

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 19 November 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Once a reunion took place of past pupils of a famous school run by a religious order. An elderly priest, who had come back to be present at the reunion, found himself surrounded by a host of former pupils, most of whom he hadn't seen since they left school many years earlier. It was obvious from the way they flocked to meet him that he enjoyed great respect from them. He received them with graciousness. Then, without the slightest prompting from him, they began to pour out their stories. One was an architect who had built a number of public buildings, including two churches. Another was a University professor who had written several books. Another was the head of a business company which had branches in over a dozen countries. Another was a highly successful farmer. Another was a Monsignor in the Church. Another was the principal of a very prestigious school. The old priest listened with pleasure to the impressive litany of successes and achievements. There didn't seem to be a single failure or loser among them. If there were any such people among the ranks of his past pupils, it was obvious that they hadn't shown up at the reunion. As they told their stories he said very little, contenting himself with nodding his head and smiling. When they had finished he complimented them on their achievements. Then, looking at them with affection, he said, "And now, tell me what you have made of yourselves?" A long silence followed. They were reluctant to talk about themselves. It seemed that they were so absorbed with their careers that they had neglected everything and everyone else in their lives. Their energies were so focused on efficiency and success that they never had any time for personal happiness. The Spanish painter, Picasso, once said, "It's not what an artist does that matters, but what he or she is."

People may have done great things in their public lives but failed in their private lives and have never really been completely happy. How many musicians and artists over the centuries appeared to have everything in terms of talents and gifts, but inside they were really unhappy? There are so very many, too many to name. Most people who are successful in such a way often struggle to be happy away from what it is that they do. Their successes are often achieved at the expense of their personal happiness.

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about three people who were given different talents. He commends the first two because they used their talents. But he criticizes the third because he buries his talent. When Jesus talks about talents, we must not think he means something like a musical talent or a sporting talent. Such talents are important, and all credit to those who possess them, develop them and use them. But they are outrageously over-valued and over-rewarded in our times. Jesus' parable goes much deeper. Ultimately the only thing that really matters is what we make of ourselves. However, we can be mistaken if we think the Gospel is about making something for ourselves in a materialistic sense, though this is not ruled out. The woman in the First Reading this weekend could hardly be described as being either successful or famous. Yet she is held up as a model of virtue. Why? Because of the kind of person she is... industrious, caring, wise, and virtuous. She possesses something more valuable than wealth or beauty. She possesses a loving heart. She has put her talents at the service of her family, her neighbours and the poor and needy. Hence, she has the respect of the entire community.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with our life is our gift to God.

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The Parable  
of the  
Talents



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Carolyn Andrea Burke, Frank & Madaline Davies, Teresa Eckersley, Betty Gregory, Eileen Hurst, John Monaghan, Patrick Rafter, Benjamin & David Robinson, Special Intention

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to Gemma from Abbey's for arranging the coffee morning to raise money for the new crib figures. The coffee morning raised £40. Thank you, all who supported it.

### 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.

### 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

Many thanks to all those who have donated to the Christmas Raffle. Some of the prizes will be going to the Christmas Fair at St Joseph's, which is a joint effort for all the churches.

### 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we welcome Year 5 and Year 1 children and their families to our 9.30am Mass.

### PIOUS LISTS

The November Pious Lists are still 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 are being 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 this 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 16 - Poverty is not an accident. It has causes that must be recognized and removed for the good of so many of our brothers and sisters.

Nov 15 - Faith is a great life companion, allowing us to feel the presence of a Father who never leaves His creatures alone.

Nov 14 - Nothing and nobody can block the light that Christ puts in our hearts and on the face of His friends.

Nov 13 - A Christian can never be a pessimist!

Nov 12 - We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those most in need.

Nov 11 - Let us remember in our prayers all those who, with dedication and spirit of sacrifice, care for those who are ill.

Nov 10 - Science expresses its full dignity when it serves the integral development of the person and the human family.

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

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

**Please do not bring books, CD's, DVD's, handbags or brick-a-brack.** 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)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,617.19

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The retiring collection at all Masses next weekend will be in support of *Animate Youth*.

