

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 25 September 2016



Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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

Very often people have said that politics and religion should not mix. Some people say that elected governments should make decisions concerning our standard of living and the Church should just deal with worship and prayer. However the readings this weekend would suggest otherwise, especially when we consider the plight of the poor in our world today and in the time Jesus lived. After all, the world of politics is meant to deal with the needs of the poor and so is the world of religion, especially our own faith in Christ. The prophet Amos, in today's First Reading, suggests that he is an outsider. His real job is that of a shepherd, but he still speaks in God's name and protests on behalf of the poor and needy of his own generation. He preaches justice to both Jerusalem and Judah, the whole nation having been split into two after the reign of King Solomon. He describes the rich people in a very sarcastic way. "Watch out", he says, "exile and deportation are just around the corner ... because you have lived unjustly, because you have been corrupt, because you have appropriated the land of those who are poor and reduced them to slavery." In other words, the well-being of the country as a whole is forgotten, because the rich have become so selfish.

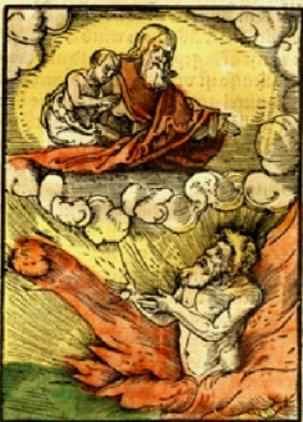
In today's Gospel Luke reminds us that Jesus was equally concerned with social justice. The story of the rich man and Lazarus seems to be about two individuals. But the rich man represents the ruling class described by Moses whilst Lazarus stands for the deprived and defrauded peasantry. Jesus underlines sadly the inability of those who are rich to change their ways, as he says in the story he shares, "they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." The Holy Land where Jesus lived and taught was full of beggars and penniless immigrants. Those with wealth were collaborators with the Romans and very rarely shared what they had with the poor and needy.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis underlines the fact that it is the poor who suffer most when fisheries are depleted, when forests are cut down, when countries are afflicted with unsustainable debt. When we think about global warming we must remember whose health and lives are most at stake. As a Church we often consider its teaching on the Eucharist, the Bible, morality, social issues, prayer, and meditation and so much more besides. Catholic social teaching is NOT an optional add-on to these. The story Jesus shares in the Gospel is meant to make us feel very uncomfortable and make us ask ourselves, "What are we doing for the good of the poor in our world today?"

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Twelve Apostles,
and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Dennis Atherton, Jimmy Cassidy, Frank Evans, Glynes & Philip Hindley, Pat Leyland, Brian Lightfoot, Kathleen & Philip McLoughlin, Kathleen Pennington, Michael Reilly, Albert Stridgion, Gordon, Mary & Keith Turner, Mary Tyrer, Catherine Whiteside, Peter & Mary Worden, Golden Wedding, Birthday Wishes,

COFFEE MORNING

Please come along to our Coffee Morning, tea, coffee, biscuits available, make new friends and chat with old ones. You will be helping towards the upkeep of the Hall as well. Today, Sunday 25th September, and also next Sunday, 2nd October, the Coffee Morning will be held in the Mather Room.

CLASSROOM IN THE CLOUDS

Joe Shevelan, one of our young parishioners, will be going to Nepal with Cheshire Fire Service in the autumn of 2017. In association with classrooms in the clouds the young people will be helping to rebuild schools following the devastating earthquakes of 2015. Joe needs to raise £3,500 towards the cost of the trip and the materials for the classroom. So, on Sunday 25th September he will be selling greetings cards, produced from his own photographs, at the back of church and in tea and coffee, to raise money towards the cost. The second collection will also be going towards classrooms in the clouds Nepal expedition. If you would like any further information about how the money will be spent or the expedition in general, speak to Joe today or you can visit the following websites.

