

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 23 October 2016



Responsorial Psalm

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel really challenges us to think about the way we live out our faith. We may not think it, or want to think of it, but are there times when we are like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, especially in our attitude to others? The prayer of the Pharisee went like this, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax-collector here. I fast twice a week and I pay tithes on all I get."

The prayer of the tax collector might well have gone like this, "Lord, look at the Pharisee standing up there so that everybody can see him praying. He thinks he's better than everybody else. He despises people like me. See the long robes he's wearing to make himself feel holy and attract attention to himself. Everything he does is done, not to bring honour to you, but to win the esteem of others, and thus bring honour to himself. He makes sure he gets the seats of honour at banquets and in the synagogue. He loves it when people salute him and call him "Rabbi". He gets angry about silly little rules of his own making, whilst neglecting the things that really matter like looking after the poor and needy and making life better for others. In fact, he's good at laying down the law for others but he doesn't practice what he preaches." All this and more the Tax-Collector could have said. And the Lord might have added, "I agree with every word you have said", because the Lord himself said all these things about the Pharisees. But the Tax-Collector said nothing of the sort. Instead, he simply said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

What the Pharisee did was confess the sins of others, while at the same time parading his own good deeds. The Tax-Collector did the exact opposite. He confessed his own sins, and left the sins of others between them and God. As a result the Tax-Collector went home at rights with God, whereas the Pharisee did not. We have Jesus' word for this. It could be easy to get into the habit of confessing the sins of others. But it's dangerous because it prevents us from looking at our own sins and our own lives. The successful can be tempted to regard their success as a sort of blessing from God or a reward for righteousness. This can lead to judgements being made about the so-called unsuccessful, which can be both uncharitable and untrue. We may well have been brought up to believe that we have to be "dressed up", both outwardly and inwardly, before daring to show our faces in God's Church. But, like the Tax-Collector, we have to come before God just as we are, because, somehow, he loves us JUST AS WE ARE. As Saint Francis of Assisi once said, "I am what I am before God. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less."

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Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

John Featherstone, Vincent Ganley, Derek Kedward, C M Paul, John Topping, Sylvia Withington, Special Intention,

HYMN BOOKS

Once again a big thank you to all those who recently sponsored our new hymn books, which are now available for use in our church. Also a big thank you for the anonymous donation of £600 towards the cost of the hymn books. As always your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to our calligrapher parishioner, Jed Maloney, for taking the time to inscribe all the dedications. If for any reason you need to borrow a hymn book, please ask at the parish office for one, we have a few that do not have dedications in them.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are collecting for our own Christmas Raffle. Please bring your donations to Church.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

This year our Remembrance Mass for the deceased of the Parish will be held at St Joseph's church on Wednesday 2nd November - Feast of the Holy Souls at 7.00pm. 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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 20 - Let us try always to be united with Jesus, following him especially on the way of the cross.

Oct 19 - Holiness is to live by being loving and offering our Christian witness in our everyday lives.

Oct 18 - Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace. Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Oct 17 - May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God.

Oct 16 - Let us go forward with courage on the path to holiness!

Oct 15 - Today St Teresa of Ávila invites us to pray more in order to be closer to God and to improve our lives.

Oct 14 - God never stops wanting our good, even when we sin.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 19-23 JUNE 2017

After a successful meeting we are delighted to advise that we now have enough bookings to proceed 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.

TAIZE PRAYER

The next Taizé Prayer evening will take place in Sacred Heart church, Leigh. It will take place on Wednesday November 16th at 7.00pm. Why not come along and enjoy some still time and listen to the beautiful music of Taizé. All welcome.

Love the Lord your God
with ALL your HEART
ALL your SOUL
ALL your MIND
ALL your STRENGTH

and...
Love your Neighbour
as you Love your Self

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£ 1,742.47

The retiring collection today (World Mission Day) is in support of *Missio* and APF World Missions.

DONATION

The parish gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation of £60, in lieu of floral tributes, by friends and relations, in memory of the late Kevin O'Rourke.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Sweeney
Eternal rest grant unto her....

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

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Taking place at Holy Family church on the 4th, 5th & 6th December

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS MASS TIMES

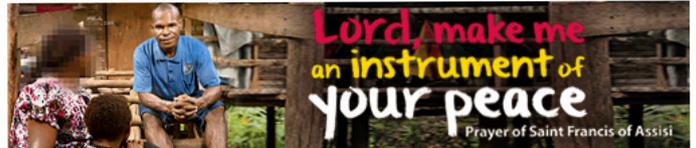
Monday 31 st October	7.00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary
Tuesday 1 st November	9.00am	St Joseph's
	12.00 noon	Sacred Heart
	7.00pm	Twelve Apostles

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 22 October

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

Mon 24 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 30)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS C M Paul RIP

Tue 25 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Eleanor Heaton R.I.P.

Wed 26 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 10.00am

MASS Annie McArt

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Deceased Members of the Boon & Campbell Families

Thu 27 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

MASS Vincent Ganley (Anni)

SH

NO MASS

Fri 28 October

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am

MASS Edna & Ronnie Massey

StJ 12.00noon

MASS John Topping (Birthday memorial)

Sat 29 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Agnes Freeman

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 30 October

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Agnes Coleman (Anni)

SH 9.30am

MASS Florence Nowell

StJ 10.30am

MASS James Marsden (Anni)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Gail Hampson (Anniv)

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 14th were 1, 3, 14. Many tickets had two correct numbers. There were no winners of £552. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £604.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £ 10 No. 166 D Vint, £5 No. 398 J Evans, £3 No. 256 C&T Ellis, £2 No. 493 J Waterfield

Bonus Ball No. 53 B Edwards

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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