

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

29 October 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Most people like the comfort that comes from belonging, the sense of being attached to particular people and particular places. This sense of belonging can give shape to our identity and provide us with the security we need. Outside our small familiar world there are worlds of strangers, people who we either notice or ignore, depending on our likes and fears and prejudices. Strangers are people we do not know, outsiders defined by their difference and by the fact that they are “not one of us”. Often we fear that we don’t understand and therefore we distrust those whose background or race or belief is different from our own. The question is always one of association or segregation. Do we focus on what we share in common or do we always look at the way we differ from them?

In today’s First Reading we hear how the people of Israel were expected to treat the stranger: “You must not molest the stranger or oppress them, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.” The people of Israel had themselves been poor and strangers, and just as God had taken pity on them so they were now called to take pity on others in a similar situation. They were commanded: “If a stranger lives with you in your land ..... you must count him as one of your own and love him as you love yourself – for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 19:33-4). The Israelites were commanded to love the stranger as they loved themselves. The reason for this lay no further than their own experience. They were to look into their own hearts and remember the time when they were outsiders, when they were out of their element. Loving the stranger was something that had to be done because this is what God did: “It is he who sees justice done for the widow and the orphan, who loves the stranger and gives them food and clothing. Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 10:18).

In the Gospel Jesus speaks of the conquering power of love when he asks his followers, “You must love your neighbour as yourself.” As the Israelites were asked to love the stranger as themselves, so Christians are commanded to love their neighbour. The ultimate offer of hospitality is the offer of love. Often the real stranger is not the person we don’t know but the person we do not want to know, the person we refuse to love. That person could be a neighbour or a member of our own family.

We can all have strangers in our own house or our own parish, still waiting to be welcomed and loved. We are often scared to take people in because we are scared of being taken in ourselves. Hospitality, like everything else, has a price. Jesus knew this when he opened up his heart to receive people. The numbers of those wanting to see him grew very quickly. We can reject people if we like, but we will very soon become lonely people. We all need strangers and neighbours to test the quality of our mercy. When we respond, we have the assurance that we minister to Christ: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Christ still comes to us to in the form of a stranger seeking welcome. Let us pray that we may always recognize him in others.

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

Jesus said,  
“You must  
**LOVE**  
the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

You must love  
your neighbour  
as yourself.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Teresa Atherton, Doreen, Teresa Eckersley, Gerald Warren 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Deceased members of the Yates Family, Special Intention.

### MISSION BOXES XII APOSTLES & ST JOSEPH'S

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to St Joseph's Presbytery tomorrow, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be sold before and after both Masses at St Joseph's.

### COFFEE MORNING

Please note that on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, St Joseph's Coffee Morning will be cancelled. Please support the Car Boot Sale, refreshments are available, and support Pensioners' Link.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale shortly. Also available Baptism Gifts and cards.

#### CHRISTMAS DRAW

All donations for the Christmas Raffle will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### SACRED HEART

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available in the shop and on the display table at the back of church.

### PIOUS LISTS

The November Pious Lists are available at the back of each church for you to place the name of your relatives and friends who have died. Please put your list, along with your contribution in the envelope provided. The names of everyone on the lists will be placed on the altar at all Masses during November and they will be remembered during the Masses. Envelopes can be given in at the offertory or put into a box (if provided) in the church.



### THE STATUE

In November 1989, vandals broke into Our Lady of the Rosary School building and caused a fire which destroyed three classrooms, smaller rooms nearby and the school hall. After the fire, the firemen searched the gutted parts of the building for anything left undamaged and one of them came from the hall carrying the school's carved wooden Madonna and child statue. Everything else in the hall – piano, wallbars, etc had been incinerated in the intense heat. The statue, however, was blackened but intact, with no further damage to the fingers, garments or features of either the Madonna or Child. The statue had been standing on top of some wooden boxes containing small items of P.E. apparatus. The boxes and their contents were reduced to ash but the statue was found standing upright on the hall floor.

## FATIMA

As you know, we are celebrating the Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, where she gave an urgent message to the three children to pray the holy rosary and spread devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She asked the children to spread the message to all and for people to pray for the conversion of sinners. Let us all make a special effort to do as Our Lady asks in this special centenary year.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 26 - The culture of encounter means recognizing that we are all children of God, despite our differences.

Oct 25 - Be courageous witnesses to Christ in the places where you live and work.

Oct 24 - Let us all work together to promote peace among peoples and guarantee respect for human rights.

Oct 23 - Jesus gave us the light which shines in the darkness. Defend and protect this light: it is the greatest treasure entrusted to you.

Oct 22 - Today, as we remember Saint John Paul II, let us also recall his words: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!"

Oct 22 - On this day, let us remember that the Church is missionary by nature: mission is at the heart of Christian faith. #Missio

Oct 21 - The Church is truly alive if it is maternal and missionary and goes out to meet others.

Oct 20 - Let us bring the flame of Christ's love to humanity which needs true happiness and peace so much.

### RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

### S.V.P. MASS

On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November the Saint Vincent de Paul society will be gathering at a Mass to be celebrated for past and present members and their families. All are welcome at Sacred Heart church, Walmesley Road, Leigh at 7.00pm.

