

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 5 November 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

In today's society great emphasis is often put on appearances. The image is everything. Even certain music groups gain success over others because of their image and looks, not necessarily because their music is any better. People everywhere can put on a front. But deep down appearances can be deceptive. A castle, for example, can look wonderful from a distance. It can stand on a hilltop dominating the surrounding countryside. Yet go closer, or even have a look in the castle, and it can be a shambles. The building can be little more than a shell. How deceptive appearances can be.

So it was with the scribes and Pharisees in today's Gospel, and just about every other Gospel they appear in. On the outside they appeared to be good and holy people, but inside some of them were anything but. This is a danger that so many of us can face. Sometimes we can have a public face, but keep our real selves hidden from view. Why do people do this? Perhaps we are scared of getting hurt or being rejected. Perhaps because most of us get our self-worth from what others think of us we keep our inner selves hidden. Hence, in our need for approval, acceptance, and status, we may promote the outer self at the expense of our inner self. Sometimes we try to be people we are not.

Jesus was always able to see beyond the outward appearances. He was able to look behind the masks. He saw good in people when others didn't, such as the Samaritan woman at the well, Zacchaeus climbing up the tree, and most of the disciples for that matter. Thus he looked at the Scribes and Pharisees and saw a pious exterior. But on looking deeper he saw, sadly, that beneath the religious pomp and show, they were hollow inside. On the other hand, it gave him great joy when he found a person who was very genuine. He gladly accepted Peter because he knew that in spite of his obvious faults his heart was in the right place. Even though the Gospel today reminds us of one of Jesus' many encounters with the religious authorities, it tells us that we can be ourselves with God. We don't have to put on a false front with him – he would see through it anyway. But we can be ourselves because God loves us for we are all his children.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Fred Cooper, John Davey, Frank Duff & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Teresa Eckersley, Brian Griffin, Norman Hewitt, Mr & Mrs Hoare, Derek Kedward, Gerald Noon, Joan Noon, Marlene O'Neill, Special Birthday Intentions.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

### COFFEE MORNING

Please note that today, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, St Joseph's Coffee Morning has been 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.

#### COFFEE MORNING

Tear & Coffee will be served after Mass today. Everyone welcome.

#### THANK YOU

Cath Ellis would like to say a big thank you to all those who attended Roy's funeral Mass, gave Mass intentions, sympathy cards and donated generously during her sad loss. A special word of thanks to the residents of Moss Bank Ct for their friendship and generosity. All private donations will be given for the benefit of parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary church. God bless you all.

#### 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.

##### CHRISTMAS DRAW

Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses. Please support.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.



#### Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 2 - We are all small and defenceless before the mystery of death, but what a grace if at that moment we keep in our heart the flame of faith!

Nov 1 - Dear friends, the world needs saints and we are all called to holiness without exception. Don't be afraid!

Oct 31 - May the Virgin Mary help us to take the first step each day in order to build peace in love, justice and truth.

Oct 30 - Learn from wonder; nurture astonishment. Live, love, believe. And, with the grace of God, never despair.

Oct 29 - I invite you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ in order to learn from Him how to love with all your heart.

Oct 28 - Remember the sufferings of every person in your heart. Then bring them all to God in your prayers.

Oct 27 - God loves us with a love so rich in mercy that He constantly welcomes us, protects and forgives us.

#### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

#### 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.

#### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2018

Staying in the Anglican Shrine due to renovations. Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Adults £220. £40 deposit needed as soon as possible to secure a place. Please see Margaret Hawkins or Therese Thompson.

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November in St Joseph's Parish Hall.

All donations are welcome for Tombola, Bottle Stall, Fancy Goods, Mugs and items for a hamper. Contributions from Local Businesses welcome.

Please take all donations to your local church. Cakes can be brought on the day.

#### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Saint Mary's High School in Astley are holding a Sixth Form Open Evening this 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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,917.82

APF World Missions £ n/a

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The retiring collection in all our churches this 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.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-  
Ruby Rose Carrighar-Kearns

### DECEASED

Jack Monaghan, Joan Kinder, David Wood

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



#### Reflect:

Today's Gospel can make uncomfortable reading for us as it asks several challenging questions. Do we practise what we preach or do we have double standards? Do we carry the trappings of faith on the outside, but are indifferent to the Word of God inwardly? Do we have a sense of expectancy of what is right for us and do not take into account the rights of others? Are we slaves to 'image' requiring the latest brand, the newest gadget, the best item available?

#### Pray:

Lord, you tell us that the greatest is the one who serves, that is, the person who uses his or her gifts for the benefit of others, whose whole life is dedicated to making this world a better place for others to live in. Give us the strength and wisdom to recognise what is right and just for all and to live our lives in accordance with your dream for humankind. We ask this through Jesus, Our Lord, Amen.

#### Act:

Stop before you buy – do you really need that latest version, that logo'd item or could the money you might spend be put to better use elsewhere for the benefit of others?

#### Challenge:

Jesus challenges those in power. Are there unjust laws or situations in our own lives which require challenging? Can you bring this to the attention of your local councillor or MP?

## 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)

## 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

## SONGS WE REMEMBER

Come and join our sing-a-long  
Are you living with dementia or caring for someone who is?  
Do you like singing?  
Would you like to make new friends?  
All are welcome!

St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Rd  
Waterloo, L22 1RD

2.00 - 3.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Followed by afternoon tea and biscuits.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 4 November

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

### Mon 6 November

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 31)

StJ 9.00am MASS Ronald Gore (anniv.)

### Tue 7 November

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon MASS Julia Cain Special Intention  
 StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL SERVICE Joan Kinder

### Wed 8 November

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am MASS Maria McCoy L.D.  
 StJ 12.00noon MASS Kath Trundle R.I.P.  
 SH 7.00pm MASS Past & present S.V.P. members & families. All welcome

### Thu 9 November

#### FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

StJ 9.00am MASS Elizabeth Agnes & Laurence Palmer (anniv.)  
 SH 12.00noon MASS Nora Pemberton (anniv.)

### Fri 10 November

#### Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

OLR 10.00am MASS Joseph Green  
 StJ 12.00noon MASS Pauline Reynolds (anniv.)

### Sat 11 November

#### Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
 OLR 12.00noon MASS Francis Edward Nolan  
 12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Henry

### Sun 12 November

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Remembrance Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Geoff Martland L.D.  
 SH 9.30am MASS Valdemars Stradins (anniv.)  
 StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington (Birthday memorial)  
 OLR 11.00am MASS Sid Woodcock  
 StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 155, N Jones; £5, 437, B Woods; £3, 406, N Jones; £2, 370, 1 Betty.

**Bonus Ball** No. 53 Mrs Edwards



### 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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