

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 13 November 2016



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Many of us will have read the "Diary of Anne Frank". Anne was a teenage Jewish girl who lived in Amsterdam during the early years of World War II. When the Germans started rounding up the Jews, she and her family went into hiding. There were seven of them altogether who spent two years hiding in an attic. There they waited in daily fear of being discovered by the Nazis. During this time, Anne kept a diary, which her father found after the war ended. Translated into many languages, it has been read by millions of people. In it Anne expressed her thoughts and feelings with a maturity way beyond her years. In one remarkable passage she writes:

"It's twice as hard for us young people to hold our ground, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God.

It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are good at heart.

I see the world being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too, I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up to the Heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."

It's an amazing expression of faith and hope at a time of such upheaval. Sadly Anne never saw peace and tranquility return. One day the dreaded knock came to the door. She and her family were taken to Belsen Concentration Camp where she died in 1944.

What is it that helps a person endure so much suffering and fear? The rightness of a person's cause can give them strength. The example and support of those around them can give them strength too. And faith in God can bring great strength and hope into our lives, especially when we most need it. Faith can bring us the conviction that goodness will triumph in the end, and that God will have the last say.

In a world of so much social and political turmoil, people of faith can sometimes be regarded as naïve or ineffective or irrelevant. However, we must not be afraid of the scepticism and cynicism, but trust that God will give us the strength to hold our ground and get through the times of oppression and fear. Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be frightened." We would not be human if we didn't feel fear when danger threatens. It's not fear but the overcoming of fear that is the question. Jesus also said to his disciples, "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Faith can certainly be proved in suffering and endurance. Jesus showed this when he bore the cross. Endurance and faith is something we all need in our lives, especially in the darkest moments. As we face an uncertain future as a Church, as we look to build up our faith and the faith of those around us, let us remember that, whenever we face hard times we are doing no more than Jesus did. And, the Good News is that, if we follow him through the darkest moments of our lives, we will most certainly share in the light of his glory in Heaven, a promise he came to reveal himself.

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

MASSES

Monica Davies, Bernard France, George Gibbons, Peter Lythgoe, Tommy Martin, Jimmy Maxwell, Albert Purcell, Successful Operation (AG)

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Today, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY

St Joseph's School will be holding an open day on 16th November 2016 between 9.00am and 6.00pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now on sale at St Joseph's before and after both Sunday Masses.

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 Mass today 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME With You Always

The next meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be held on:

Wed 16th November at 4.30pm in 12 Apostles school Hall

Thurs 17th November at 4.30pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to everyone who came last week to help with the cleaning of our church.

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 10 - We should never forget about beauty, which humanity needs so much!

Nov 9 - May we make God's merciful love ever more evident in our world through dialogue, mutual acceptance and fraternal cooperation.

Nov 7 - Prophecy is saying that there is something truer, more beautiful, greater, of greater good to which we are all called.

Nov 6 - No cell is so isolated that it is shut to the Lord. His love reaches everywhere. I pray that each one may open his heart to this love.

Nov 5 - Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them.

Nov 4 - Let us be moved by God's watchful gaze. The one thing he desires is for us to abide like living branches in his Son Jesus.

TAIZE PRAYER

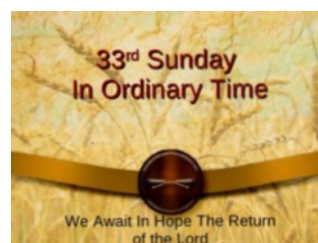
The next Taizé Prayer evening will take place in Sacred Heart church, Leigh this week on Wednesday November 16th at 7.00pm. Why not come along and enjoy some still time and listen to the beautiful music of Taizé? All welcome.

THE ART OF DYING WELL

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. The site is for those who are dying, their friends and family, for carers and makes a contribution to the national debate. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It launches this month - the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead.

www.artofdyingwell.org

Prayer cards are available at the back of church.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,622.36
L.A.M.P. £ 572.81

In our parish this weekend there will be a special collection for CBM. Next weekend the retiring collection in our archdiocese will be in support of Animate Youth.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheila McNought, Keith Francis Wood, Thomas Martin, Herbert Elliott
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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.

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.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-30)

Fr James Preston, Sr. MaryAnne Francalanza and Sr. Catherine Skelton have decided to run a Samuel Group, which is an experience of reflection and prayer for young adults aged between 18 and 30 who are seeking to discern God's will for their lives.

The programme includes

- * Monthly meetings in Liverpool
- * Sharing with other young adults
- * Guest speakers sharing their story
- * Time of Silent Prayer (Adoration)
- * One to one spiritual direction

The first meeting is on 27th November at St Charles' church, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 9PG. For more information and an application form, contact SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com

CLASSICAL SPAIN CONCERT:

At St Stephen's church, Manchester Rd, Astley
On Saturday 26th November - 7.00 for 7.30.

Playing a collection of classical works are:

Pablo Maldonado (trumpet), Jose Monje (Prof of trumpet at Malaga Music Conservatoire): Teresa Garcia Molero (pianist, accompanist Cadiz Conservatoire).

Tickets £10 per adult, children free. Pay on the door.
Wine bar and Raffle.

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 12 November

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

Mon 14 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 33)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 12.00noon MASS George Milward

Tue 15 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Pious List

Wed 16 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR 9.45am FUNERAL MASS Sheila McNought
StJ NO MASS
SH 12.00noon FUNERAL SERVICE Kenneth Francis Woods

Thu 17 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Elsie Kelleher (anniv.)

Fri 18 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS
StJ 10.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Thomas Martin
StJ NO MASS

Sat 19 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS J B Griffin
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Agnes Coleman

Sun 20 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Youth Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Mandy Barwick (Anni)
SH 9.30am MASS Iwan Owczaryk R.I.P.
StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington (Birthday Memorial)
OLR 11.00am MASS Tom Rasburn
StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 4th were 10, 16, 24. No winner of £65, Last week's jackpot was estimated at £110. Please keep on buying tickets regularly and help the jackpot increase more quickly.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 039 R Ellis, £5 No. 177 C Swift, £3 No 355 M & D Flannery, £2 N0. 489 2 Bely's

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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