

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 9 October 2016



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

At the time of Jesus there was no cure for leprosy. Once a person contracted the disease, life became more like a living death. They couldn't go anywhere near their families and friends for fear they would spread the disease even further. How could it happen then that, in today's Gospel, nine of the lepers didn't come back to say thank you to Jesus? To understand this better maybe it would be good to listen to a modern version of the story. Let us suppose that it happened in our own times.

Here are ten modern lepers. The first was Miriam, wife of a shopkeeper. On returning home she found the house in a mess. It wasn't her husband's fault. He had a business to run. So going back to thank Jesus was out of the question – for the moment at least. The second was Aaron, a farmer. That summer had been a very bad one, and the entire harvest was in danger of being lost. The weather forecast was good for a few days so time was precious. There would be plenty of rainy days when he could go back and thank Jesus. The third was Saul. When he got home the family threw a big party for him. They wouldn't hear of him going anywhere. Hadn't he been away long enough? They talked him into staying and partying with them. The fourth was Martha. When she got home her all-time favourite TV programme was on, something she hadn't seen throughout all her illness. She lost herself in the programme. She would go back tomorrow, but tomorrow never came. The fifth was Daniel. Prior to his illness he had a very successful business. When he got home he saw that the business was very rundown. Going back to say thank you was very low in his priorities. Amos was the sixth. He had no home to go to. He was feeling very bitter about his leprosy and about life in general. Going to find Jesus never even entered his head. Peter was the seventh. When he got home he found he no longer had a job. Then he went for an interview for a good job. Going back to Jesus was not on for him at the moment. Anna was the eighth. There was a petrol shortage. She was actually on the way back to find Jesus when she saw a petrol station open. She queued for three hours and filled up her tank. Then she went straight home. It would be a pity to waste petrol on a journey that wasn't really necessary. The ninth one was Joseph. When he got home he decided to sell his story to a newspaper. There was no time to lose. One of the others might get the same idea and beat him to it. Going back to find Jesus was not a part of his plan. Finally there was Simon. He had several good reasons for not going back to Jesus, especially since he was a Samaritan and the man who cured him was a Jew. But, being the kind of person he was, he brushed all these reasons aside and went back to give thanks.

Nine of the lepers were not able to express gratitude. Their leprosy was gone, but nothing else about them had changed. After their bitter experiences, they returned to their old attitudes, habits, goals and dreams. None of these included Jesus or giving thanks to God. The Samaritan learned from his experience. Both he, and Naaman in the First Reading, were cured both physically and spiritually. The story reminds us to give thanks to God for everything in life, and pray that we may come closer to him through all our experiences.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Tony Borster, Philomena Carley, Kevin & Margaret Fleming
James & Anne Marsh, Pauline & Kathleen Reynolds,

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 24th October. Thank you.

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.

SACRED HEART

We welcome Year 6 and reception class children and families to our Mass today.

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 this week, Monday 10th October. All are welcome.

COFFEE TIME

Tea or coffee are available after 9.30am Mass today in Sacred Heart church. Just a chance to have a hot or cold drink. This is a regular event on the second Sunday of every month.

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.

PRISONS WEEK

9th - 15th October 2016

This is a week to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and the people who work in the criminal justice system. Pact - Prison Advice & Care Trust is the charity that is working 'in the mess' of the prison system alongside those who work in the prison chaplaincy, bringing hope, encouragement, practical, emotional and pastoral care to those who many in society wish to forget about. The prison system is at its most pressured in living memory. Austerity is having a profound effect on English and Welsh prisons here and now. Pact is currently working in 54 prisons and with tens of thousands of prisoners, ex-prisoners, their children and families. Please remember prisoners and their families and the people working with them in your prayers this week. If you wish to donate to Pact or find out more about their work please visit prisonadvice.org.uk



FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 19-23 JUNE 2017

After last Tuesday's meeting we are delighted to advise that we have enough bookings to proceed now with this Pilgrimage. Early booking details are available at the back of church. If you want to book please complete a booking form asap and send it with your deposit to Des at the address shown on the booking form.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 5 - Ecumenical and interreligious dialogue is not a luxury, but something which our world, wounded by conflict and division, increasingly needs.

Oct 4 - Saint Francis, teach us to be instruments of peace which has its source in God. #LaudatoSi

Oct 3 - I entrust to Mary the anxieties and sufferings of those peoples who are innocent victims of conflicts in many parts of the world.

Oct 2 - May the Lord, who creates harmony out of diversity, forever protect this beloved land of the Caucasus.