<http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/young-people/cadets/nepal-school-project>

<http://www.classroomsintheclouds.org/>

SCHOOL WELCOME MASSES

The 10.30am Mass today, Sunday 25th September, is a special welcome Mass for the Reception children from St Joseph's School. Wednesday 5th October there will be a Welcome Mass for the Children in Year 7 at St Mary's.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Anyone wishing to help with our gardening on Tuesdays at 10 am, weather permitting will be most welcome.

'WITH YOU ALWAYS'

Last week we began the Sacramental Programme 'With You Always' for baptised children in Year 4. If your child is in Year 4 and does not attend Twelve Apostles or Sacred Heart schools, has been baptised (proof needed) and wishes to make their first confession and Holy Communion, or if your child has not been baptised please contact Fr Kieran on 01942 731679.

CREATION TIME

A series of meetings / discussion groups focusing on Pope Francis' letter "*Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home*" continues on Wednesday. The Creation Time sessions in our Deanery are 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 from 9.00am-9.45am. Each of the five sessions, in the Parish House for an hour, 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. All welcome.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 22 - The more we let ourselves be enveloped by the love of God, the more our lives are renewed.

Sep 21 - Dialogue is born when I am capable of recognizing others as a gift of God and accept they have something to tell me.

Sep 20 - Every encounter with the other is a seed which can grow into a flourishing tree, where many will find rest and nourishment.

Sep 19 - Serving is the way that mission is carried out, the only way to be a disciple of Jesus.

Sep 18 - As Christians, we are called to be missionaries of the Gospel.

Sep 17 - The concrete sign that we have truly encountered Jesus is the joy that we show in communicating it to others.

Sep 16 - Only those who humble themselves before the Lord can experience the greatness of his mercy.

Sep 15 - The Church is called to walk with Jesus on the roads of the world, in order to meet the humanity of today.

RCIA

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith?

If so please contact the Parish Office, if there are enough interested we hope to run an RCIA Group.

Speak Up week of action

CAFOD, as part of The Climate Coalition, is leading a week of action on climate and energy from 8 to 16 October 2016. In solidarity with our partners, this is your moment to speak up for the love of the earth, our common home, and our global family. Whether you're willing to **organise an event** or simply want to **find out about events near you**, your first step is signing up by visiting www.cafod.org.uk. Last year, world leaders agreed to shift from fossil fuels, the biggest cause of climate change, towards renewable energy. We need to speak up to ensure our government upholds its promises to the poorest people. Organise or join an event near you this October. Speak up to your MP and bring your local parish, school or community together to care for our common home

HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

This year CAFOD are asking us to do something a little bit different. They are asking us to stand alongside the people of Altiplano and go on a journey with them from poverty to abundant harvest. There is a lot of work to do but the people of Altiplano are willing to work hard, but they do need support from us. This year CAFOD would like us, if possible, to make a regular donation of £5 each month. The money will provide the vital seeds, skills and training needed to try and overcome the extreme conditions that the people of Altiplano live in. If you are not able to give £5 a month, anything you are able to give on Harvest Fast Day is greatly appreciated and will support CAFOD's work.



Macmillan Bring & Buy and Coffee Morning
Saturday 1st October at St Ambrose Barlow

9.00am - 12noon

**Bacon/Sausage Barms, Toast,
Tea & Coffee and Cakes!**

For more information or to donate items

Contact Mary Barton: 07946 512861

Open again after Mass on Sunday 2nd October

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,635.87

Home Missions £ 495.19

Thank you for your continuing generosity

This weekend there will be retiring collections at all our churches to support the Walsingham Development Fund.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Nuttall

Eternal rest give unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to
Georgia Taylor Hartley

COME AND SEE DAY

Organized by the Irenaeus Project, this year's "Come & See" Day will take place on Saturday, October 29th in Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin Street, Liverpool, from 10.00am-5.00pm. The speakers this year are David Lord Alton and Steve Atherton from the Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Commission. The cost is £10 per person. Please bring your own lunch but drinks will be provided. To book, e-mail jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151-949-1199 for a booking form.

