

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 30 October 2016



Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In September 2015 Pope Francis, during his visit to the USA, addressed a Joint Session of Congress. The leader of the Catholic Church was speaking to people of all faiths and of none, and the Holy Father began his remarks by pointing out that the great work of politics is to legislate for the common good of all people, especially the weakest. He warned us not to divide the world into so-called good people and bad people. He then spoke about the “Golden Rule”, which is to treat others as you would want them to treat you. Before he could go any further his listeners rose to their feet as one to applaud his comments. Here was common ground. Our first understanding is to see how precious our own lives are. Then we see that other people are the same, and so the first rule of life should be to treat others with the same respect and dignity that we wish for ourselves. Pope Francis then spelled out what it means in practice to live by the Golden Rule, “If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.” When he was asked specifically about crime and punishment, Pope Francis commented that “a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation.”

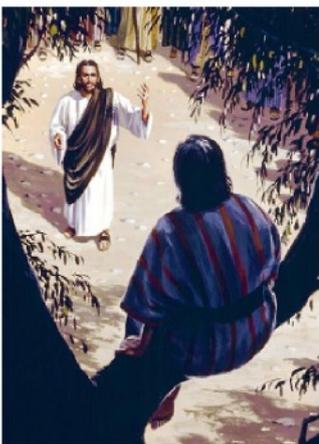
When Jesus came to Jericho, rehabilitation quickly became his agenda. He was walking along the street and a great crowd of people was around him. Then Jesus notices that there is a man up in the tree, trying to get a good look at him. His position suits him, for Zacchaeus is one of the high and mighty, a wealthy man who made his money collaborating with the Roman authorities, at the expense of the common people. Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus’ house. He goes there for a meal, to share his table, and leaves a murmuring, moaning crowd outside. It takes no time at all for public opinion to change. Jesus is now a disappointment, because he spends time with someone so very unpopular. But while the crowd moans and criticizes outside, inside a conversation is taking place between Jesus and Zacchaeus. The details we do not know, but the outcome is clear. Zacchaeus comes out of his house a changed man. He publicly repents his life of greed and vows to make generous contributions to right any wrongs he may have done. The Gospel says that Zacchaeus “stood his ground”. This is the act of an honest person. Until now Zacchaeus had hidden behind his ledgers and had relied on the Roman military for protection. Now his openness gives him the confidence and the courage to stand once again with his own people. Jesus gives him the powerful gift of human acceptance and Zacchaeus grabs it with both hands.

The repentance of Zacchaeus reminds us that we too are called to respond with faith to the call of following Jesus. This call involves a challenge to be generous and help those less fortunate than ourselves. At the end of the day it was Jesus who found Zacchaeus and ultimately saved him. Let us pray that we may always hear the loving call of Jesus asking us to turn away from the attractions of this world and follow him each and every day of our lives.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Corazon Avia, Teodorica Avila, Maurice Burkes, Avila Claudio, J. B. Griffin, Mary Halliday, Agnes & George Hayes, Christine Hession, George Milward, Cairan Murphy, Albert & Patricia Ratledge, Albert Sankey, Anniversary Mass, Get Well, 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 are now on sale at St Joseph's before and after both Sunday Masses.

PIOUS LIST

Envelopes are available from both porches.

COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday 6th November the Coffee Morning will be held in the Mather Room. Please come along and have a chat.

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.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Praise and thanks to God for Mr & Mrs Briars' 60 years of marriage on 20th. May God bless them and all their dear ones.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now on sale at Our Lady's church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

COFFEE MORNING

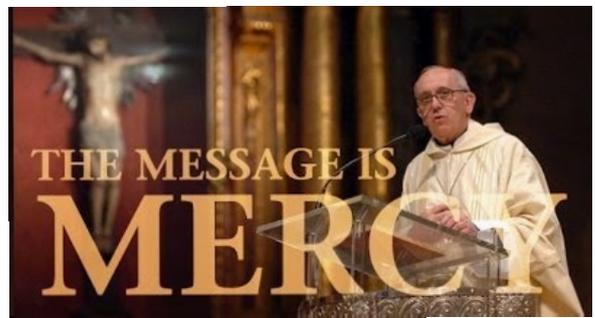
Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass next week, Sunday 6th November

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

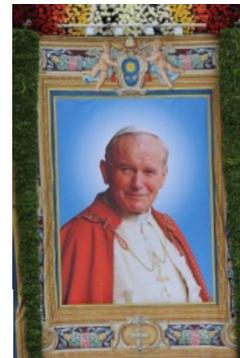
Oct 27 - The logic behind charity is to be willing to give up everything so that unity and love prevail.

