

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 2 October 2016



Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. This is one of only two occasions in the Gospel of Luke when the disciples make a precise request to Jesus. Real faith means so much more than agreeing with a list of beliefs. It means committing oneself to a person and putting all one's trust in them. And for every Christian that one person is Jesus. Jesus replies by suggesting that faith can help people do the impossible. With the Lord's help anything is possible. We see this in so many little ways in our lives all the time. At the same time, trusting in God doesn't mean meekly accepting whatever happens in our world, without so much as a word of complaint.

In today's First Reading the prophet Habakkuk rebukes God because a fearful enemy is approaching and it looks as though violence and power are going to win the day. Despite his pleas for an explanation, the only reply he receives from God is that "the upright will live by faithfulness". Our God is big enough to accept our anger and our cries of indignation, provided that we do not lose hold of our faith in God.

In our heart of hearts we all know that faith is a gift to be cherished as a gift from God. Faith is the basis of our relationship with him. Without it, how can we have a friendship with him? Without it, our reception and celebration of the sacraments would be worthless. Without faith the words of the Bible would lose their power, coming to Mass would be pointless and, as today's Gospel tells us, we would never understand that even when we've done all the Lord asks of us, we are doing no more than our duty. If faith is this vital then it is very important that we do not just hold onto it but that we cultivate it and help it to grow.

This leads us to another specific request of the disciples in Luke's Gospel. One day, when they had seen him praying, they ask him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Faith and prayer go together. If we pray, our faith grows. If our faith grows, we are drawn to prayer. The words of the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith", are themselves a prayer. Let's make this prayer our own so that we may become people of prayer, that through our faith we may become people who live close to the Lord.

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Arrowsmith
Parish**

**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Ronald Gore, Brian Lightfoot, James Marsden, Reginald Squires, Ken Sroka, Mary Topping,

MASS INTENTIONS

Apart from a few intentions that have been received for specific dates, we are in urgent need of intentions for Masses soon to be said in Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Rosary and Twelve Apostles churches. If you wish a Mass to be offered for an intention please pass this in to your church of choice with your offering and it will be offered as soon as possible. There is no greater prayer that can be offered for anything other than the Holy Mass.

LEGACY

Thank you to the Late Maureen Peters for her legacy of £1,000 to St Joseph's. May she rest in peace.

CLASSROOM IN THE CLOUDS

The parish donated £457.46 to Joe's Nepal fund which puts us well on our way to our target. We are humbled and truly grateful for all the support he has received at St. Joseph's. We still have a way to go to reach our target but we are well on the way to raising the money needed. Thanks again.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be on sale at St Joseph's before and after both Sunday Masses from Sunday 16th October.

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 2nd October, the Coffee Morning will again be held in the Mather Room.

SCHOOL WELCOME MASSES

This Wednesday, 5th October there will be a Welcome Mass for the children in Year 7 at St Mary's.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today. All welcome.

SACRED HEART

We thank the Ukrainian community for a donation to the parish of £200 "for allowing the Ukrainian community to use the church". You're very welcome!

S.V.P. MASS

There will be a Mass for present and past area SVP members and their families in Sacred Heart church, Leigh at 7.00pm next week, Monday 10th October. Everyone else is welcome too!

CREATION TIME

A series of meetings / discussion groups focusing on Pope Francis' letter "*Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home*" ends on Wednesday. The final Creation Time session in our Deanery is at St Richard's, Atherton on Wednesday 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.

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 28 - How beautiful would it be to leave the world a better place than the way we found it.

Sep 27 - Let us promote a sustainable tourism, which stimulates development and encounter with local peoples and avoids every sort of discrimination.

Sep 26 - In the brother we help we recognize the face of God which no one sees anymore.

Sep 25 - The world needs concrete signs of solidarity, especially before the temptation of indifference.

Sep 24 - Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home.

Sep 23 - God never tires of offering His forgiveness each time we ask for it.

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

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 along side 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.

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. Speak up to your MP and bring your local parish, school or community together to care for our common home.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£ 1,615.77

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

Terence Patrick Kearns

Eternal rest give unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to Phoebe Jane Stott, Jaxon Kennedy Keever May, Ellie Rae Cooper

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. In commemoration of the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima 1917 - 2017, we are asked to join the Prayer Crusade of Reparation. The aim is to get 1,000,000 people praying the Rosary by the 13th October 2017. There are leaflets in the porch for more information about the Crusade.

The Holy Rosary is prayed at St Joseph's every weekday in morning prayer and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11.30am.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

This year our Remembrance Mass for the deceased of the Parish will be held on Tuesday 2nd November- Feast of the Holy Souls. Letters will be going out shortly to the families of those who have lost loved ones in the last twelve months.

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.

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

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

We are marking the Centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima with a pilgrimage from our Deanery/Pastoral Area next year. We are planning for 19th-23rd June - Monday to Friday with full board accommodation in a good hotel adjoining the Sanctuary. If you want more details please come along to a meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 4th October at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall. Please bring your cheque books as we will be taking bookings

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 this Tuesday, October 4th at 7.00pm. Why not come along and enjoy the silence and the music and the prayer of Taizé?

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Christmas Fayre is a joint effort from all four churches. It is being held on Sunday 27th November at St Joseph's Hall. Please bring any donations of Fancy Goods, Bottles, chocolates, gifts for a hamper to your own church. Cakes and pastries can be brought to St Joseph's Hall on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November, time to be confirmed. The next meeting to organise the Christmas Fayre will be held at St Joseph's on Tuesday 4th October at 7.00pm

"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.



The Three Towns Operatic Society in Concert

Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th November 7.30pm
**St. Joseph's Concert Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh
WN7 2PR**

Striking the right note for everyone with a variety of Songs from the Shows, Broadway, Popular and Classical Music in relaxed cabaret setting.

Tickets £10 Contact 01942 665615 or 01942 675964
Also available at The Baby Centre, 15 Queen Street,
Leigh WN7 4NQ

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 1 October

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

Mon 3 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 27)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Golden Wedding

Tue 4 October

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS for the success of a sick patient's treatment

Wed 5 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OLR

NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Deceased Members of the Flynn Family

Thu 6 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ

NO MASS

SH 12.00noon

MASS Kevin O'Rourke LD

Fri 7 October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Brian Ashton (Anni)

Sat 8 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Dennis Appleton

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Gredecki (birthday anniv.)

Sun 9 October

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

StJ 8.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am

MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Special Intention

OLR 11.00am

MASS Anne Devlin

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 23rd were 4, 5, 6. There were no winners of £418. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £452.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50, No. 158 B Welding, £10 No. 458 K Jones, £5 No. 128 M Sanderson, £3 No. 344 R Ellis, £2 No. 355 M & D Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 42 M Roach

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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