TAIZE EVENINGS

Please try your very best to come along and join us for an hour of Taizé Prayer. The first Taizé Prayer evening will take place in Saint Richard's church on Tuesday October 4th at 7.00pm. Why not come along and enjoy the silence and the music and the prayer of Taizé?

"DANCE NIGHT"

St Richards Hall on 15th October

"Dancing to Swing with the Phil Steadman Band" on Saturday, October 15th 7.30pm-11.30pm

Ticket price of £12.50 will include live dance band and a hotpot supper. Tickets are available now. Please contact Des (876050) or Eamonn (892967) or Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 1st October at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

This week Archbishop Malcolm has invited ALL the priests of the Archdiocese to a special Mass followed by lunch at LACE, the Archdiocesan HQ. The Mass, which is to be a celebration of priesthood, takes place this Wednesday at 12.00noon. Please keep all the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers. There aren't as many of us as there used to be!

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio group meet regularly for prayer and meditation. The next meeting will take place on Saturday October 1st at 10.00am in St Ambrose Barlow church. The meetings will continue every Saturday at the same time until further notice. October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary. Why not spend an hour in prayer which will include the Rosary and Exposition?

PROMOTING UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

A new website has been set up to help young people find the Catholic Chaplaincy when they arrive at University this autumn. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university itself or the local parish. It's a great place for young people to explore their faith, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If any young people are at University, especially if they are just starting, then send them the website so they can find out more for themselves at www.cathchaps.co.uk

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL JAMES USA

International recording star and film actor. Back by popular demand at St Stephen's church, Manchester Road, Astley on Saturday October 1st at 7.30. Tickets £10 from Philip on 01942 879608 or email p.dand2011@btinternet.com. Or pay on the door.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

A vacancy for a foundation governor has become available. The applicant must be a practising Catholic. Previous connection to St Mary's is not necessary but must be willing to commit fully to the role. A priest reference will be required. If you have particular skills that could be utilised and wish to be considered please contact Mrs Pat Lloyd (Clerk to the Governor Body) on 01942 766906 or e-mail:

p.lloyd@admin.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk
or for more information on foundation governors roles
<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools>
A resumé of skills will be required max 250 words.

Closing date 3rd, October

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2017

The dates are Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June. We can now offer flights from Manchester instead of Liverpool. If you are interested attend a meeting at St Ambrose Church Hall 8.00pm Tuesday October 4th or contact Des on [07973 114365](tel:07973114365).



St Joseph's Players would like to thank everyone who came to see our production of Cheshire Cats and for their generous contribution towards cancer charities. Our pink bucket collection for the production was £554.00.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OLR = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard, HF = Holy Family

Sat 24 September

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

Sun 25 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Day of Special Prayer in Thanksgiving for Harvest and/or fruits of Human Work

StJ 8.30am MASS William Fairclough

SH 9.30am MASS Ellen Tollit

StJ 10.30am MASS Alan Ratcliffe

OLR 11.00am MASS Thanks for a successful operation (PH)

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 26 September Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 26)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Special Intention

Tue 27 September Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH NO MASS

Wed 28 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR NO MASS

StJ 7.00pm MASS Glynis & Philip Hindley

Thu 29 September FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ NO MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS Kevin O'Rourke LD

Fri 30 September Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Birthday Wishes

Sat 1 October Memorial of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS Joan Baines birthday S.I.

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Vinny Johnson LD

Sun 2 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Rosary Sunday, Special Prayer for Nugent Care Society

StJ 8.30am MASS Mary Tyrer

SH 9.30am MASS Moreen Daven

StJ 10.30am MASS Special Intention (Elizabeth & Family)

OLR 11.00am MASS Brian Diggle

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 16th were 6, 10, 19. There were no winners of £384. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £420.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, No. 451 E West, £5 No. 198 m Moore, £3 No. 260 F Rasburn, £2 No. 226 A Simpson

Bonus Ball No. 37 C Ellis

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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