

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

25 June 2017



Responsorial Psalm

In your great love, answer me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
To all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

There are many Gospel episodes where Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid. In Luke he says, "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased the Father to give you the Kingdom." In Mark and Matthew, after calming the stormy sea, Jesus asks his disciples why they had been so frightened. In John's Gospel, during the Last Supper, Jesus says twice, "Do not let your hearts be troubled...or afraid." In today's Gospel, however, there is a specific reason why the disciples should not be afraid. Jesus says, "Everything that is now covered will be uncovered." From Jesus' lips came the assurance that the day would come when it would be clear just who Jesus was, and what he had achieved in dying and rising from the dead. For the first disciples, these words would act as great encouragement as they faced opposition and persecution. There may have been a puzzling moment for both sets of hearers, however, one that remains to this day. Who did Jesus mean by the one to be feared because he has power to "destroy both body and soul in hell"? There is an automatic tendency to think that this must mean the devil, and this has been the traditional approach. But the devil has no power to cast anyone into hell. He only has the power to tempt people and create mischief. The only person who could possibly have such power is God himself. The "fear of God" is a common expression of piety in the Scriptures, but we can reflect on what that might mean. Before we do so, however, it is important to remember that Jesus began this speech with the words, "Do not be afraid." So, whatever the fear of the Lord is, it is certainly not being afraid of God himself.

Traditionally, we designate one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as "the fear of God". It seems like a strange line. How can being afraid be a gift? However, in more recent times, there has been a tendency to express this gift as "wonder and awe in God's presence". Certainly, wonder and awe describe how we should sit in the presence of God who has the power to destroy both body and soul in hell, but instead has chosen to give us his Heavenly Kingdom. This is truly wonderful. It inspires to turn to God in prayer and enjoy his presence and pray to him, as St. Paul says, with the Spirit who intercedes for us when our own words fail. The rest of everything Jesus says in today's Gospel continues in the same way. It may not at first sound very comforting to be told we are worth more than hundreds of sparrows, but Jesus is telling us that no one ever escapes the watchful eye of the God of infinite love, who never lets us out of his sight – the God who could never forget even the number of hairs on our heads.

LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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St. Edmund Arrowsmith Parish

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Carolyn Burke, Doris Camilleri, Fred Cooper, Mary Ellen Mary Fox, John Griffin, Hayden, Joseph Higgins, James Trevor Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Terry Malley, Eric Morrow, Thomas McCulloch, Jim & Elsie McHugh, Maria & Michael McHugh jnr, Michael McHugh snr, Aiden Newel, Mary & Michael O'Hara, Harry O'Harra, Joe Shovelton snr. Sheila Smith, Edward Unsworth, Successful Operation

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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 9th July 2017

The Fair starts at 11.30am - 2.30pm at St Joseph's Primary School. Please join us for the usual fun to raise money for the school. Includes tombola, spin the wheel, bouncy castle and games. Refreshments available.

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 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 22 - Let us not be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus as the one sure guide who gives meaning to our life.

June 21 - We must not turn our backs on the new forms of poverty and marginalization that prevent people from living a life of dignity

June 20 - The personal encounter with refugees dispels fears and distorted ideologies and becomes a factor for growth in humanity

June 19 - None of us is an island, autonomous and independent from others. We can only build the future by standing together, including everyone.

June 18 - Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. This is the Eucharist. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others.

June 17 - Care for the environment is always a social concern as well. Let us hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

June 16 - Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of.

GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT

The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) is a global network of 400+ member organizations and a community of thousands of Catholics, responding to the Pope's call to action in the Laudato Si' encyclical.

OUR MISSION The Global Catholic Climate Movement serves the Catholic family worldwide to turn Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical into action for climate justice, by undergoing our own ecological conversion, transforming our lifestyles and calling for bold public policies together with the wider climate movement

Action, and/or to join the interfaith "Fast for the Climate" the first day of each month.

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	04/06/17	£ 1,809.50
	11/06/17	£ 1,644.52
Priests in Retirement		£ 662.06
	18/06/17	£ 1,678.30
Day for Life		£ 215.19

On Thursday 29th June there will be a collection in all our churches for *Peter's Pence*.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

... is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Sundays and other holy-days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Gwenda Byers, Sr. Teresa Frost, Mary Heneghan, Bernadette Higgins, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Joshua Michael Harrison, Zahra Anne Ganley, Reid Matthew Richards, Ronnie Thomas Poole,

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 crofemoore@hotmail.co

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

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.



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

FEAST DAYS

28th June - Saint Irenaeus, was Bishop of Lugdunum in Gaul, then a part of the Roman Empire (now Lyon, France). He was an early Church Father and apologist, and his writings were formative in the early development of Christian theology. A resident of Smyrna, he heard the preaching of St. Polycarp, a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus' best-known book, *Adversus Haereses* or *Against Heresies* (c. 180), is a detailed attack on Gnosticism, which he considered a serious threat to the Church. As one of the first great Christian theologians, he emphasized the traditional elements in the Church, especially the episcopate, Scripture, and tradition. Irenaeus maintained that the bishops in different cities are known as far back as the Apostles and that the bishops provided the only safe guide to the interpretation of Scripture. Irenaeus is the earliest witness to recognition of the canonical character of all four gospels. Irenaeus is recognized as a saint in both the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church.

29th June - Ss. Peter & Paul, St. Peter and St. Paul are two of the most well-known saints, and are often spoken of as the two men most responsible for spreading the Christian message in the days of the early church. Legend has it that they were executed on the same day under the command of Emperor Nero and buried in Rome. (Although historical accounts cite Peter being martyred in 64 AD and Paul in 67 AD.)

Because of his Roman citizenship, St. Paul was beheaded. St. Peter was reportedly crucified upside down because he said he was not worthy to be sacrificed in the same manner as Christ.

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of both men, and as early as 258 AD, there is evidence of an already-lengthy tradition that both St. Peter and St. Paul were celebrated on the same day.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Saints Peter and Paul:

"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

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 24 June

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

Mon 26 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 12)

StJ NO MASS

Tue 27 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon MASS Marsh family

Wed 28 June

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

12A NO MASS

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Thu 29 June

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Holy Day of obligation

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

StJ 9.15am SCHOOL MASS George Lawton R.I.P.

SH 12.00noon MASS Fred Cooper R.I.P.

StJ 7.30pm MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Fri 30 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer

12A 9.00am SCHOOL MASS of thanksgiving

StJ 12.00noon MASS Sheila Smith (anniv.)

SH 1.45pm SCHOOL MASS of thanksgiving

Sat 1 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon MASS John Pendlebury (anniv.)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Caitlin Bradbury (LD)

Sun 2 July

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Alan Hargreaves R.I.P.

SH 9.30am MASS Margaret Aitcheson

StJ 10.30am MASS Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am MASS

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 16th June were 1, 21, 22. There was no winner of £24. Due to ever-falling ticket sales, this week's estimated jackpot, with rollover, was predicted to be only £48.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club 11/06/17 £10 No. 228 A Simpson, £5 No. 127 C Swift, £3 No. 145 D Davies, £2 No. 411 M Moore **Bonus Ball** No. 2 C Houghton

18/06/17 £10 No. 409 B Jones, £5 No. 170 M Roach, £3 No. 395 C & T Ellis, £2 No. 212 D Davies

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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