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Every Saturday the Padre Pio Prayer Group meet to pray together on Saturday morning in St Ambrose Barlow church at 10.00am. Please come along and join them in prayer.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,570.55  
APF World Missions £ n/a

Many thanks for your continued generosity.  
The retiring collection in all our churches next weekend will be on behalf of L.A.M.P. (the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project).

### SICK

Colette Allerston, David Belshaw, Eileen Boardman, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Haisley, Mary Heneghan, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Margaret Quinn, David Wood.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-  
Casper Marek Pietrzak, Elvis Brian McDonagh, Freya – Harper Heyes, Alex Robert James O'Dwyer.

### DECEASED

Jenny Dilijonas, Stephen Michael Berry.  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder that if you would like a loved one to be prayed on a particular date especially at one of the Sunday Masses, can 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.

### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Saint Mary's High School in Astley are holding a Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> between 5.30-8.00pm. Subject staff will be available to discuss and promote the courses. For further information please call 01942-884144 or email sixthformenquiries@smchs.org.uk

### Mozart's Requiem: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, 7pm, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Concluding the Metropolitan Cathedral's jubilee celebrations the choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral will join together to sing Mozart's Requiem. The choirs will be joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra and local soloists. The joint choirs and orchestra singing the Requiem will be conducted by the Cathedral's Director of Music, Christopher McElroy. Tickets for the concert (available on a first come, first served basis) are £20 for premium seats/£15 for standard seats and are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpoolmetmusic](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpoolmetmusic) or the Cathedral Shop on 0151 707 3525.

### EMBRACE LIVERPOOL

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 9.30am - 6.00pm**

Embrace is a one day, Catholic Youth Conference aimed at young people ages 14 - 25. It is a vibrant and exciting day of talks, workshops, praise and worship, times of prayer, Adoration and opportunity for reconciliation, with the day culminating with the celebration of Mass with Archbishop Malcolm, other bishops and priests. For more information or to book a place, please visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

The next meeting to organise the Christmas Fair will be held this Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm at St Joseph's church. Donations for the Tombola, Fancy Goods, Chocolates and Bottles are needed. Please take to your own churches.

## Abbey Funerals Leigh

are hosting a

**BINGO**



**Coffee Morning**



St Joseph's Hall  
Mather Lane

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
10am – 12pm

### THREE TOWNS IN CONCERT

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
**St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR**  
Taking you on a trip to Broadway and the West End with a variety of Songs from the Shows,  
Popular and Classical Music in a relaxed cabaret setting

Tickets £10 Contact **01942 605369 or 676594**  
Also available at The Baby Centre, 15 Queen Street,  
Leigh WN7 4NQ **01942 665615**  
[www.thethreetowns.net](http://www.thethreetowns.net)

### CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
St Joseph's Mather Room & Car Park  
Gates open at 9.00am  
To book a pitch, please ring 07914 518581  
Some indoor pitches available £8 (tables provided)  
Outdoor pitches £6 (tables not provided)  
Refreshments available  
Event well advertised throughout the borough  
All proceeds will go to Pensioners Link

### PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This year's Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart church on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. In this Mass we remember all our departed loved ones, especially those who have died in the last twelve months.

### ADVENT IS COMING ...

There's adverts with promises of suites and carpets to be delivered by Christmas, the tubs of Roses chocolates are in the shops, the wrapping paper and cards are being stacked high ... But what about our spiritual preparation? Be truly Christmas-ready by taking part in our Advent Reflections, 3.00pm in the Green Room at St Joseph's.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - We Just Don't Know  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Are We There Yet?  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Happy Days

### SAY NO TO DOORSTEP CRIME

There are many forms of Doorstep Crime/Scams and the Trading Standards Office want to make everyone aware so that they don't fall victim to them. There are leaflets at the back of church with information about Doorstep Crime and help in finding a Trader you can trust through Wigan Council's Good Trader Scheme. Please take a leaflet and a sticker for your window and take one for anyone you know who might be vulnerable and easy pray for con men.

## 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 28 October

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Henry L.D.

### Sun 29 October

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS Joan Ganley R.I.P.

SH 9.30am

MASS Agnes Coleman anniv.

StJ 10.30am

MASS John Topping (Birthday memorial)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Ian Scholes L.D.

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

### Mon 30 October

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 30)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Mary Taylor

### Tue 31 October

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.45pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Jenny Dilijonas

12A 2.00pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Steven Michael Berry

SH 7.00pm

VIGIL MASS of Wednesday Thom. Reape

### Wed 1 November

#### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

##### Holyday of Obligation

12A 10.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Phyllis Bailey

OLR 7.00pm

MASS Jean Ramsdale (anniv.)

### Thu 2 November

#### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

StJ 9.00am

MASS J.T. Jones

SH 12.00noon

MASS Stanley Woods (anniv.)

### Fri 3 November

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

(OLR) 10.00am

MASS at MOSS BANK COURT the Hill family

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Joseph Green

### Sat 4 November

#### Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

SH 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Tommy Briars L.D.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Thompson

### Sun 5 November

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am

MASS Marion Woodward R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Thanksgiving for 61 years marriage

OLR 11.00am

MASS Tom Rasburn (anniv.)

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 492, B Ryan; £5, 366, M Houghton; £3, 353, C & T Ellis; £2, 453, M Moore.

**Bonus Ball** No. 32 D Davies



### 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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