

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year A) 18 June 2017



Responsorial Psalm

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

As human beings we cannot live on bread alone. We suffer from many kinds of hunger. Throughout the Gospels Jesus offered various kinds of “bread” to the people he met and satisfied many different hungers.

- To the people who followed him into the desert, and those who were starving, he offered ordinary bread, and so satisfied their physical hunger.
- To the leper whose body was decaying, he offered the only bread that mattered to him – the bread of physical healing.
- To the lonely woman at Jacob’s Well, he offered the bread of human kindness, and thus satisfied her hunger for love and acceptance.
- To the many sinners he met he offered the bread of forgiveness, and thus satisfied their hunger for salvation.
- To the many rejects and outcasts he met, by spending time with them and sharing bread with them, he offered the bread of companionship, and so satisfied their hunger for self-esteem.
- To the widow at Nain who was burying her only son, and to Martha and Mary who had just buried their brother Lazarus, he first offered the bread of compassion as he wept with them, then the bread of new life as he raised them from the dead.
- To Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, who many felt treated the poor unfairly, he offered the bread of reconciliation, as he got Zacchaeus to share his money with the poor.
- To the thief who died at his side he offered the bread of new life with God and inner peace.

Surprisingly, there were many others who refused the “bread” that Jesus offered:-

- The rich young man who refused to be a disciple because he could not part with his riches.
- The Scribes and Pharisees who refused to listen to his Word.
- The many people of Jerusalem to whom Jesus offered the bread of peace, but many refused it with the result that their city was later destroyed.
- Pontius Pilate who was offered the bread of truth, but had no appetite for it because it meant putting his own position at risk.

Jesus shared himself with others in many different ways, and under many different forms, before offering himself to his followers in the form of bread and wine at the Last Supper. Jesus nourishes us in so many different ways today, especially in the Eucharist. If everyone believed this then our churches would be full and we would have to face the problem of putting on more Masses, not thinking of decreasing them. Perhaps the greatest miracle we see is when the host is blessed and changed for us into the Body of Christ. Do we recognize this miracle when we come to Church or do we simply take it for granted? And do we ever tell others about its importance in our lives today? God alone can satisfy all the longings and hungers of our hearts, because only he can give us the Bread of Eternal Life. This is the bread we receive in the Eucharist. Without it we would not have the strength to follow Jesus.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
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Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S



MASSES

Not available

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.

SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the support group on Wednesday, 21 June, (correction) 7.00pm at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Gardening on Tuesday 10.00am, weather permitting. Please come along even if you can only spare an hour: we need more helpers.

SACRED HEART

Our patronal feast this year falls on this Friday, 23rd June. There will be Mass at 12.00 noon to celebrate our feast.

IN HOSPITAL?

When Parishioners are admitted to Hospital, the Catholic Chaplains attached to the hospital are responsible for providing pastoral visits and sacramental care. However, NHS procedures mean the patient or their family must tell nursing staff that they want the Catholic Chaplain to be informed and wish to have their names put on the Chaplain's list for Holy Communion visits. If the patient or family want to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) or for any urgent needs, the nursing staff should be told to contact the 'Catholic Chaplain on call'. If you are in hospital and you want a visit by a Hospital Chaplain, you must ask the nursing staff. Please tell your family and friends about this.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

June 15 - Everyone's existence is tied to that of others: life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions.

June 14 - There is much need of prayer and penitence to implore the grace of conversion and an end to the many wars throughout the world.

June 13 - In his passion, Jesus took upon himself all our suffering. He knows the meaning of pain, he understands and comforts us, giving us strength.

Jun 12 - The Church shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love.

Jun 11 - The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to be a leaven of communion, consolation and mercy.

Jun 10 - Life can survive only because of the generosity of other lives.

Jun 9 - Each one of us, as a living member of the Body of Christ, is called to work for unity and peace.

Reflect:

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. For us, this has a two-fold meaning – we celebrate God's gift of Himself, His body and blood, in the Eucharist and, as we share in His life, we become the Body of Christ, His Church.

In the First Reading Moses asks us to remember how, in the midst of great hardship, God kept His people alive in the desert by giving them manna from heaven and water from bare rock, so that they might learn that life is more than material things. Everything we have is gift; our lives depend on the goodness and faithfulness of God. In response, we sing a psalm of praise and gratitude to God for all His gifts.

As we come to receive the bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ, we do not do this only as individuals, but as the one body of God's people, sharing one loaf (Second Reading).

Jesus tells us that He gives Himself for our life and for the life of the world, so that everyone who eats the bread that is Himself will draw life from Him. Christ will live in us and we will live in Him for ever (Gospel).

