

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 17 July 2016



Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

The story of a God who comes among his people and is disguised as a traveller is one which appears in many religious traditions. In today's First Reading we hear how Abraham displays the warmth of Bedouin hospitality as he rushes to meet three travellers, bows carefully, washes their feet, invites them to rest while he attends to the menu, and then waits on them at table. As a Bedouin wife, Sarah, Abraham's wife, prepares the meal and then waits inside the tent while the others eat outdoors. In her culture men and women do not eat together. But from where she is she hears the Good News that God will visit her again next year and that she will have a child. So the hospitality of the old couple, Abraham and Sarah, is rewarded as God answers their deepest desire. In the imagery of Genesis the Lord God walks and talks and eats with his chosen ones. By depicting God in human form the writer shows us in a simple way a truth about Almighty God – how he is involved in the life and struggle of his people. But when we move to the Gospel and see Jesus visiting people and talking with them, we see that this is not some kind of fancy imagery but the literal truth. Jesus is not disguised as a human being – he IS a human being. As Saint Paul says in today's Second Reading, the mystery of God, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now revealed in Christ. In the person of Jesus, the Lord really does walk among his people. In Jesus we can see the face of the living God.

In telling the story of Jesus' visit to his women friends, Luke underlines the importance of the guest: Martha addresses Jesus as "Lord" while Mary sits at the Lord's feet. This is not a casual visit. In response to Jesus' presence, Martha becomes fully engaged in preparing a meal while Mary becomes fully engaged in listening to the Lord. The scene of Mary sitting with her guest is a world away from Sarah, in the Genesis reading, being locked away from her guests. It is also a world away from the religious practice of the day: women were not instructed in the Law by the rabbis because they could be neither a teacher nor a disciple. But the word of Jesus is for men and women: so Mary adopts the disciple's posture. Martha however thinks that her sister should be doing something more important than listening to Jesus and she asks him to tell Mary to help her with all the serving. But Jesus does not allow Martha to write his script. Martha is anxious about so many things that she cannot focus on the real priority of the moment. In all her fret and fuss Martha is missing the one thing that is needed now: to welcome the Lord by listening to his words.

It is Mary who exemplifies the true disciple who greets the Lord with hospitality. Remember when Jesus talked about the Word of God as a seed, he described the good soil as those who "hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." That is Mary. Mary exemplifies another response to the Word, those who are "choked by worries" so much that the Word cannot bear fruit. We are all invited to welcome the Word of God and give it our full attention. The way we continue having God as our guest is when we welcome his Word and live it out in our lives each day. When we do this it means we can act on it ourselves. And, as we celebrate the Eucharist, we can sit at the Lord's table and be the guest at his banquet. In this way we become the Lord's host and his guest.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Margaret Aitchison, Catherine Bailey, Fred Cooper, Marion Daven, Teresa Donlon, Terry Fallon, Marie Fitzsimons, Christine Hession, Teresa Higgins, Richard Hilton, Tom & Betty Kennedy, Michael Mullowney, Albert Sankey, Graham Smith, Mary Ellen Winstanley,

RED MISSION BOXES

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

WITH YOU ALWAYS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The deadline for returning the application forms for the Sacramental Programme has now passed. If you have not signed up yet and your child will be in Year 4 next term, please do so this week. We need to order the work booklets from the Archdiocese by Friday 22nd July.

NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR ST JOSEPH'S

Those parishioners who attend St Joseph's will be aware that we are desperately in need of new hymn books. An idea which has been suggested is that people would like to donate a hymn book to the Church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, this would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to do this, please put £6 (the cost of each hymn book) in an envelope and pass it into the Parish House, along with the name of the person the hymn book is to be dedicated to. That person's name will then be inserted into the hymn book's front cover alongside a request for prayers. If you require any further information please speak to Fr Colin or Jacqui. As always, many thanks for your support and generosity.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FORTHCOMING EVENT

We are having a cake sale on 7th August.

PLANK LANE HORSES UPDATE

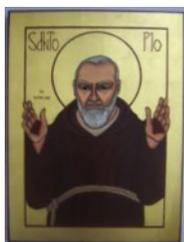
A meeting has taken place between the Archdiocese, Council Representatives and Solicitors. The outcome is that the council solicitors will act on behalf of the Archdiocese and a trespassing notice will be served. If there is any opposition, court proceedings could take anything up to twelve months. At this time the Archdiocese would like to thank everyone who took part in the survey and gave statements to help with this matter.

GARDENING

Many thanks to those who came to help with the Garden, we have got it looking good. Many thanks for the kind donation given to help pay for plants. A special thank you to John for kindly doing the hedges.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

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



JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting takes place at St Ambrose Barlow church (venue changed) this Thursday 21st July, 7.30pm. All welcome to contribute Live Simply ideas.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 10

Vacations offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the Gospels.

Jul 7

During this month my audiences are suspended, but I do not stop praying for you, while I ask that you please pray for me!

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 Fieello 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

PARISH TOTAL	£1,780.42
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 512.78
Final Total CAFOD Ethiopia	£ 953.80

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, Marie Fitzsimons, Marie Daven
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-
Lincoln Michael Davies, Grace Emma Burges

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.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 21st July at 6.15 at the Sacred Heart Church for people who have offered to help organise the Lourdes at Home Day.

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 Retreat: Sr Margaret O'Shea SMG 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
Today, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S AREA SENIOR CITIZENS OVER 50's CLUB

is looking for new members to join this exciting group!

We meet on Wednesdays at 1.00pm - 3.30pm
in St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh



For
Bingo Games,
Refreshments



Contact Mrs Lucas on 07598 954 913
Everyone is welcome!



GOD IN HIS MERCY CARES FOR YOU

Sunday 25th September 2016 at 3.00pm
Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool
A Celebration Mass for and with disabled people
ALL WELCOME

Principal Celebrant Archbishop Malcom McMahon

The Cathedral is accessible for wheelchair users and the Mass booklets will be in both large and small print. BSL/sign language interpreter will also be available.

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass downstairs in the Gibberd Room



PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

Our website has moved. Please change your bookmarks from leighpastoralarea.co.uk to leighdeanery.co.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As the schools break up for the summer, we hope you all have a lovely holiday and a safe journey if you are going away.



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 16 July

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

Sun 17 July

StJ 8.30am MASS Eddie Trumble (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS John Murphy L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS John Lucas R.I.P.

OL 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

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

Mon 18 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 16)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Jack Parr R.I.P.

Tue 19 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am MASS School Year 6 Leavers

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Marie Daven

Wed 20 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Gerald Burke

StJ NO MASS

Thu 21 July *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Catherine Trundle (Anni)

SH 12.00noon MASS Thomas McCulloch R.I.P.

Fri 22 July **FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE**

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am MASS Kinney & Kearns families anniversaries

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Marie Fitzsimons

Sat 23 July **FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE**

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS John Murphy L.D.

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Joan Glover L.D.

Sun 24 July **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

StJ 8.30am MASS Jack Cleworth RIP

SH 9.30am MASS Marie Daven L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS John Topping (anniv.)

OL 11.00am MASS Special intention (J.N.)

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Sacred Heart Lottery On 8th July the numbers drawn were 7, 9, 23. There was no winner of £290. Last week's estimated jackpot was £330.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. 144 Mrs U Lightford, £5 No. 400 Rev. Decn. D Vint, £3 358 Mrs M Moore, £2 No. 198 Mrs M Moore

Bonus Ball No. 12 Mrs B Jones

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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