Oct 26 - Love is a patient effort by persons who dedicate themselves to listening and drawing closer to others.

Oct 25 - Today there is an urgent need for politics and economics to be centered on the service of life.

Oct 23 - We are disciples, but also missionaries, bringing Christ wherever he asks us to be present.

Oct 22 - "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!" - Saint John Paul II, 22 October 1978



Oct 21 - The sick, the poor, as well as the unborn, are all made in the image of God and worthy of the highest respect.

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 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 are available from Amber 07972 698689: 4 to 8 year olds, 5.00pm to 6.30pm and older 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.

INTRODUCING SAINT MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

In preparation for Advent and the new liturgical year, Fr Denis McBride will introduce Saint Matthew's Gospel. Four workshops are available, including one for children's liturgy. Saturday, 12th November, Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Old Roan L10 2LG (revised venue), 10am to 4pm, lunch included. Book via 0151 522 1040 or e-mail formation@rcaol.co.uk Transport available for two persons: ring 676962.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,779.32

World Mission Day £ 483.84

The retiring collection at all our churches next weekend will go to support the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project and its work in South America.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Sweeney
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to Ruby Mary-Anne Clews, Lucas Travis

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



This will be held in Holy Family church, Boothstown, between Friday 4th November and Sunday 6th November concluding with Benediction at 3.00pm on the Sunday. The intentions of all the people of the deanery will be held in prayer during this time. Sheets to sign up for a slot to "keep watch with the Lord" will be at the back of Holy Family church. Donations towards candles and flowers are welcome.

MUSICIANS & SINGERS

All musicians and singers are welcome to attend another music workshop, led by Sister Moira Meegan, on this Friday 4th November at Sacred Heart church from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. It will be an opportunity to look at some music for Advent. If you would like to come, please contact Fr Kieran on 01942 731679.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS MASS TIMES

Monday 31st October 7.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Tuesday 1st 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION 12th/13th NOVEMBER CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION

Blessing's story: Blessing is five years old, and lives with his grandmother, Victoria, in a village 40 miles south of Uganda's capital, Kampala. His father died and his mother abandoned him when he was six months old. When Blessing was a baby he began to show signs of poor vision. A local doctor examined his eyes and said he has eye deformities. The family did not have the money to see a specialist, so Blessing faced a life of blindness; as he got older his sight deteriorated.

A mobile ophthalmic outreach team, funded by donors to Christian Blind Mission, came to his area and examined him. They diagnosed Blessing with bilateral cataracts, a condition that affects many children and can be treated through surgery if it is caught before the child is eight years old. The surgery will drastically change Blessing's life for the better and means he can go to school and work his way out of poverty.

Thirty-eight pounds can open a child's eyes to the beauty of the world, and give them a future of opportunity and independence. The retiring collection on 12th/13th November will be on behalf of Christian Blind Mission. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Join Pope Francis in prayer for peace in Syria on Monday 31st October.

Lord our God,

Father of all humanity; change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers so that peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, love and righteousness.

May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace reigns on Earth. Amen.



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 29 October

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

Mon 31 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 31)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Mary Taylor (Anni)

OLR 7.00pm

VIGIL MASS Theresa & John Ryder

Tue 1 November

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holyday of Obligation

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Phyllis Bailey (Anni)

SH 12.00noon

MASS Special Intention (AW)

12A 7.00pm

MASS Philomena Corley LD

Wed 2 November

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

(OLR) 10.00am

MASS AT MOSS BANK COURT Albert Stridgeon LD

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Ciaran Murphy (2 years old RIP)

StJ 7.00pm

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Thu 3 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Mgr A Hunt (spec. intent.)

Fri 4 November

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am

MASS Winifred & Irene Smith (anniv.)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Alan Ratcliffe (RIP)

Sat 5 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Alan Ratcliffe RIP

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Kathleen McArt

Sun 6 November

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

LAMP Sunday

StJ 8.30am

MASS Special Intention

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Pauline & Kathleen Reynolds (Anni)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Jean Ramsdale (birthday memory)

StR 6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 21st were 3, 6, 12. At last a winner! The prize was £610. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £50. Thank you to all who regularly buy tickets and help the jackpot increase more quickly.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 161, F Hilton; £5, 095, E West; £3, 235, A Simpson; £2, 483, M Moore.

Bonus Ball No. 23 R 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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