

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A) 4 June 2017



Responsorial Psalm

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia**

REFLECTION

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were afraid of what might happen to them. They huddled together in an upper room with locked doors, waiting for something to happen. Jesus had promised them that the Holy Spirit would come to them – and so they waited. Then the room shook and the sound of a strong wind could be heard, and the vision of tongues of fire came upon each one of them. Each one of them was gifted with the coming of the Holy Spirit. It did not take long for the effects of the Spirit to be seen and heard. The people in the neighbourhood gathered, and they were people from every nation under Heaven. That they were able to understand what was being spoken to them by the disciples was a clear indication of the Holy Spirit's power to unite peoples together. This is the great gift of the Holy Spirit – to bring understanding between people who earlier could not communicate with others and live in peace with them. Reading again the story of this moment in the upper room, when Jesus appears to his friends, reminds us that the Spirit of God brings three great gifts to us, if we will receive them. The first is the gift of peace. "Shalom" is a word and a grace that Jesus shares with his disciples, now that the violence of the Cross has done its worst. Then the Lord gives his friends their mission to the world. As he was sent, so now they are sent as "apostles". Finally the Spirit will empower them to bring reconciliation into a torn and troubled world.

Today's feast of Pentecost is known as the "Birthday" of the Church. As a Church we were born on this day. The Spirit of God came and enlivened a people who had almost died. The Risen Lord sent his living Spirit to be our life. Each one of us, as well as the whole Church throughout the world, receives the Spirit's gifts, and these gifts are to be used each and every day of our lives. We begin with the gift of peace. Not the world's peace, initially, but our own. We seek to grow in the gift of a peaceful mind and heart, and peaceful relationships in our life. This is our first prayer – "Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart, my mind, my life." The second gift is mission. We are sent out from this Church into the world that surrounds us. We are enabled, with the Spirit's help, to be outgoing and to help bring the gift of peace into the lives of those we meet each day. This gift of peace is our responsibility. It is a grace given to us to be shared with others and with it we can inspire others to follow God. Finally, the third gift is the grace to reconcile people who are not at peace with each other. Only with the Holy Spirit's power can we bring reconciliation, justice and peace into our world. So this weekend, like the disciples on the first Pentecost Day, let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to lead us forward in God's path.

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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Carolyn Burke, Norah Hurst, Geoff Martland, Special Intention, Thanksgiving for safe delivery of Eva Louise.

HYMN BOOKS

If you need to borrow a hymn book for any reason, would you please ask at the parish office to borrow one of the spare books and not take a dedicated hymn book. Thank you.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Congratulation to Miss Daley, who was the deputy head teacher and has been acting head since January this year and was appointed Head Teacher at St Joseph's School last week. We wish her and the school every success in the future.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Many thanks to all who help with the garden. We go every Tuesday at 10.00am, weather permitting. Please come along, even if you only have an hour to spare.

COFFEE MORNING

Tea and coffee is served after Mass every first Sunday. Come along and join us for a chat. Everyone welcome.

SACRED HEART

COFFEE MORNING

The second Sunday of the month is our regular time for tea and coffee after Mass. Please stay next week and greet friends old and new.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

June 1 - I thank God for parents who strive to live in love and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.

May 31 - Let us learn from the strong and helpful faith of our Mother Mary in order to become living signs of God's mercy.

May 30 - Christian joy comes from the Holy Spirit, who gives us true freedom and the gift of bringing Jesus to our brothers and sisters.

May 29 - The motherly presence of Mary reminds us that God never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity.

May 28 - I encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster hope and trust today.

May 27 - Let us pray for our Coptic brethren in Egypt who were killed because they did not want to renounce the faith.

May 26 - The future of our societies requires concrete action in favour of life on the part of everyone and especially institutions.

Or lives simply

Pray, Reflect, Act....

Whirlwind Spirit of God

Roar through our timidities and fears,

Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,

Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,

Blow down the wall that separates us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe

re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,

renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,

re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice

become in us today

mighty wind and loud proclamation.

Make us a Pentecost People!

Amen

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of God, Holy Spirit

Paraclete, our Advocate

Spirit of beauty and of truth,

help us perceive you, everywhere.

Comforter in our sadness,

console us when we are bereaved.

Sanctifier, make us holy

please give us your peace, every time.

Be our Counsellor when we are perplexed,

enlighten our minds to realise

we can do no good without you.

Open our hearts to let you in, every day.