Oct 2 - Dialogue with others, prayers for all: these are our means to give rise to love where there is hatred, forgiveness where there is offence.

Oct 2 - God changes the world by transforming our hearts. When God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

Oct 1 - The poor and weak are the flesh of Christ, who call upon Christians of every confession.

Oct 1 - God is not known through grand ideas and extensive study, but rather through the littleness of a humble and trusting heart.

Sep 30 - Lord Jesus, cast forth the shadow of your cross over peoples at war: may they learn the way of reconciliation, dialogue and forgiveness.

Sep 30 - Today I leave for Georgia and Azerbaijan. Please accompany me with your prayers so we can sow peace, unity and reconciliation together.

Sep 29 - The Lord has entrusted the Archangels with the task of defending humanity.

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. **See item on opposite page for an event tomorrow.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,883.67
Walsingham £ 117.11

Thank you for your continuing generosity
The retiring collection today is on behalf of CAFOD

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

Terence Patrick Kearns
Eternal rest give unto them ...

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 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. In Sacred Heart church the Rosary will be before midday Mass on Tuesday this week and then on Thursdays.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

This year our Remembrance Mass for the deceased of the Parish will be held on Wednesday 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

TAIZE EVENINGS

Thanks to those who came along and joined us for an hour of Taizé Prayer in Saint Richard's church on Tuesday. Another Taizé evening is to be arranged at a different venue.

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 Fayre will be held on Wednesday 19th October, 7.00pm in the Green Room, St Joseph's Church.

"DANCE NIGHT"

St Richards Hall on 15th October

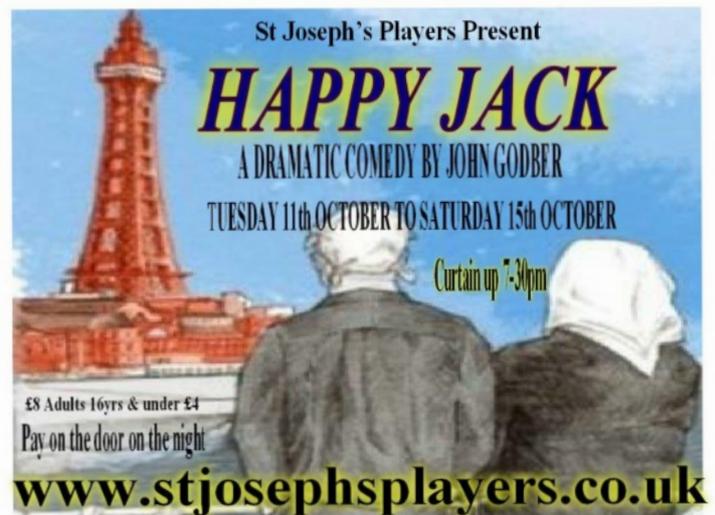
"Dancing to Swing with the Phil Steadman Band" on Saturday, October 15th 7.30pm-11.30pm
Ticket price of £12.50 will include live dance band and a hotpot supper. Tickets are available now. Please contact Des (876050) or Eamonn (892967) or Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

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



Speak Up for the love of our global family:

Please join CAFOD and St Mary's High School to ask our MP, Andy Burnham, to ask the UK to take action on climate change and ensure access to sustainable energy for all.

We will be meeting Andy Burnham at St Mary's on **Monday 10th October, 9.30am-10.30am.**

For more information visit cafod.org.uk/speakup

PRAY
NOT ONLY BECAUSE
YOU NEED SOMETHING
BUT BECAUSE YOU
HAVE A LOT TO BE
THANKFUL FOR

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 8 October

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 Dependants

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

Mon 10 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 28)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eleanor Heaton (RIP)

SH 7.00pm

MASS for past & present SVP members & families. All are welcome.

Tue 11 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Kevin O'Rourke LD

Wed 12 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Eileen Johnson (RIP)

Thu 13 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 11.00am

FUNERAL MASS Terence Patrick Kearns

SH

NO MASS

Fri 14 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ

NO MASS

Sat 15 October

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor & Virgin

StJ 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Reginal Squires (Birthday memorial)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher (birthday anniv.)

Sun 16 October

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Edward Unsworth (anni)

SH 9.30am

MASS Barry Scotson (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Joe Moore (anniv.)

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 30th were 2, 4, 15. There were no winners of £454. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £500.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £ 10 No. 117 C Swift, £5 No. 254 N Flynn, £3 No. 491 J Causby, £2 No. 372 Betty
Bonus Ball No. 55 K Jones

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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