

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

9 July 2017



Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Those who are regarded as experts in the Word of God, the scribes and the Pharisees, often criticize Jesus and his disciples for appearing to disobey the Law of God. Jesus heals on the Sabbath and he refuses to check his disciples when they appear to do work on a Sabbath day. Jesus knows that there are many people who regard the 613 commandments of the Old Testament Law an insufferable burden to bear, and who are therefore treated as religious outcasts because they are unable to bear the full yoke of the Law that has been imposed upon them. Remember that in Jesus' time there are whole groups of people who are dismissed as sinners because they follow what are regarded as dishonourable callings – people who lead life-styles that do not permit them to observe the small print of the Law. Among these groups are shepherds, donkey-drivers, pedlers, tanners, and tax collectors. There are probably many others who have professions that require them to work on a Sabbath day. All these people are deprived of civil rights, forbidden to act as witnesses at court, and refused entry into the synagogue. They are at the bottom of the social heap. But Jesus has a message for them and for all those who feel belittled by an interpretation of the Law that leaves them senseless:

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Jesus has no intention of doing away with the Law. But he refuses to support the lawyers who spend their time manufacturing new burdens for broken people. Jesus offers all these people an invitation: “Come to me ... learn from me ... and you will find rest for your souls.” Jesus makes himself the centre of his own teaching. He IS the Wisdom of God, and personal fidelity to him will be the mark of the true disciples. God has chosen him to be the one who enshrines the fullness of revelation and who embodies the new Law of God.

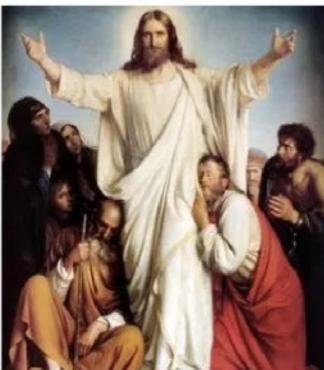
It is interesting how this problem appears again in the early Church when the first Council of Jerusalem is called to decide if new converts have to obey the Law of Moses. It is Peter who settles the matter by arguing against those who insist that Gentile converts must fully obey the Law, something he himself believed in for quite a while. Peter admits honestly that the disciples of Jesus could not bear the yoke of the Law. So why should they demand it of others if they have never managed it themselves? Peter concludes by focusing on the person of Jesus: “Remember we believe that we are saved in the same way as they are, through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” Peter's argument “silences the entire assembly.” Peter keeps the memory of Jesus at the centre of his argument. Like Jesus, he refuses to impose laws without taking into account people's capacity to keep them. Now they have a new Law that is founded in the person of Jesus himself. This is why all of Peter's preaching directs those who listen to the person of Jesus himself. Jesus did not say, “Come and obey the Law”, but “Come to me ... learn from me ... and you will find rest.” As we continue our journey of faith may we hear those words of Jesus each day and trust in his promise of peace and rest.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S



MASSES

Tony Broster, James Clegg, Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Monica Davies, Bernadette Higgins, Alan & Eileen Hogan, James & Ann Marsh, Marlene O'Neill, John Topping, A sick person, St Jude

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning in the Hall is cancelled today, please go along to the school for refreshments and support the fun day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child who will be in Year 4 next term and you would like them to make their First Communion next year and they do not go to a Catholic school, please call into the presbytery any weekday between 9.00am and 4.00pm or after Mass on Sunday to complete an application form.

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.

TWELVE APOSTLES

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Twelve Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Headteacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Jul 2 - How beautiful it is to see when young people are "street preachers", joyfully bringing Jesus to every street and every corner of the earth!

Jul 1 - A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!

Jun 30 - To defend human life, above all when it is wounded by illness, is a duty of love that God entrusts to all.

Jun 30 - There is great need to feed Christian hope, which gives us a new view capable of discovering and seeing the good.

liveSimply

Reflect:

Christ's call to us in today's Gospel reading invites us to trust him and reassures us that he is there for us. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest'. How difficult it is for each of us to let go and hand over our lives to God, to become as little children, trusting that the Lord is always there for us, looking out for us.

And yet Inside each of us there is space for the divine. We can ask God to come into our hearts and fill them with what only God can give. In that secret place heart can speak to heart.

Pray:

Prayer of Protection

The light of God surrounds me;

The love of God enfolds me;

The power of God protects me;

The presence of God watches over me;

Wherever I am, God is.

