

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

23 July 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Throughout the Bible, the Old Testament and the New, God so often shows great patience with wrongdoers. In today's Gospel the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat but also with a poisonous weed, darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced. The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone. He is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated.

The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people, mixing with prostitutes, crooks, scribes, politicians, tax collectors and all kinds of sinners. Religious separatism was something Jesus refused to advocate, making it his business to seek out and save the lost. The Pharisees, those whose very name means "the separated ones", criticized him for associating with the wrong crowd. But Jesus knew that all communities are a mixture of the good and the bad, the crooked and the honest. Further still it is almost impossible at times to tell which is which. In the end Jesus is the one weeded out by the authorities and thrown onto the killing fields.

The message of the parable still challenges us today. It is not the place of the Church, or of any Christians, to judge other people. How often do we judge people without really knowing them or understanding them? It is God's part to judge, not ours. Paul underlines this point as he writes to the people at Corinth: "There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes." Paul, like Jesus, was aware that we can get it terribly wrong about people. There might be another story, another perspective, another time. After all Paul got it terribly wrong about Jesus when he went around weeding out his followers before he finally became one himself on the road to Damascus. Paul himself changed completely and became a real apostle even though members of the early Church had written him off completely. But if the final judgement is precisely that – final – the good hope is that there will be some changes before then. And that hope should never be denied to anyone, least of all by the followers of Jesus.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S



### MASSES

Anne Barnes, Terry Malley, Matthew Paul.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to St Joseph's church on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

### COFFEE MORNING

This week, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, there is a car boot sale in the Mather Room car park, in aid of Pensioners Link and refreshments will be on sale, so the Coffee Morning has been cancelled. Please feel free to go along and give them your support.

### 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 18 - We must overcome all forms of racism, of intolerance and of the instrumentalization of the human person.

Jul 16 - Let us be led by the Virgin Mary on the path that leads to the holy mountain that is Christ, where God and man meet.

### SUMMER SUNDAY MASSES

Mass times remain the same as usual in St Edmund Arrowsmith parish. Parishioners who may occasionally attend Mass in St Margaret Clitherow parish should note that they are going to have a trial run, during the month of August, of the following times for Sunday morning Mass:-

Holy Family church @ 8.45am.

St Richard's church @ 10.00am.

St Ambrose Barlow church @ 11.15am.

### Reflect:

In this week's readings, we are reminded that God's kingdom is made up of all sorts of people and we should not make a judgement about someone based solely on first impressions or appearance or on what we believe we know about them. Indeed, 'uprooting' people, judging or discriminating between different people actually harms our own growth. Do we sometimes have this attitude when we see images of others suffering on TV or hear about something in the news?

We are also offered words of consolation as Jesus reminds us in the parable of the mustard seed and in that of the yeast how seemingly small or insignificant actions can have a massive impact. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

### Pray: *Prayer of St Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

### Act:

Search out small things that you can do this week to help to grow the Kingdom of Heaven:

Smile at a stranger; hold open a door for someone; pick up some litter; feed the birds; pray for refugees; give to charity; recycle your waste ... and more!

### Challenge:

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the small amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Alternatively, if you do not have the time, find a video on YouTube which illustrates this!

## FEAST & MEMORIALS

### Saint James

The son of Zebedee and Salome, James is known as "the Greater" to distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less". He was the brother of John, the beloved disciple. James is thought to be one of the first disciples to join Jesus and he was one of only three apostles whom Jesus selected to bear witness to his Transfiguration. King Herod had James executed and he is believed to be the first of the twelve apostles martyred for his faith.

### Saints Joachim & Anne

Are the parents of Our Lady, they serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady.

### Saint Martha

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. They lived in the little town of Bethany near Jerusalem. They were dear friends of Jesus. St Martha had great faith in Jesus, she said "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world." We can ask St. Martha to give us a joyful attitude when we are doing difficult chores.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,900.07
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 538.42
Missions appeal	£ details not yet received

## 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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Ian Scholes, James Bond, Denis Warburton

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July & **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Our first full day in Fatima was spent having a tour of the area, especially the wonderful museum and slide show which told the story of Fatima. In the afternoon we attended Mass at the Apparitions Chapel, where Our Lady appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta, 100 years ago this year. In the evening we joined hundreds of other pilgrims from all over the world on the Rosary Procession. Even though the gathering was dwarfed by the size of the Rosary Square there were many, many people there and the procession was a great event. There were many opportunities to pray in Fatima, to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the place. It is certainly a very holy place and our first full day there was wonderful.

There is a page on our deanery website with some photos taken on our recent pilgrimage. It isn't complete yet so please get in touch if you have photos or narrative to be added.  
<http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk/15-events/99-pilgrimage-to-fatima>

## ARC Renewal Conference/Gathering

5<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:crolfemoore@hotmail.co)

## The Bridge at Leigh Community Cafe

Old Methodist School King St Leigh

Schools-Out

Holiday Breakfast Cafe

Bring your children to our  
holiday breakfast cafe,  
For a free breakfast

24<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August

Monday to Friday 10am - 11.30am

Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, beans on toast

Children must be with an adult

## The Bridge at Leigh Community Cafe, Food Market, Charity Boutique & Furniture

Volunteers needed, can you help?

If you can spare a few hours please call into the Bridge, more details on the poster at the back of church



*May we wish all the children,  
teachers and staff in all our schools  
a very happy  
and relaxing summer holiday!*



## 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 22 July

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Mary Ann Wilson

### Sun 23 July

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Deceased members of the Hallinan Family  
SH 9.30am MASS Clifford Evans (anniv.)  
StJ 10.30am MASS Margaret Aitchison (anniv.)  
OLR 11.00am MASS Aidan Newill L.D.

There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the pastoral area until September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Mon 24 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 16)

StJ 9.00am MASS Roger

### Tue 25 July

#### FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

SH NO MASS

### Wed 26 July

#### Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne

12A 10.00am MASS Peter McCoy (LD)  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Boone & Campbell Families

### Thu 27 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am MASS Fred Cooper (Birthday memorial)  
SH 12.00noon MASS Graham Smith R.I.P.

### Fri 28 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 10.00am MASS Agnes Freeman  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Monica Davies (Birthday memorial)

### Sat 29 July

#### Memorial of Saint Martha

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
OLR 12.00noon MASS Special intention  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Fisher

### Sun 30 July

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
SH 9.30am MASS Richard Hilton R.I.P.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Frances & James Clarke (Anniv.)  
OLR 11.00am MASS Edmund Martin L.D.

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**Sacred Heart Lottery** The numbers drawn on 14<sup>th</sup> July were 7, 20, 23. There was no winner of £124. The estimate for the 21<sup>st</sup> July jackpot was £148. 21<sup>st</sup> July was the last day of school term and the last lottery draw day until 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 290 M Roach, £5 No. 013 S Wilkinson, £3 No. 312 B Edwards, £2 No. 335 N Jones

**Bonus Ball** No. 23 R 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](mailto: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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