Source of knowledge and understanding

please fill us with your wisdom.

Source of hope and joy,

all glory and praise to you, ever more.

Diana Sutherland (CAFOD supporter)



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ 1,692.46
World Communications £ 491.59

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection in all our churches for Provision for Priests in Retirement.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Sr. Teresa Frost, Mary Heneghan, Bernadette Higgins, Kitty Jones, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeff Martland, Jane Margaret Robinson, Aiden Newill
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Leo Alexander Ball.

ARC Renewal Conference/Gathering

5th –12th August 2017
Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire HG3 5JB

"I realise now how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right"
Acts 10:34-35

A relaxed conference catering for all
Established for 34 years, we offer; daily talks, children's groups, Youth groups, Mass, worship and many opportunities to share in community life.
Excellent facilities on site - low cost camping and residential (some en suite) disabled (en suite) places available.

Contact Caroline Shevelan or Chris Rolfe-Moore
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EASTER

During Easter we were asked to pray for these intentions:
New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

The Church especially at Pentecost Sunday 4 June
Tomorrow sees the resumption of **ORDINARY TIME**, Week 9, Psalter Week 1.

NORTHERN SAINTS PILGRIMAGE

Visiting Lindisfarne, Seahouses and Durham, Monday 18th to Thursday 21st September 2017, led by Fr Ron Johnson. £295 per person. Please call 0151 733 5492 for further information.

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Sunday 18th June 2017, 10.30am to 4.00pm is for boys in Years 2 and 4,
Sunday 25th June 2017 10.30am - 4.00pm is for girls in Year 5

Be a Chorister for a Day is for children who like like singing, hard work and having fun.

Spend the day at the Metropolitan Cathedral with the choristers singing, playing, eating and exploring. This is an opportunity to find out what being a chorister is all about. For more details and to registers you place contact the Cathedral Music Office 0151 708 7283 music@metcathedral.org.uk

THE GENERAL ELECTION

At the back of church there are copies of a letter from the Bishops of England and Wales offering some guidance when considering who to vote for. Please take a copy.

St Stephen's presents its Summer Concert

Spanish Connection

Salva Contreras Gila (Clarinet)

+

Javier Navascues (Cello)

10th June 2017

7.00 for 7.30pm Admission £10.00

Wine Bar + Raffle

St Stephen's, Manchester Rd Astley

NUGENT CARE LIVING FULLY

...enabling every child and adult with a disability to encounter Jesus in the life of the Church today.

A day of study, worship and workshops exploring how all life is a gift from God and how every person has a valuable and dignified place within the Body of Christ.

Saturday 23rd September 2017 10am - 4pm at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Dr, Liverpool, L17 1AA

Cost £10 for more information or to book a place please visit formation @rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040

SEVEN RULES OF LIFE

1. Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.
2. What others think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything, give it time.
4. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
5. Stop thinking too much, it's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
6. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

CHINESE PROVERB

*"If there is light in the soul there
Will be beauty in the person.*

*If there is beauty in the person
There will be harmony in the house.*

*If there is harmony in the house
There will be order in the nation*

*If there is order in the nation there
Will be peace in the world."*



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OLR = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard, Atherton

Sat 3 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Robinson

Sun 4 June

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

StJ 8.30am MASS Ken Sroka R.I.P.

SH 9.30am MASS Monica Pugh L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS Brian Ashton (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS Agnes Wilkinson L.D.

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 5 June

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

StJ NO MASS

OLR 11.30am FUNERAL MASS Aidan Newell

Tue 6 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 9)

StJ 11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Geoff Martland

SH 12.00noon MASS Peter Smith L.D.

Wed 7 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ NO MASS

12A NO MASS

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Jane Margaret Robinson

Thu 8 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ NO MASS

OLR 10.00am MASS Tom Gibbon (anniv.)

SH NO MASS

Fri 9 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ NO MASS

Sat 10 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR NO Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR NO MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Thompson

Sun 11 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS Anna Tesmer (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Carolyn Burke RIP

OLR 11.00am MASS Kathleen Rowson

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 26th May were 3, 4, 16. There was no winner of £54. There was no draw on 2nd June on account of school's half-term holiday. Tickets for 9th June draw are now on sale with an estimated jackpot of £80.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 192 M Colline, £5 No. 496 B Ryan, £3 No. 326 C Ellis, £2 No. 037 D Hindley

Bonus Ball No. 33 C 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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