

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (YEAR C) 20 November 2016



Responsorial Psalm

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
“Let us go to God’s house.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Throughout the Gospels you will never hear Jesus claim to be a king. The Jerusalem Bible translation has Jesus reply to Pontius Pilate’s question, “So you are a king then?” with the words, “Yes, I am a king.” A more complete translation would read, “You say I am a king”. In each of the Gospels, Jesus never affirms that he is a king, but he does not deny it either. In John’s Gospel, Jesus focuses on the purpose of his life, “I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth. And all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.” Jesus, although he has agreed that he is a king, is at pains to show that his kingship is not to be understood in terms of this world. The Sunday Gospels this year have mainly been from Luke, and today’s feast-day is no exception. Like the other three evangelists, Luke avoids any suggestion that Jesus explicitly claimed to be a king. He does not reject the title however, and in each of the Gospels the evangelists give some insight from the story of Jesus’ passion and death to illustrate just what kind of king Jesus may be.

Not surprisingly, in Luke’s account, there is great emphasis on the mercy of God. It stems from the Magnificat, when Mary proclaims the wonders of God’s mercy, then Jesus’ initial proclamation in the synagogue in Nazareth that he has come to bring “good news to the poor”, then to the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, and continuing to his prayer as he is nailed to the cross: “Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.” Finally, this mercy is extended to the criminal crucified beside Jesus. He asks, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Jesus replies, “I promise you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” In word and action, throughout his life, and now in the final stages of his suffering and as his death approaches, Jesus shows that his kingship lies in his expression of the mercy of God – a mercy he makes a reality for everyone he meets.

In John’s Gospel, Jesus defines his kingship in terms of witnessing to the truth, saying that all who are on the side of truth listen to his voice. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus’ words and actions require and demand a response from those who claim to be his followers. He challenges all his followers, including ourselves, that we should be merciful to others, just as the Father is merciful. If we need evidence for the mercy of God, all we need to do is look at the life of Jesus, the King who becomes the mercy of God himself. As we celebrate this great feast of Christ the King, God challenges us to go and do the same, be merciful loving and compassion to others, just as Jesus was throughout his life. In this way, in actions rather than words, we will show that we are followers of the King.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Norah Devlin, Rev. Dcn. Alan Mee

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale before and after both Masses

MOTHERS' PRAYER MEETING

Mothers Prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd November, 7.30pm at St Joseph's church.
All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

LITTLE CHURCH

Advent will soon be here and once again we will be collecting coppers for charities we have supported in the past, CAFOD or the Street Children. Please send your coins into Little Church, so that we can help children not as fortunate as our own.

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

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.

GARDENING

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the gardening. There will be no more now, until 2017.

TWELVE APOSTLES

Thank you to the ladies and the gentleman who came to clean Twelve Apostles church last Monday. Your help is appreciated.

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.

TAKE A BREAK - ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Do you need an antidote to the Christmas songs in the shops, the TV adverts for toys etc? If so, come along to the Green Room at St Joseph's on the four Sundays of Advent at 3pm - 4pm for time to pray and reflect on the real meaning of Advent and the Christmas season.

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, 12.30pm. 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND

Our Archdiocese, which has been supporting Christians in the Holy Land for many years, invites you to stand in solidarity with our Christian sisters and brothers of the Holy Land by sending a Christmas card. Cards are available for you at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's churches, but you may bring your own small or medium size religious Christmas card(s), with your greeting (English or Arabic) and your name (address optional) inside and leave in the box at back of church. No stamps are required but postal donations are welcome (20 grams costs £1.33). Your envelope will be posted for you to one of the Holy Land churches. The last date for posting for Christmas to the Holy Land is 3rd December.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 17 - It is not enough to experience God's mercy in one's life; whoever receives it must also become a sign and instrument for others.

Nov 16 - We don't have to go far or come up with grand projects to be charitable. Often the people closest to us could use our help.

Nov 15 - If every one of us, every day, does a work of mercy, there will be a revolution in the world!

Nov 14 - In a world which has been damaged by the virus of indifference, the works of mercy are the best antidote.

Nov 13 - If you want to find God, seek him where he is hidden: in the neediest, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned.

Nov 12 - I am before the Holy Door and I ask: "Lord, help me to thrust open the door of my heart!"

Nov 11 - Dear Friends, never forget that in our encounter with people in need we meet Jesus himself.

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.

World Gifts
Gifts that make a difference

Once again this year we have **CAFOD** World Gift Catalogues available in all our churches. Please take one and see how you can make a difference to someone's life by buying a World Gift for a loved one.

CAFOD
just one world

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,697.29
C.B.M. £ 490.57

This weekend, the retiring collection in our archdiocese will be in support of Animate Youth.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost

RECENTLY DECEASED

Honora Pemberton

Eternal rest grant unto her...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to Poppy Rae Smith, Ethan Peter Cooke

ADVENT SERVICES

For those of you wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent, please check the newsletter for times of confessions. There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service in Holy Family church on Wednesday November 30th at 7.00pm – this will be a service of prayer and reflection followed by individual Confession. There will also be a “Confessathon” in Saint Joseph’s church on Saturday December 17th between 10.00am - 2.30pm.

PARTY PIECES



A Concert by
Young Musicians from the Wigan Area
In Aid of the Alzheimer's Society
Monday 21st November 2016 6.00pm
In St Joseph’s church
Please come along and support these young
musicians and a worthy cause.
There is no ticket price just a donation
Proceeds to be split between the
Alzheimer’s Society and St Joseph’s church

Refreshments available



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

Sat 19 November

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

Mon 21 November *Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Tue 22 November *Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Honora Pemberton

Wed 23 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Y II, W 34)*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR 10.15am MASS Maureen Sweeney L.D.

StJ 12.00noon MASS Kath Trundle

Thu 24 November *Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Steven Naylor

SH 12.00noon MASS Pious List

Fri 25 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 10.00am MASS Bill Marsh R.I.P.

StJ 12.00noon MASS Tony Broster

Sat 26 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Pious List

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Norah & John Devaney

Sun 27 November **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

StJ 8.30am MASS Alicia & Alan Cox

SH 9.30am MASS Nora & Jack Pearson and all departed loved ones

StJ 10.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OLR 11.00am MASS William & Catherine Flynn (anniv.)

StR 6.30pm MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on Friday 11th were 12, 25, 26. No winner of £105. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £150. Please keep on buying tickets regularly and help the jackpot increase more quickly.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 187 N Sharkie, £5 No. 439 J Riley, £3 No. 300 C Ellis, £2 No. 440 M Flannery.

Bonus Ball No. 8 A Simpson

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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