, The Dubliners, The Spinners & others...

Next Tuesday – *That'll Be The Day!*

Location: Sacred Heart Club is next to Sacred Heart Hindsford church on the A577 'Tyldesley Road'. From Atherton turn right after the church, before Iceland; from Tyldesley turn left immediately after Iceland. Then turn right into the club car park.

**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 9 July

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

### Sun 10 July

**FIFTEENTH 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

StR SUMMER SCHEDULE means **NO** Sunday evening Mass until 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Mon 11 July

**FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Joseph Higgins (Anni)

### Tue 12 July

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 15)**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Mr R. Crompton R.I.P.

StJ 2.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE John Jagger

### Wed 13 July

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Jack Parr RIP

### Thu 14 July

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Elizabeth Frost

StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Margaret Aitcheson

SH 12.00noon MASS Monica Davies R.I.P.

### Fri 15 July

**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 10.00am MASS John Thompson L.D.

StJ 12.00noon MASS Margaret Grogan RIP

### Sat 16 July

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn RIP

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

### Sun 17 July

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS Eddie Trumble (Anni)

SH 9.30am MASS John Murphy L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS John Lucas RIP

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

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**Sacred Heart Lottery** On 1<sup>st</sup> July the numbers drawn were 9, 10, 15. There was no winner of £254. Last week's estimated jackpot was £290.

**Our Lady's 500 Club** £10 No. 323 K Jones, £5 No. 394 B Ryan, £3 No. 276 D Quinn, £2 No. 146 B Ellis

**Bonus Ball** No. 13 E & L Elli

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.

### PASTORAL AREA TEAM

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