Anonymous

Act:

Talk to the Lord today about your fears and the troubles that burden you. Be open to the promptings of your heart, trusting in the Lord, as a child trusts in a good parent, and responding with faith and generosity.

Challenge:

In the daily effort to be more Christ-like find ways in which you can help someone who is finding life difficult; how you can give rest to the overburdened; how you can be there for others when they are struggling.

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 in your behalf to avoid disappointment.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Our group of thirty-something pilgrims from the pastoral area have all returned safely from Portugal. New friends were made and old friendships renewed as, in the holy surroundings, we learned the Fatima story of the young shepherds and the apparitions of Our Lady exactly one hundred years ago. Be assured that you were in our prayers and intentions at our Masses. We hope to bring you more details and photographs in the coming weeks.



J&P MEETING

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be on Wednesday 12th July, 7.45pm at Holy Family church. Please come along if you can. New members are always welcome.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,862.97
Peter's Pence £ 179.59

The retiring collections at all our churches this weekend will be in aid of the *Apostleship of the Sea*.

Next week Sr. Kevina will be making an appeal on behalf of the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, with Missions in Kenya, Uganda, and Ecuador.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Gwenda Byers, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Haisley, Mary Heneghan, Alan & Do-reen Lowe, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill, Stephen Peak.

LATELY DEAD

Steve Walsh

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Lillie Anne Sealey, Heidi Sophia Sealey,

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED PORTRAITS OF FAITH

Christian families remaining in Syria are in great need of our prayers and support. Our Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition, organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*, to raise awareness of their plight. The works of art are inspired by the Syrian conflict and feature paintings by Syrian artist, Farid Georges, drawings from the *Peace for the Children of Syria* campaign and needlework by Christian women living in Aleppo. The exhibition is on at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Saturday 22nd July & Sunday 23rd July 10am - 4pm. Entrance free, all welcome. ACN gifts and literature available, all donations will go towards ACN's emergency support for families in Syria.



**LIVERPOOL
LOURDES
PILGRIMAGE**

Departure Mass for the Lourdes Pilgrimage
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
16th July 2017 5pm

Everyone welcome

If you would like to join in Spiritually with the Pilgrimage, copies of the Novena of Prayer are available at the back of church, please feel free to take one.



**Apostleship
of the Sea**

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Leigh & Atherton Writers

are pleased to present

SHOWCASE

of poetry, stories and novels

Read by local writers

On Saturday, July 15th 2017

Between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

at

Saint Mary's Parish church

St Mary's Way, LEIGH

WN7 5EQ

Public admission is FREE and refreshments will be available, everyone is welcome to come and listen and to ask speakers questions afterwards.

FEAST DAYS

ST BENEDICT, ABBOT

St. Benedict was born at Nursia in Umbria in about 480 and was sent to Rome to be educated, but soon left the world to live a solitary life at Subiaco. After living in a cave in the mountains for two years as a hermit, he had acquired such a reputation that disciples came in numbers to join him and important Roman families entrusted him with the education of their children. He organized a form of monastic life in twelve small monasteries. Under his guidance, as abbot, the monks vowed to seek God and devoted themselves to work and prayer. He also founded the great abbey of Monte Cassino. There he wrote his Rule in which are wonderfully combined the Roman genius and the monastic wisdom of the Christian East. This simple set of guidelines for how the life of a monk should be lived has become one of the most influential works in all of Western Christendom. St. Benedict died in 547.

ST BONAVENTURE

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, central Italy, in 1221. At the age of twenty-two he entered the Franciscan Order. At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed *The Life of St. Francis*. Gregory X made him Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

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 8 July

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 9 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sea Sunday

StJ 8.30am

MASS Fred Cooper (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Joseph & Tony Shovelton (RIP)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Austin Woods

Mon 10 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 14)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS Vincent Higgins R.I.P.

Tue 11 July

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

SH

No Mass

Wed 12 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Bernadette Higgins R.I.P.

Thu 13 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Caitlin Bradbury L.D.

Fri 14 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS John Lee (sick)

Sat 15 July

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

StJ 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon

MASS James Clegg (anniv.)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 16 July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS Fred Cooper (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Marie Daven (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS John Carney L.D.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Joe Devlin L.D.

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 30th June were 8, 25, 28. There was no winner of £72. The estimate for the 7 July jackpot was £100.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 152 N. Flynn, £5 No. 441 B. Woods, £3 No. 356 M Houghton, £2 No. 360 M & D Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 6 Rev. D Vint



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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