

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 12 November 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Herbert Hoover served as President of the USA from 1929 until 1933, and was in office during the Great Depression. His encouragement of big business led to a handful of companies, including Standard Oil, controlling a large proportion of the country's wealth. The Wall Street crash on 29 October 1929 indicated the failure of this policy, and the subsequent depression revealed Hoover's lack of political foresight. He believed the setback was only temporary. Not surprisingly, he was decisively beaten in the 1932 presidential election. Years later, speaking with the voice of experience, he reflected, "Wisdom consists not so much in knowing what to do in the ultimate as in knowing what to do next." Wisdom is the theme of two of the readings this weekend. In the First Reading, Wisdom is personified as the mysterious woman who is never far from those who look for her. She is portrayed, not as a rare and elusive being, but as a resource within everyone's reach. Like common sense, she is invisible to those who don't expect to find wisdom at the heart of experience.

When it comes to wisdom, many people can shy away from it in the belief that it is the concern of others. But if wisdom is all about knowing what to do next, it clearly concerns all of us. The parable of the ten bridesmaids and their oil lamps in today's Gospel confirms this view. The Gospel story about a small oil crisis in the Middle East tells us of five bridesmaids who are accounted as being foolish precisely because they weren't prepared for what happened next. In the story it would seem that the bride awaits the arrival of the bridegroom at her own home. Her friends, acting as bridesmaids, are to meet the bridegroom when he arrives with his friends, then will join the whole party at the bridegroom's house where the wedding feast will be celebrated. But, as happens at many weddings, there is a hitch, and it is the bridegroom who is late. All ten bridesmaids have lamps and the lamps have oil. Five of the bridesmaids, however, have no reserve supply of oil. They are unprepared for any delay. The wisdom of the five wise bridesmaids consisted in doing what was expected of them, in being prepared for the bridegroom's arrival.

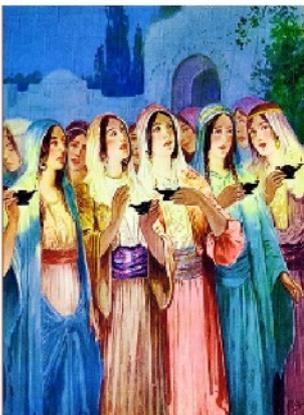
The message of the Gospel is clear. If we live out our faith to the full, we have no reason to fear the unexpected coming of Christ. As the Fourteenth Century mystic, Meister Eckhart once said, "Wisdom consists in doing the next thing you have to do, doing it with your whole heart, and finding delight in doing it." As we approach the great season of Advent very soon, let us pray that we will enjoy and live to the full each day that God blesses us with, and pray for the wisdom to recognize his work in everything and the fact that he is with us always, until the end of time.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Stephen Aspden, Teresa Atherton, Tony Broster, Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Ann Daley, John Davey, Norman Hewitt, Alan & Eileen Hogan, Catherine Hourigan, James & Ann Marsh, Delia Reilly, Eileen West, David Wood, Thanksgiving - Divine Mercy Our Lady, Thanksgiving - St Jude

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

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

### THANK YOU

Gerald Warren would like to thank everyone who sent cards & presents and expressed their good wishes, on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now on sale at the back of Church. Also available Baptism Gifts and cards.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

All donations for the Christmas Raffle will be very much appreciated, groceries for our Christmas Hamper and bottles for the Bottle Hamper. Thank you.

## SACRED HEART

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are 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.

### COFFEE MORNING

The second Sunday of the month is our regular time for tea and coffee after Mass. Please stay today and greet friends old and new.

### THANK YOU

Mary Heneghan would like to thank everyone for their good wishes during her recent illness. Thank you for all your kindness.

## TWELVE APOSTLES

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Thank you very much to all the ladies and Terry, who have cleaned Twelve Apostles church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## 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.

## GREETINGS CARD CAMPAIGN

It is that time of year again when we remember some of those imprisoned unjustly, especially those gaoled and/or in danger of torture for their beliefs, and send them a greetings card to let them know that they are not forgotten. Due to their situation, we are advised, in most cases, to send non-religious cards and in previous years it has been difficult to find meaningful cards to send. This year we are very fortunate that a young, local student and artist, Liz Atherton, has designed some cards especially for this campaign. These, together with the details of the prisoners and a stamped envelope, will be on sale at the back of church after all Masses next weekend, November 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, for a suggested donation of £1.50 to cover the cost of the card and postage.

Please support this if you can and send a message of hope at Christmas. Thank you.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 9 - May a culture of encounter always be promoted that is able to bring down the walls which still divide the world.

