

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

14 August 2016



Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear God's message that he has shown the power of his arm and overthrown the powers of this world. In the context of a happy family celebrating the prospect of new life, Mary sings her Magnificat, a hymn of triumph to God over the powers of evil. The rich and powerful of this world have been put in their place, while those who are poor and disadvantaged have been exalted. Presented like this, the message of scripture is almost like a programme of social revolution. And in today's Second Reading to the Corinthians, Paul celebrates the ultimate triumph of Christ. As children of Adam, every one of us is subject to death. But when Jesus rose from the dead, death lost its power and now the children of God are destined to share in the resurrection and eternal life. Christ Jesus has done away with every sovereignty, authority and power so as to hand over the Kingdom to God that Father. It is the promise of God to all of us, who are faithful followers of Jesus, that we shall enjoy the fullness of life in the glory of Heaven for all eternity.

Some people over the years have complained that the doctrine of Mary's Assumption into Heaven is not found in scripture. If they are looking for an historical narrative they are right. But scripture is more than just history, It is the revelation of God's love through the lived experience of men and women of faith. The stories from the Bible we listen to this weekend tell us more than the fact that Mary at the end of her life was taken up body and soul into the glory of Heaven. They tell us that through the death and resurrection of Mary's Son, Jesus, the power of our ancient enemy has been permanently overcome and the destiny of each one of us, as children of God, is to be taken up into the glory of Heaven.

Whilst this is our destiny we are called to follow the example of Mary if we are to achieve it. This is not something we can do without the grace of God. Throughout her life, Mary united herself with Jesus, in his mission and in his suffering and death. Her surrender to God's will at the time of the annunciation continued through her faithfully pondering in her heart all that was happening, until she stood beneath the cross on Calvary. United with Jesus in his life and death, she is united with him in his resurrection and ascension into glory. This, then, is the pattern for all of us to follow. The Assumption of Mary is our sign of hope. It is a reminder that if we are faithful to Jesus, like Mary, Heaven is our destiny too. Whatever turmoil we experience in the world today is merely the dying spasm of a defeated enemy. Christ Jesus has risen from the dead. He has conquered sin and death. He now reigns in Heaven with Mary as the Queen of Heaven. Let us continue to live our lives in the hope and expectation of sharing in their glory forever

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CAKE SALE

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with our cake sale and/or donated cakes. We raised £225 for parish funds.

CREATION TIME

Pope Francis has asked the whole world to pray and reflect on Creation during *Creation Time* which begins on September 1st and ends on October 4th, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Inspired by the Pope's letter "*Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home*", the Justice & Peace Commission and CAFOD Liverpool have produced a booklet designed to bring people together in parishes during this period. We will be having *Creation Time* sessions in our Deanery at St Richard's, Atherton on Wednesdays September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and October 5th at approximately 10.00am, after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Each of the five sessions includes prayers, the Sunday Gospel, illustrative local and international stories, excerpts from "*Laudato Si'*" and questions to guide our discussions. Please come along and join us. Each session should last approximately an hour.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Aug 10

A society made up of different cultures must seek unity in respect.

Aug 9

We ask for respect for indigenous peoples whose very identity and existence are threatened.

Aug 8

When there is dialogue in the family, tensions are easily resolved.

Aug 7

We oppose hatred and destruction with goodness. We live in societies of different cultures and religions, but we are brothers and sisters.

Aug 5

Good luck to the athletes at #Rio2016! May you always be messengers of goodwill and true sporting spirit.

Aug 4

God's forgiveness knows no limits ... God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness. #Assisi #Porziuncola



PARISH FEAST DAY MASS

Please try your very best to come along to the annual Feast Day Mass, to celebrate the lives of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith and Saint Margaret Clitherow. This year the Mass will take place in Holy Family church, Boothstown, on

Wednesday, September 7th at 7.00pm

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 13 August

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.

Mon 15 August Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 20)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Eveline Donoghue (anniv.)
SH 12.00noon MASS John Thompson R.I.P.

Tue 16 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Mary Littlewood R.I.P.

Wed 17 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Diana Daniels successful operatn.
12A 10.45am FUNERAL SERVICE Valerie Kenny
StJ 12.00noon MASS Kathleen Sinclair (anniv.)

Thu 18 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Kevin O'Rourke (R.I.P.)
SH 12.00noon MASS John Burke

Fri 19 August Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS Michael O'Donnell (Spec. Intention)

Sat 20 August Memorial of Saint Bernard,

Abbott and Doctor

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Tracey Ward (Spec. Intention)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Langan &
members of Langan family

Sun 21 August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
SH 9.30am MASS Anne Mateer R.I.P.
StJ 10.30am MASS Mary Ellen Winstanley (anniv.)
OL 11.00am MASS Joe Moore (birthday mem.) &
Rita Vint (anniv.)

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

Our Lady's 500 Club £10, 070, B Jones; £5, 426, C Ellis; £3, 220, K Ellis, £2, 151, B Welding.

Bonus Ball No. 8, Mrs A Simpson.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ n/a

The SVP will be holding its quarterly collection at all Masses next weekend, 20th/21st August. Please be as generous as you can afford. God bless.

SICK

Carolyn Burke, Thomas Raffry

RECENTLY DECEASED

Valerie Kenny

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