

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 6 November 2016



Responsorial Psalm

I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the First-born from the dead;
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Today's readings confront us with the question of what death is – and what comes after. And that question is important because it helps us to shape how we live now in the present. So, in the First Reading, those seven brothers were able to endure terrible hardship because of their faith in God's ability to raise them up after death. Their belief in the resurrection enabled them to remain true to their identity, to their values and to their God.

In the Gospel the Sadducees, who believed that there was no afterlife, dragged up a little-used law about marrying your dead brother's wife in order to ridicule Jesus' belief in the resurrection of the dead. This particular law was designed to ensure that a man's name lived on after his death. Jesus says that for those who belong to God, there is no need for such devices to try to cheat death. Those who have died and "are judged worthy" are living with God, where there is no need to think of marrying or having children to try to preserve your name or to carry on the human race. Why? Quite simply because, in Christ, there is no more death. Those who are worthy are living a new kind of life as the sons and daughters of God. Death has no more power over them. Jesus makes this crystal clear: this life is NOT the end. God wants us to live in his presence forever.

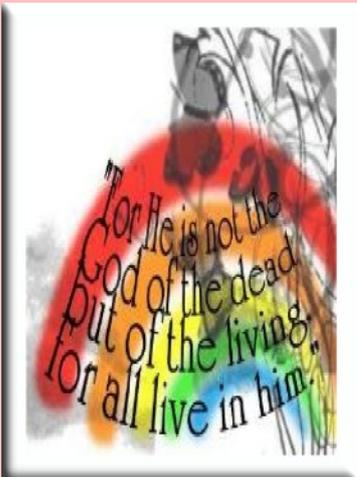
As we enter this month of November – traditionally the month when we pray for the faithful departed – our prayers for those who have gone before us are an affirmation of our faith in the power of God's love, which is stronger than death itself. It is an expression of our hope in the resurrection that, just as God our Father raised Jesus from the dead, so he will raise up all those who belong to him. But what difference does faith in the resurrection actually make in our lives? Sometimes religious people can be accused of being so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly use! There is a sense that, if we are not careful, we can disengage ourselves from the world's problems and concentrate on ourselves. This is not where faith in the resurrection should lead us. A Christian charity engaged in practical help for the poor once ran a series of adverts with the slogan: "We believe in life BEFORE death!"

Our belief in the resurrection shows us that, to God, life is absolutely important. God created us for life, not death. God is God of the living, Jesus tells us, and what we do with our life determines our future life with God. Faith in the resurrection led the seven brothers to resist an evil king and it led Jesus to the Cross. For all of us who claim to be Christians, it leads us to cherish the life God has given to us and look forward to the life that is to come with God in Heaven.

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Parish**

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Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Mandy Barwick, Catherine Hourigan, George Gibbons, Steven Naylor, Anthony & Winnie O'Donnell, Delia Riley, Maureen Sweeney, Evelyn Ward, John & Bridget Ward, Deceased Memembrs of the Yates Family, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary,

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



On Sunday 13th November, after the 10.30am Mass, we will be holding our Remembrance Service to remember the dead of both world wars, round the war memorial. Please come along to honour our war dead.

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

Today, 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.

COFFEE TIME

Tea and coffee will be available after 9.30am Mass next Sunday in Sacred Heart church - just a chance to have a chat after Mass with a hot drink. This is a regular event on the second Sunday of every month.

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. Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass today for the Christmas Raffle. Thank you to those who have donated prizes.

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today, Sunday 6th November.

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.

COELIAC HOSTS

There is a supply of gluten-free altar breads in each church sacristy. Please make yourself known to the priest or sacristan before Mass and one can be consecrated for you. If you

are not a Catholic or unable to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward at communion time for a blessing.

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.

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 3 - Christian life is a journey, but not a sorrowful journey; it is joyful.

Nov 2 - With faith we visit the graves of our loved ones, where we can also pray for those who no one remembers.

Nov 1 - The Father watches over us, and his gaze of love inspires us to purify our past and to journey towards unity.

Nov 1 - The saints have found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God.

Oct 31 - Christian unity is a priority, because we realize that much more unites us than separates us.



Oct 31 - Let us ask the Lord that his word, source of light and life, may help Christians be ever more united.

Oct 30 - I ask you to please pray that my journey to Sweden might contribute to the unity of all Christians.

Oct 29 - Let us abandon a language of condemnation and embrace one of mercy.

Oct 28 - Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who encounter discrimination and pay a personal price for their fidelity to the Gospel.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£ 1,814.45

The retiring collection at all our churches this weekend will go to support the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project and its work in South America. In our parish next weekend there will be a special collection for CBM.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

George Edward Gibbons, Hubert Keating
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to Liana Balogova.

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy prayer cards are available in the porches of all churches. We also have pictures of the Divine Mercy displayed in all our churches. They have come from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow. Thank you to the Polish family who have provided these and the prayer cards.



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.

SAINT MARY'S SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saint Mary's 6th form would like to invite Senior Citizens from Saint Edmund Arrowsmith's parish to their annual Christmas party on Tuesday 13th December between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Please sign up on the poster at the back of church if you would like to go. Please indicate if you need a parking space.

An evening experience of Benedictine Life in the Year of Mercy

FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 6 – 8.30pm
at SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC BENEDICTINE PRIORY,
Broadfield Drive, Leyland PR25 1PD.

STARTS at 6.00pm VESPERS
Nothing is to come before the Work of God

6.20pm

ABBOT STUART BURNS (Anglican) &
BROTHER IAN MEAD (Methodist) of MUCKNELL ABBEY
share their view of monastic life.

LECTIO DIVINA, SHARING THE SCRIPTURES,
a central feature of the Benedictine charism

ILLUSTRATED LIFE OF SAINT BENEDICT
What is his contribution to the life of the Church and world today?

Brother Ian is the only Methodist Benedictine in the world. Mucknell Abbey also has male and female members of their community. It aims to contribute to the work of unity among the Christian Churches. There is a new lady Lutheran priest in the community alongside the majority of Anglicans and one Methodist minister.

8.30pm

Any other business followed by refreshments and departures

OPEN TO ALL OF ANY CHURCH OR NONE WHO LIKE
TO DISCOVER THE BALANCE OF LIFE

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

Abbey Funerals

are hosting a

Christmas Supper

on

Friday 2nd December

5pm – 8pm

At Saint Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh

Free Admission by Ticket only
Tickets available from Abbey Funeral Service,
Chapel Street, Leigh
Or Contact Gemma Evans on 01942-261936.

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 5 November

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

Mon 7 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 32)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Derek Kedward
SH 12.00noon MASS Maureen Rizzolo (successful operation)

Tue 8 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Augutius Roberts (anniv.)

Wed 9 November FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am FUNERAL MASS Hubert Keating
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS George Edward Gibbons

Thu 10 November Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Special Intention
SH 12.00noon MASS Mgr A Hunt (spec. intent.)

Fri 11 November Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS Deceased Members of the Yates Family

Sat 12 November Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OLR 12.00noon MASS Nelly Flynn (Birthday)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 13 November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Remembrance Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Pious List
SH 9.30am MASS Marian Woodward (anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS Vernon Byrne RIP
OLR 11.00am MASS Mary Topping L.D.
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 28th were 14, 21, 27. No winner of £24, The jackpot was lower than predicted because of an unexpected half-term holiday! Last week's jackpot was estimated at £75. Please keep on buying tickets regularly and help the jackpot increase more quickly.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 270 B Addie, £5 No. 126 C Swift, £3 No. 316 A Unsworth, £2 No. 451 E West

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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