

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 21 January 2018



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

“Hacksaw Ridge” is an Oscar winning film telling the extraordinary true story of Desmond Doss, a war hero who refused to carry a gun and kill people. He was the first conscientious objector to win the Medal of Honor, the USA’s most prestigious military award, for his heroism as a medic during the Second World War. During battles in the Pacific the 26 year old risked his life again and again, carrying his injured companions to safety. He did this without ever carrying a weapon. He said this would go against his Christian faith. He took his faith very seriously. He took the commandment “Thou shalt not kill” to mean that, although he would serve his country, he could not take the life of another person. He was wounded himself in the battlefield whilst carrying injured troops to safety but always put others first. He was a man of peace even in times of war. His belief that he was called by God to a life of nonviolence amidst the killing going on around him led him on a new and inspirational path in life.

Lots of different happenings or events can influence people to switch from one way of life to another. In today’s Gospel we hear of four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James and John – who leave their fishing nets behind when Jesus calls them to follow him. They left behind their daily routine at the Sea of Galilee as soon as they heard the call to a new way of life. God has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routine. This was also the experience of Jonah in today’s First Reading. He was sent on a mission by God to the city of Nineveh. When these men accepted the invitation, their lives were changed forever. God’s call led them into an uncertain but inspirational future.

Whatever our lives are like at the moment, however we spend our time, whatever circumstances affect our usual way of living, there is within our lives Jesus’ call to “follow”. It is the call to take part in God’s saving work and to help build up his Kingdom. This work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting life in a new direction and experiencing that our own story of life is connected to a much larger story of life, God’s story. We are all part of God’s story. It happens in the casting and mending of nets. It happens in the context of our everyday lives and activities: work, school, families, relationships and every decision that we make every day of our lives. These are the times and places when we can think of our faith and allow Jesus to call us to a new way of being ourselves.

The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. If we take Christian discipleship seriously then it can be a challenging path. It was not easy for the first disciples and it isn’t very easy for us today. In other words, to follow Jesus is to follow the one who turns the world upside down. Christian discipleship is the commitment to live a Gospel life, a marginal life in this place, at this time, whatever the cost. True discipleship takes the side of those who are poor, minorities, outcasts, people who are sometimes reviled or rejected. True discipleship means being a witness for justice and peace even in situations of injustice or war. When we enter into our callings we have no idea how it will end up. we choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us. What might God be asking you to leave behind? What is standing in the way of you following Jesus today? The call to follow Jesus is the call to be a disciple. Christ is calling all of us to follow him. How will we respond?

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and
Our Lady of the
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Phillip John Aldred, Kitty Clarke, Eveline Donohue, William Fairclough, Tommy Graine, Dennis Jackson, Ashlene McLoughlin, Ellen McMullen, Mary Sutton, Sylvia Withington,

RED BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 22nd January. Thank you.

SACRED HEART

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Please check your tickets bought at church. Two prizes remain unclaimed - Green 331-335 & Pink 956-960.

TWELVE APOSTLES

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Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading we hear how the apostles are called to discipleship. One of the striking points of the reading is the way in which the apostles followed Jesus instantaneously. There are no questions asked and no 'I just need to go and...' words spoken. What was it about Jesus that commanded such a response of faith, trust and commitment? Is it possible for each of us to respond to Jesus in the same way without hesitation or is there something in our lives that holds us back from that leap of faith?

Pray:

Loving Creator,
Transform our hearts so that we
Walk more humbly
Live more simply
And become the change we wish to see in the world.

(Kieran O'Brien 'livesimply a CAFOD resource for living...' CAFOD)

Act:

How can we live lives of faith that demonstrate our trust in God. Can we let go of those material things that bind us and place ourselves in God's hands to be led where his Spirit leads us? Find one thing to let go of this week, it may be: something we long for which we don't really need; an item of clothing which we could pass to someone in greater need than ourselves; time to ourselves which may be instead be spent with someone who needs comforting or support.

Challenge:

We can only respond to God's call if we can hear it. Take time out each day this week to really listen to God.

ROME PILGRIMAGE 18th - 22nd June 2018

We are pleased to confirm that this is going ahead as we have already 22 people booked. Details and booking forms are available in the Church porches. Alternatively please contact Des: 07973114365



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Jan 17 - Listening to religious teaching or learning a doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived.

Jan 16 - We pray to God for the courage to ask forgiveness and to learn how to listen to what he is saying to us.

Jan 15 - I ask you to accompany me on my journey to Chile and Peru in your prayers.

Jan 14 - We should work to accommodate, to protect, to promote and to integrate whoever is forced to leave their own home and undergo moments of real difficulty.

Jan 13 - We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice.

Jan 12 - The encounter with God and our brothers and sisters cannot wait just because we are slow or lazy. We are called to that encounter today!