Nov 8 - Only faith can transform the end of our earthly life into the beginning of eternal life.

Nov 7 - Jesus of Nazareth walks at our side and introduces us, by his words and the signs he performs, to the great mystery of the Father's love.

Nov 6 - War always causes serious damage to the environment. We must not mistreat our common home, but take care of it for future generations.

Nov 5 - Christ was victorious over death. He is our resurrection and our life. Be witnesses to this message of hope.

Nov 4 - The Church needs faithful people who proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm and wisdom, instilling hope and faith.

Nov 3 - When we pray, we need to have the courage of faith. Have trust that the Lord hears us!

## 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.

## 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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	£1,766.53
APF World Missions	£ 530.84
L.A.M.P.	£ 469.33

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### SICK

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

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-  
Lily Ann Bergin,

### DECEASED

Winifred Keeley, Jack Monaghan, Eileen West  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

### GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Joyce & Danny Harrison, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.



#### Reflect:

In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus. We are also told of the importance of seeking wisdom. This is very different from seeking knowledge and requires us to be in touch with our deepest thoughts and feelings, awake to the urges of God within us who opens our eyes to his truth.

#### Pray:

Lord,  
May your words be like a lamp that lights my way.  
May your love be like a compass that gives me direction.  
May your truth be like a signpost bringing clarity.  
May your peace be like a measure that guides my decisions.  
May your hope be like a flag that declares I walk with you.  
May your words be in my mind,  
Your love guide my feet,  
Your truth be a sign,  
Your peace be a measure,  
And your hope be a flag,  
As I walk close to you at this time.  
Amen.

Read more: [http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers\\_before/prayer\\_for\\_wisdom.html#ixzz4xqNiMELt](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/prayer_for_wisdom.html#ixzz4xqNiMELt)

#### Act:

Winter is upon us. What will you do to ensure that you stay warm and safe AND protect the environment at the same time? A few suggestions: Set your central heating thermostat 1 degree lower than you usually do. Switch off lights in rooms not in use. Wear an extra jumper. Close the curtains as soon as it is getting dark to conserve heat.

#### Challenge:

The deanery is collecting warm winter clothing for those who find themselves living on the streets. Most of us will have at least one item of clothing that we no longer use. Place these in a bag for the Barnabus Project collection in the church porches.

## 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.

### 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.threetowns.net](http://www.threetowns.net)

### 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.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

Back by popular Demand

### SILHOUETTE

St Joseph's Parish Hall

Chapel St, Leigh

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 7.30pm

Tickets £8 available from Spectrum Blinds  
(inside Stones Carpets) or Pensioners Link  
All proceeds to Leigh & Wigan Pensioners Link.

**Grand Raffle & Bar**

## 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 11 November

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

### Mon 13 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 32)*

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Jack Monaghan

### Tue 14 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 9.00am MASS David Brown R.I.P.  
SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Winifred Keeley

### Wed 15 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Eileen Mary West

### Thu 16 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 9.00am MASS Derek Kedward (anniv.)  
SH 12.00noon MASS Agnes Coleman (anniv.)

### Fri 17 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 12.00noon MASS Pious List

### Sat 18 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

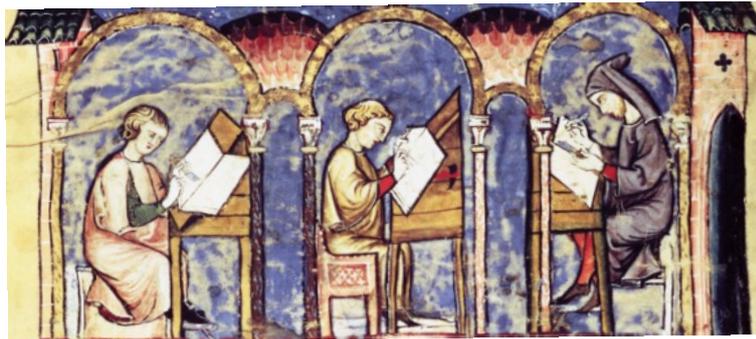
StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Joyce & Danny Harrison Golden Wedding  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Maria McCoy L.D.

### Sun 19 November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Maurice Gallagher (anniv.)  
SH 9.30am MASS Caitlin Bradbury L.D.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Vernon Byrne (anniv.)  
OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 418 N Jones, £5 No. 262 C & T Ellis, £3 No. 367 M Roach, £2 No. 222 K Jones

**Bonus Ball** No. 57 K Shacklock



### 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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