

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 31 July 2016



Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel two brothers are seen arguing over money and inheritance. One of them vocalizes his complaint to Jesus, demanding justice and demanding it now. Jesus hears the request but is very clear that he has no intention of getting involved in a family argument. It is not his place to go round dispensing justice in the lives of others. There are people appointed to do that kind of thing, whether they be judges or mediators. But Jesus does not miss the opportunity to tell the disciples, and everyone else who cares to listen, that the big issue here is not who gets what, but how important it is to preserve the security of life that comes from loving one another. Security of life is a spiritual reality that enfolds us when we are enfolded in love by family and friends, and when we learn to allow ourselves to be embraced by the love of God. Money cannot do this. Possessions and wealth cannot do it. Only God can. To bring home this truth, Jesus tells a story in which the only people to feature are a rich farmer and God. It is a lonely story. There is no one else around in this tale. The farmer has a big problem, "How do I keep all this wealth for myself? Build a bigger barn and store it all, and sit back and pour myself a glass! No problem." This man only talks to himself and only listens to himself, until God insists on being heard. Death comes and the farmer must leave it all behind.

Greed of any kind can kill us. Greed does not want to know about anyone else. Greed fouls up friendships and causes family lives to go to waste. Wanting everything for yourself and wanting your own way in everything is the high road to misery. Today Jesus warns us about "avarice of any kind". Not just a love of money or possessions, but that selfish desire to arrange the world exactly how it suits you and nobody else. How much are our international relationships bedevilled precisely by this? "Securing our country's future" is a frequently used political value, and everyone wants to feel secure. It is a natural desire. But the security of our nation seems to involve guns and bombs and military capability, and is only seen in these terms. Whilst these are sometimes important, especially due to the violence we see on our TV screens at the moment, what about the vital importance of being able to meet each other and to talk to one another and to persevere in preserving all our relationships – whether internationally, or nationally, or amongst our fellow parishioners, families and friends? Jesus clearly states that our security is not achieved by what we have, or what we possess. This is true whether it be money or riches or wealth. Our security is maintained by the kind of people we are and the kind of people we are trying to be. Strip off your old self and your old behaviour, Paul tells us in the Second Reading today. Then put on Christ. And if you want to be rich, be rich in God.

ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH PARISH OFFICE

The office for the administration of our parish is based in St. Joseph's presbytery, Mather Lane. Email [redacted] 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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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Jimmy Clegg, Anne Davidson, Michael & Amelia Griffin, John Flynn, Norma Glasgow, Christine Hession, Lucy Jones, Kevin McHugh, Francis O'Donnell, Betty Sroka, Mary Topping, James Vincent.

COFFEE MORNING

... will be held in the Mather Room this morning.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CAKE SALE

Next Sunday after Mass there will be a cake sale. If you are bringing cakes please give them to Kath or Brenda before Mass. Any help or donations will greatly appreciated.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 27

Let's live WYD in Krakow together!

#Krakow2016

<https://www.instagram.com/franciscus>

Jul 26

Dear young people, stay united in prayer so that this WYD may be rich with spiritual fruits. See you tomorrow!

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Jul 25

Dear young people, let us offer the world a mosaic of many races, cultures and peoples united in the name of Jesus!

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Jul 25

Dear young people, I bless your journey towards Krakow: may it be a pilgrimage of faith and fraternity. Pope Francis

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

God be praised and thanked for all who helped in any way in raising £886 for the Alzheimer's Society at Bedford Methodist church on 16 July.

PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

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

PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

There has been a problem with the parish e-mail address. Please do not use it until further notice. If you wish to contact the parish office or put a notice in the newsletter, please ring or drop a note in at St Joseph's presbytery. We are sorry for any convenience.

SACRED HEART LOTTERY

The lottery is suspended due to low ticket sales during the school summer holidays. It will be restored as soon as the children are back at school. Don't worry, the £350 confirmed jackpot prize is being carried forward.

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. n/a

Bonus Ball No. n/a

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 30 July

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Ann Mary Wilson
Sun 31 July EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS St Jude (Thanksgiving)

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS Tom & Betty Kennedy (Wedding Anniversary Mem.)

OL 11.00am MASS Paddy O'Brien L.D.

StR SUMMER SCHEDULE **NO** Sunday evening Mass.

Mon 1 August Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 11.00am FUNERAL MASS James Anthony Clegg

Tue 2 August Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 18)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH **7.00pm** MASS Anthony Freeman (sick)

Wed 3 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL NO MASS

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Cliff Evans

StJ 12.00noon MASS Tony Broster

Thu 4 August Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 10.15am FUNERAL MASS Lily Houghton

SH 12.00noon MASS John Thompson R.I.P.

Fri 5 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Vida Raines

Sat 6 August FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Joan Horton (Spec. Intention)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 7 August NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Delia Brett R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am MASS

OL 11.00am MASS Special intention (KJ)

StR SUMMER SCHEDULE **NO** Sunday evening Mass.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,627.95

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SICK

Eileen Boardman

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jimmy Clegg, Clifford Evans, Lilly Houghton, Vida Raines.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-

Joseph Karol Radley, Alexis Hannah Fox.