### SICK

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:-  
James Michael Grainey, Alaina Yates, Georgia Hope Moore, Eva Louise Fishburn

### DECEASED

Stanley Walmesley, Annie Whalley

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



#### Reflect:

The currency of the kingdom of heaven is about what we have been given, that can be put to good use. And put to good use, not so that we might get the benefit – but that the harvest might produce an abundance for others. Can we be faithful and use what we have not to build ourselves up, but to reach out to others; not to separate ourselves from them, but to deepen the communion between us?

(Homily notes [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk))

#### Pray:

Loving God,  
Open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty.

Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed.  
Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion.

Pour out on us your grace,  
so that we may grow as your faithful people,  
always seeking your kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

#### Act:

There are opportunities in our own church community to support those who are struggling. Read the newsletter to find examples of how you can help and take action.

#### Challenge:

There are many people in our own country and overseas living in poverty. Today we are invited to respond to their needs. How will you get involved with some of the following groups of people:

Those living in poverty in our local area, The homeless

## WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR

*Let us love, not with words but with deeds*

The Holy Father recently instituted the "WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR" as a new event in the liturgical calendar. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

On this World Day we are called to love and share with the poorest amongst us, and bear witness to Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

In our communities, we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers.

ers. Pope Francis also asks us to pray together, especially the *Our Father*.

In his message for the first World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to unite in love, in acts of service to one another and in genuine encounter.

*"It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."*

*Pope Francis*

## Annual CAFOD Liverpool Memorial Mass

for the relatives and friends of deceased supporters of CAFOD will take place as the normal Saturday Vigil Mass on **Saturday 25 November at 5.30pm at Sacred Heart, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 3BP** and you are most welcome to attend. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available afterwards.

## 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 12.00 noon

Tickets £8 available from Spectrum Blinds

(inside Stones Carpets) or Pensioners Link

All proceeds to Leigh & Wigan Pensioners Link.

**Grand Raffle & Bar**

## St Mary's Christmas Party

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

St Mary's 6<sup>th</sup> Form would like to invite senior members of the parish to their annual Christmas Party.

Refreshments and entertainment  
raffle and bingo

Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to go

## 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 18 November

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

### Mon 20 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 33)

StJ 12.00noon MASS George Millward (anniv.)

### Tue 21 November Memorial: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

StJ 9.00am MASS Brian Griffin (anniv.)  
 SH 12.00noon MASS Teresa Eckersley L.D.  
 StJ 7.00pm MASS for Catenians in the Green Room

### Wed 22 November Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

12A 10.00am MASS John Hankinson L.D.  
 StJ 12.00noon MASS Boon & Campbell Families  
 StJ 2.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE Stanley Walmesley

### Thu 23 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon MASS Tony Freeman L.D.

### Fri 24 November Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

SH 10.00am MASS Teresa Atherton L.D. with Y5 & Y1 children, in church, all welcome  
 StJ 12.00noon MASS Steven Naylor (anniv.)

### Sat 25 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation  
 12A 12.00noon MASS John Robinson  
 12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Roy Ellis L.D.

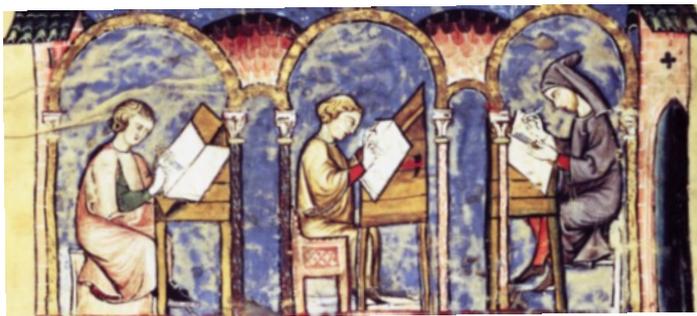
### Sun 26 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

#### Youth Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS Thanksgiving Successful Operation  
 SH 9.30am MASS Thomas Reape L.D.  
 StJ 10.30am MASS Mandy Barwick (anniv.)  
 OLR 11.00am MASS William & Catherine Flynn (anniv.)  
 StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10, 352, C & T Ellis; £5, 183, A Sharkie; £3, 164, F Hilton; £2, 300, C Ellis.

**Bonus Ball** No. 54 M Dooley



### 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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