

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 7 August 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

All over the world, huge numbers of people are on the move. Whether they are migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, it is thought that the world has not seen the current level of migration since the end of World War II. We've seen them so often on our TV screens. People fleeing conflict in Syria and Iraq, crowding onto boats in an attempt to cross the Mediterranean, the ongoing migration of Southern and Central America continues to be a major political issue in the USA. So many migrants and refugees are unseen and unheard of. All of them are on the move seeking a new homeland – a place where the essentials of life can be guaranteed, such as safety, freedom, food, clean water, education and healthcare, equality. Often the journeys undertaken can be long and very dangerous, and it is often open to question whether the countries at the end of their journey will in fact prove to be the hospitable homes that the people dream of.

This longing for a safe and permanent homeland is echoed in all of the readings this weekend. The Second Reading, from Hebrews, speaks of the faith of Abraham and Sarah as they leave their old home and place their trust in God's promise of a new homeland and the enduring legacy of descendants beyond counting. We are told that although Abraham and Sarah could never see that promise fulfilled in their own lifetimes, they nevertheless placed their hope and trust in God as they look forward to the ultimate homeland of Heaven where all God's promises will come to completion. The Book of Wisdom recalls the night of the first Passover, when the oppressed people of Israel were liberated by God from slavery in a foreign land, so that they could begin their journey to their homeland. The people need courage for the journey and stand in solidarity with each other, sharing the danger, as they prepare for liberation. And in the Gospel today Jesus tells his "little flock" not to be afraid – the Father has already given them his Kingdom. They have a homeland waiting for them. But there is a note of caution – they have to be ready, prepared, actively about their master's business, living faithfully according to his commands, if they are to be ready to greet the master when he returns.

This longing for a homeland lies deep within each one of us. Jesus promises that the Father has prepared the Kingdom for us in Heaven. But he tells us to be prepared, to get ready. And we do so in the company of each other. We are called to be companions on the journey. That's why we gather together to celebrate the Mass. Jesus calls us to care for each other along the way, to feed the hungry, clothe those who are naked, visit those who are sick and welcome the stranger. If we do this then we are storing up treasure for ourselves in Heaven and are on the right path to God's Kingdom. Let's pray that by living out our faith this way we will reach our homeland together in Heaven.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Mary Connor, James Clegg, Cliff Evans, Betty Leeney, Pat Leyland, Kevin Quinn, Special Intention.

THANK YOU

The SVP would like to thank the Hollinshead family for its kind gift of £100 as a result of monies donated at the funeral of Mrs Mary Hollinwood.

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 14) and her Coronation (August 22), we also give honour to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorise and pray every day during this special month:

O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CAKE SALE

Today, Sunday, after Mass there will be a cake sale.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Jul 28

The Lord is amongst us and takes care of us, without deciding for us. The Lord loves to participate in the events of our daily lives and to walk with us. A merciful heart has the courage to leave comforts behind and to encounter others, embracing everyone. Jesus Christ encourages us to lift up our eyes and to dream lofty dreams. During these days of the WYD, Jesus wants to enter our homes.

Jul 29 How I wish that we, as Christians, could be close to the sick the same way Jesus was: in silence, with a caress and in prayer. Anyone who performs works of mercy is not afraid of death. Let us embrace the Cross. Jesus embraces the nakedness, hunger, thirst, loneliness, suffering and death of all men and women of all time. Dear young people, this evening the Lord renews His invitation to take the lead in serving others.

Jul 30 "I desire mercy, not sacrifice". Francis. 30/7/2016. Sanctuary of Divine Mercy. Jesus wants truly consecrated hearts that live by His forgiveness and share it compassionately with their brothers and sisters. Jesus seeks hearts that are open and tender toward the weak; hearts that are not hard, but docile and transparent. We have come into the world in order to leave a mark. God is inviting you to dream: He wants to show you that you can make the world a different place. Jesus is calling you to leave your mark on life: one that transforms your own life and the lives of others.

Jul 31 God loves us as we are: no sin, fault or mistake can make Him change His mind. God counts on you for who you are, not for what you have. You are valuable in His eyes and your value is priceless. Jesus speaks to you every day. Let His Gospel become yours and let Him be your "navigator" on life's journey! A huge "thank you", dear young people! St John Paul II rejoiced in Heaven, and will help you bring the joy of the Gospel wherever you go.

Aug 2 The secret to joy: never suppress positive curiosity; get involved, because life is meant to be lived.

PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

Until further notice, please telephone or drop a note in at the parish office at St Joseph's presbytery.

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 6 August

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 Roger Millward MBE

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

StJ 10.30am MASS Teresa Cooney (Anni)

OL 11.00am MASS Special intention (KJ)

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

Mon 8 August Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Mary Gibbon (Birthday)

Tue 9 August FEAST OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, ODC

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon MASS Tony O'Brien L.D.

Wed 10 August FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OL 10.00am MASS Bill Knight

StJ 12.00noon MASS Kevin Quinn (RIP)

Thu 11 August Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Frances & James Clarke (Anni)

SH 12.00noon MASS Marie Daven L.D.

Fri 12 August Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 19)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 10.00am MASS Vinny Johnson

StJ 12.00noon MASS Jack Parr RIP

Sat 13 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

OL 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OL 12.00noon MASS Kathleen Greensmith

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 14 August SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

StJ 8.30am MASS Barbara Gallagher

SH 9.30am MASS Winnie Coyne Special intention

StJ 10.30am MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)

OL 11.00am MASS Katie Eckman & David Green forthcoming wedding

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

Our Lady's 500 Club £10 No. J Flannery, £5 No. 243 N

Flynn, £3 No. 184 A Aharkie, £2 No. 414 C Ellis

Bonus Ball No. 48 T Jones

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,905.60

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SICK

Carolyn Burke, Thomas Raffry

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Scott David Wunderley & Louise Catherine Bardsley who were married at St Joseph's last week

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish by baptism to:-

Darcey Katielyn Pasquill, Matilda Joanna White, Jacob Thomas Warburton.

An asylum seeker from Afghanistan requests clothes & food for her 3 months old baby daughter. If you can help, please ring 01942 676962.