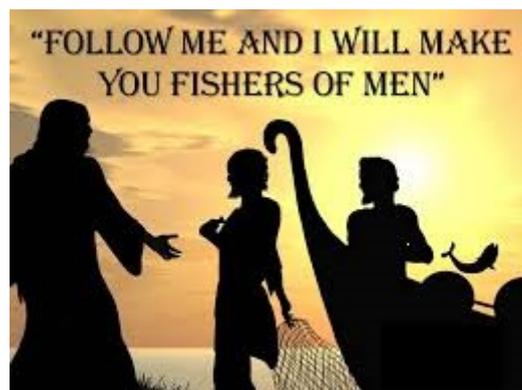
ORDINARY TIME WINTER

Until Lent begins we are asked to pray for these intentions:- Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

Peace Day	14 January
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18-25 January
Racial Justice Day	28 January
Day for Victims of Trafficking	8 February
World Day for the Sick	11 February
Day of the Unemployed	11 February
(Ash Wednesday is on	14 February 2018)

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will take place at Holy Family church house (Chaddock Lane, Boothstown) this Wednesday, 24th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome to contribute *livesimply* ideas.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,574.63
S.P.U.C. White Flower Appeal £ not yet available

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Eileen Boardman, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Haisley, Alan & Doreen Lowe.

DECEASED

Irene Forsyth, Sarah Fullerton, Margaret Owens, Teresa Pilkington, Mary Sutton

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

REFUGEE CRISIS

There are more people on the move than ever before. Every minutes, twenty people around the world are newly displaced. Half of the world's refugees are children and thousands take flight without the protection of parents or other family members.

According to the UN, more than a million refugees had crossed into Europe by the end of 2015. The majority were fleeing conflict in Syria, Afghanistan and elsewhere. The desperate plight of people seeking safety in Europe continues, and the UN reports that more than 170,000 refugees and migrants reached Europe by sea in 2017.

However, most people on the move are from poor countries, and most seek safety in nearby developing countries or within their own country's borders. The communities who welcome them are often struggling to survive themselves.

Whilst the number of refugees entering Europe fell in 2016, the number of casualties increased. In 2016, 5,096 people died or went missing whilst trying to enter Europe, and more than 3,081 people lost their lives in 2017.

In 2018 we are campaigning on the refugee crisis through our new *Share the Journey* campaign.

War, persecution, natural disaster and poverty force millions of people from their homes.

As a development charity, CAFOD campaigns to tackle poverty and injustice. We are campaigning for refugees and migrants to be protected and treated with dignity because they are often among the poorest and most vulnerable.

People who are already vulnerable – including women, children, the elderly or disabled people – are the ones who face the greatest hardship when they leave their homes. They need special protection.

We are also inspired by Pope Francis, who has challenged world leaders to do more for the protection of refugees and migrants.

The Catholic community in England and Wales has already shown its desire to reach out to refugees and migrants, through practical support and prayer. In 2016, over 40,000 adults and children sent messages of hope to refugees, inspired by the Lampedusa cross.

What is the Share the Journey campaign on refugees and migration calling for?

CAFOD is urging the UK government to step up and defend the human dignity of migrants and refugees by putting it at the heart of the UN agreements. This means pushing for agreements which:

Respect human dignity, giving rights to citizenship and work
Protect the vulnerable, especially children, older and disabled people

Support host countries, especially in the developing world, who welcome a large number of refugees
Keep families together and enable divided families to reunite in safety

Tackle the reasons why people migrate, such as conflict and climate change.

To get involved and sign the CAFOD petition visit www.cafod.org.uk



St Joseph's Players
Present Their 2018 Pantomime

Cinderella

Directed by Doreen Johnson & Pauline Nevell

Wednesday 24th January to 3rd February

Tickets £5 on the 24th, 25th & 31st January
Matinees & evening performances £10 adults £5
under 16 years. Box Office Spectrum Blinds
(inside Stones Carpets) Chapel St, Leigh



ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS REFRESHMENT STAFF

We are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments during our pantomime, which runs from 24th January - 3rd February. We would be more than happy to hear from anyone who is willing to come along and help out. For further details, please contact Maureen on 01942 396485. Thank you.

Leigh Catenians Association

invite you to a

Ladies Evening Dinner Dance

Starring local vocalist Steven Green

At the Masonic Hall, Leigh,

Friday 23rd February 2018,

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Full three course dinner plus dancing,
formal dress.

Price £30 per person

All enquiries to Maurice McCarthy 01942 518895

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OLR = Our Lady of the Rosary

Sat 20 January

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY McArt family

Sun 21 January

StJ 8.30am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

SH 9.30am

MASS Tommy Parkes (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OLR 11.00am

MASS Kitty & Ernest Clarke

MASS Eileen West L.D.

Mon 22 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 3)

StJ 9.00am

MASS James & Ann Marsh

Tue 23 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon

MASS Paddy Barr

Wed 24 January

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

12A 10.00am

MASS (with school year 5) Winifred Robinson

StJ 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Mary Sutton

Thu 25 January

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

StJ 9.00am

MASS St Jude

SH 12.00noon

MASS Teresa Atherton L.D.

Fri 26 January

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

SH 10.00am

MASS (with school year 3) Norah Heneghan L.D.

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth

Sat 27 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS John Robinson

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 28 January

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Racial Justice Day

StJ 8.30am

MASS Eileen & Alan Hogan (R.I.P.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Frances Shortis

StJ 10.30am

MASS Julie Costello & Family (Sp. Int.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Malcolm Powell L.D.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10

Bonus Ball No.



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 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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