(Taken from <http://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life>)

Pray:

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat be bread for others.

May we who drink pour out our love.

(Bread for the World by Bernadette Farrell)

Act:

When you eat bread or drink wine this week, pause for a minute and bring to mind those people throughout the world who struggle on a daily basis to find enough to eat or drink.

Challenges:

Find ways this week to actively help those who hunger and thirst, both in spirit and in body – for example: write to your MP, make a donation of food or money or time, pray to end hunger, fast to end hunger.

MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder that if you would like a Mass Intention to be celebrated on a particular date, especially at one of the Sunday Masses, could you please try and give a couple of months notice rather than just a couple of weeks, this is to avoid disappointment on your behalf.

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department will be hosting a conference on 8th July at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA between 9.00 and 13.00. The event is open to all who volunteer in the Parish and will focus on the role played within the Archdiocese by the Safeguarding Commission and its partner agencies. There will be several workshops, which will focus on various aspects of Safeguarding and will be facilitated by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commission.

The workshops are:

- Catch 22 - Criminal and sexual exploitation of young people
- Dementia friends - Creating a dementia friendly church
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue
- Merseyside Police - Managing allegations
- Papyrus - Prevention of young suicide

To book a place on this event please ring the Safeguarding Department on:-

0151 522 1043 or Email: safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

Please indicate in order of preference three workshops of your choice that you would like to participate in. Workshops are scheduled to last 30 minutes.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ not available

This weekend there will be a retiring collection in all our churches for *Day for Life*.

DAY FOR LIFE

... is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on 31 May in Scotland, 18 June in England and Wales and Sunday 1 October in Ireland. Read more in our 'About' section. <http://www.dayforlife.org/>

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank O'Grady,
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Joshua Michael Harrison,

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
07769680259 crolfemoore@hotmail.co

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

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 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 register your place, contact the Cathedral Music Office 0151 708 7283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

COME CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Family Celebration Mass, "Come Celebrate The Child", takes place at St. Anne's church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, on **Sunday 2nd July** at 3.00pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm. The theme of the Mass is "Welcome The Cross". Activities to prepare for the Mass will begin at 1.00pm. Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the church grounds after Mass.

For more information please contact the Safeguarding Office on 0151-522-1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk



STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

Saturday, 24th June, from 2.00pm

at Bedford Methodist church

Breaston Avenue, off Warrington Road, Leigh
WN7 3DJ.

£3.50 ticket or pay at the door

For charities, including CAFOD. Ample parking.
Tombola. All most welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE HINDSFORD

The Sacred Heart Parish Centre in Hindsford has been temporarily closed, following staff retirement, while a full business review is being considered by the Archdiocesan Board. A decision has not yet been made about its trading future. Once a decision has been made it will be communicated. In the meantime, the diocese will also assist anyone still needing to make alternative arrangements.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

A number of people from the Deanery are travelling to Fatima on Pilgrimage this week. We hope that they have a wonderful week away. The pilgrims will pray for everyone at the Shrine in Fatima, exactly 100 years since the appearances of Our Lady first took place. Please note you can join in with the celebration of our Masses at 3.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday this week at the Chapel of the Apparitions "the Capelinha" as they are transmitted on the internet. Fr Paul is Principal Celebrant on Thursday.

<http://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions>



ALTAR SERVERS ANNUAL MASS

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, cordially invites all servers to

The Annual Mass for Altar Servers

On Saturday 1st July 2017 at 11.00am at the
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

Please bring your own alb or cassock and cotta
All servers must be vested by 10.30am

A light buffet lunch will be served after Mass in the Gibberd Room.

If you wish to go please inform Fr Colin or Fr Kieran

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 17 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Vinny Johnson

Sun 18 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Day for Life

StJ 8.30am MASS Vincent & Peter Lythgoe (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Caitlin Bradbury L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS

OLR 11.00am MASS Thanksgiving (U.L.)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 19 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 11)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am MASS Colin Hutton R.I.P.

Tue 20 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

SH 7.00pm MASS James Flanagan L.D. (Canada)

Wed 21 June

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Marian Murray R.I.P.

Thu 22 June

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & MARTYR AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon MASS Carolyn Burke R.I.P.

Fri 23 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

OLR NO MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS Wyn Pierce Williams L.D.

Sat 24 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS Winifred Robinson

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Eric Morrow L.D.

Sun 25 June

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Caitlin Bradbury R.I.P.

SH 9.30am MASS P.J. Sullivan L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS Norah Hurst R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 9th June were 3,11,17. There was one winner of £82. Friday 16th June's estimated jackpot, with no rollover, was predicted to be only £28.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club not available

Bonus Ball not available



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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