

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 16 October 2016



Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Jesus said to his disciples and through them to us, "Pray continually and never lose heart." From our childhood days we were taught to join our hands when praying. Yet during the great prayers of the Mass the priest opens his hands and stretches his arms in prayer. Both ways of praying are good and have their place. But what do the different gestures mean? To join one's hands in prayer means that, for a while, we stop our usual activities and take time out to pray to God. This is perhaps more suited to private prayer. To pray with open hands is more suited to public prayer. To pray like this is to acknowledge before God that we are poor. Therefore we hold up our empty hands to God as a sign that, by ourselves, we are poor and needy. The gesture of praying with open hands is a powerful statement. It can be a sermon in itself. The gesture is as old as the Bible. There is an example of it in today's First Reading. We see Moses on a hilltop praying with extended hands for his people in their life-or-death battle with the Amalekites. When his hands drop, the Amalekites prevailed. But when he kept his hands aloft to God, the Israelites prevailed and won the battle. This is meant to illustrate to us the power of prayer. As long as the Jewish people put their faith in God, they moved forward. As soon as they forgot to look to God, they were forced to retreat.

Jesus urges us to keep on praying and not to lose heart. If we stop praying, we are more likely to lose heart and give up our faith. If we pray continually then we will never lose heart for we will keep in contact with God himself through prayer. To pray means to put oneself and one's destiny in the hands of God. To pray means to rely on God's strength and not on our own. When we pray another kind of power becomes available to us. The priest says the prayers of the Mass with outstretched hands. Like Moses, he is praying not just in his own name, but in the name of the worshipping community. Even if we don't pray like this ourselves, we can still have the same attitude before God as this suggests – an attitude of humility and trust. A prayer is answered, not when we get what we are asking for, but when we are granted a sense of God's nearness. The prayer of a sick person, for example, is not necessarily answered by the illness going away, but by being granted a sense of inner peace, of knowing God is near. Prayer may not change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. Let us make for our very selves lives of prayer and invite God into our lives every day.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Deceased members of Boon & Campbell Families, Tony Broster, Philomena Carley, Liam Gibbons, James & Ann Marsh, Pauline & Kathleen Reynolds, Kath Trundle, Special Intention, Thanksgiving to St Jude for favours received.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HARVEST MASS

On Friday 21st October St Joseph's School will celebrate the Harvest, lead by Year 5. The Mass will be in church at 9.15am. Everyone welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES

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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at 7.30pm at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 18th October. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

PIOUS LIST

Envelopes will be available from both porches from next Sunday.

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

PIETY SHOP

There is a little shop, open on Sundays, just near the confessional on the right hand aisle in Sacred Heart church. **Christmas cards** are now in stock as well as many other religious cards and items.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As from 16th October, Christmas Cards will be on sale at Our Lady's church.

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.

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 13 - We are living the Gospel when we help the smallest and most vulnerable. #migrants

Oct 13 - I entrust all child migrants to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Oct 13 - No one is a stranger in the Christian community. #migrants

Oct 13 - Children have the right to a healthy and secure family environment.

Oct 11 - To live joyfully we must let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge.

Oct 10 - Punishment should necessarily include hope! #No-Death Penalty

Oct 9 - We Christians have a Mother, the same Mother that Jesus had; we have a Father, the same as Jesus. We are not orphans!

Oct 8 - Our Lady also wants to bring the great gift of Jesus to us all; and with him she brings us his love, his peace, and his joy.

Oct 7 - The Rosary is a prayer which always accompanies me. It's also the prayer of ordinary people and the saints...and a prayer from my heart.

Oct 6

It is by loving that the God-who-is-Love is proclaimed to the world.

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.

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.

HALLOWEEN LIGHT PARTY

This enjoyable event, arranged & supported by Leigh area Christians, at the Derby Room, above Leigh Library, Monday, 31st October, is an attempt to focus on Jesus our Light instead of on the dark, pre-Christian, aspects of Halloween. Free tickets soon available from schools: 4 to 8 year old children, 5.00pm to 6.30pm and over 8 year old children from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The evening will have a Star Wars theme and there will be a parent café area available.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£ 1,665.10
CAFOD	£ 616.69

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

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 Thursdays.

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

"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)

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



APF WORLD MISSIONS

This year, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 23rd October. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Missio is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local church directly helping local church!

This year World Mission Sunday focuses on the Church in Rwanda and healing the broken-hearted. Over twenty years ago the horrors of the Rwandan genocide shocked the world; one million people slaughtered in just 100 days. Although physical wounds slowly heal, emotional scars remain. Some wounds only God's love heals.

This is what makes the work of priests and sisters so vitally important. They help survivors find the strength to forgive. Sadly the past cannot be changed. Yet the spiritual support that comes from experiencing God's love and mercy is helping those whose lives were shattered look to the future with hope.

Through your prayers and generosity on World Mission Sunday you will be helping the Church Heal the Broken-Hearted in Rwanda and elsewhere. We thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. You can support the Missions all year round with a Red Box in your home. Please contact the parish office if you would like to have a Red Box.



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 15 October

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher (birthday anniv.)

Sun 16 October

StJ 8.30am

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

SH 9.30am

MASS Edward Unsworth (anni)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Barry Scotson (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)

StR 6.30pm

MASS Joe Moore (anniv.)

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Mon 17 October

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Kevin O'Rourke L.D.

Tue 18 October

FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Vincent & Peter Lythgoe (anniv.)

Wed 19 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 29)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OLR 10.00am

MASS Marie Whittle

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eleanor Heaton RIP

Thu 20 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Marlene O'Neill

SH 12.00noon

MASS Alan Ratcliffe R.I.P.

Fri 21 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH

NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon

MASS J T Jones (Anni)

Sat 22 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS Dennis Atherton L.D.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Brian Keavney (Spec. Intention)

Sun 23 October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

World Mission Day

StJ 8.30am

MASS Mary Hollinshead RIP

SH 9.30am

MASS Peter Houghton L.D.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Alan Ratcliffe RIP

OLR 11.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 7th were 2, 4, 9. Many tickets had two correct numbers. There were no winners of £500. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £550.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £ 10 No. 482 D Lee, £5 No. 225 J Waterfield, £3 No. 381 M Sweeney, £2 No. 498 J Causby

Bonus Ball No. 27 D Quinn

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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