

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Yr B) 25 March 2018



Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

REFLECTION

The Gospel story, told by Mark, tells us the story of Jesus, the just man, of his life journey and his arrest, unjust condemnation and death on a cross. Today we hear that story told again and we witness the injustice of it, the unfairness of it and the cruelty of it. The man who lived in the light is arrested in the dark. The man who spoke openly sees his words twisted and used against him. The man who honoured every person he met is brutally treated and taken out to die. There is a powerful witness to all this. A centurion, a Roman soldier charged with executing the orders of the governor, Pilate, and overseeing the legal execution of this man, Jesus. He watches as his junior soldiers have their fun with the prisoner, mocking him and abusing him. He leads the procession through the streets of Jerusalem and observes the demeanour of this unfortunate man. At the place of execution he organizes the process and forms the guard to contain the proceedings, and then he stands there and watches this man slowly die. But as the sky darkens and the taunts of the crowd grow weaker, this Roman officer begins to realize that the man whose death he is charged to oversee is not any ordinary man. Though cruelly tormented and about to lose his life, the man on the cross is more alive than any person ever was. When he finally breathes his last breath, the soldier is forced to cry out, "In truth this man was a Son of God."

We tell this story and continue to tell it because it is the story of every person in this world. It is the story of the just person who seeks to live an honourable life, who meets with suffering and with cruelty, with injustices in a flawed society. It is the story of how the just person perseveres in goodness despite any setbacks and opposition, and seeks the face of God. This is how life is in a fallen world. The forces of darkness are very real. The darkened sky over Calvary, where Jesus died, tells us to prepare ourselves for difficult times, and the way Christ died teaches us how to live our daily lives today. Jesus did not resign himself to being taken and put to death. He took a dark situation and faced it and remained true to his father's will to the very end. The centurion witnessed the power of a truly good man. Now in our turn, by the Lord's grace, we too follow the way of the crucified one. So that people today may look at us and say, "In truth this person is truly a child of God."

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Edwin Belch, Violet Brown, Eileen Hurst, Hilary Jones, Kieran Moss, F.J. Worth.

Please note, if you hand a Mass in to be said at St Joseph's and you request a certain date, we will do our best to accommodate your request, however all Masses that are handed in at St Joseph's cannot be said here. We receive too many requests throughout the year, last year we received 564 Mass offerings, unfortunately some of those Masses have to be sent away. Thank you for your understanding

TWELVE APOSTLES

Thank you to all the ladies and Terry, who came to clean the Twelve Apostles church last Monday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

EASTER LILIES

Our altar will be decorated with lilies at Easter in memory of our loved ones. If you would like a lily, they are £1.50 each. Please put your donation and the names of your loved ones in the envelopes provided and put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

EASTER CARDS

Easter cards are now on sale.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle has been drawn and the winning numbers are at the back of church. Many thanks to all who donated in any way.

COFFEE MORNING

There will not be a coffee morning next week (1st April)

SACRED HEART

Easter cards are available in the little shop and on the table at the back of church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Mar 22 - To defend the earth and to safeguard water is to protect life.

Mar 21 - Nobody can be discarded, because we are all vulnerable. Each one of us is a treasure whom God allows to grow in his or her own way. #Downsyndrome, #WDS18

Mar 19 - Dear fathers, happy Feast of St. Joseph! Follow his example when caring for your children as they grow up in wisdom and grace.

Mar 18 - As we listen to the aspirations of young people, may we catch a glimpse of the world that lies ahead, and of the roads the Church is called to travel. #Synod2018

Mar 17 - Jesus made Himself like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to give life. Our hope springs from that love-filled life.

Mar 16 - Lent is the road that leads from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life.

Mar 15 - In order to prepare a truly human future, it is not enough to reject evil. We must build the common good together.

LENTEN ALMS

At the Archbishop's request this year's Lenten Alms are being donated to Asylum Link, which is an organisation dedicated to assisting Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Liverpool and to raising public awareness around refugee issues. It is a welcoming and safe place for people from all countries to meet, relax and find out about the city they have arrived in. Asylum Link provides friendship, help and advice and encourages the participation of asylum seekers and refugees in the service. Most services are provided on a drop-in basis, with appointments available for specialist activities. Every day, tea, coffee and biscuits are available during opening hours and lunch is served most days to everyone. The day to day running of the centre is managed by four full time and three part time staff, and over 100 volunteers.

Our Lenten Alms box is situated in the main porch. Please give generously.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Mass on Easter Sunday morning is the most joyful celebration in the Church's year as we rejoice in the fact that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. The Church does not insist that we attend all the services in Holy Week but there can be great personal and shared spiritual reward in taking part in as many of them as we are able to. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and is the last week in Lent. It ends with the three day triduum of Holy Thursday when we specially celebrate the Last Supper during evening Mass, Good Friday when, in the afternoon, we solemnly commemorate the Crucifixion of Christ and Holy Saturday when the Easter Vigil Mass begins as daylight fades.

This year, in our parish, the triduum will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition there will be parallel services at Sacred Heart church on Thursday and Friday and at Twelve Apostles on Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sacred Heart 7.30pm Watching till 10.00pm

St Joseph's 7.30pm Watching till 10.00pm

Good Friday

St Joseph's Morning Prayer 9.00am

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Walk of Witness 11.00am

Sacred Heart The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

St Joseph's The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

St Joseph's Meditation at the Cross 7.00pm

Holy Saturday

Twelve Apostles Easter Vigil 7.30pm

St Joseph's Easter Vigil 7.00pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY 8th APRIL

Devotions with opportunity for individual confession. Beginning at 3.00pm at Holy Family church, Boothstown.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

If you are going to Walsingham, and have not yet paid in full, can you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,432.27

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Kitty Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Mary Marsh.

DECEASED

Edwin Belch, Elizabeth Reeder, Teddy Taylor
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Gabiella May Burgess, Mathew Jose Kunnachery

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th March. Our coach will be leaving St Joseph's at 5.00pm, and then will pick up at Boothstown, Holy Family church at 5.20pm. If you would like to go to the Chrism Mass, please put your name on the list in the church porch. Thank you.

LOURDES

A Place for All
ONE ARCHDIOCESE
ONE PILGRIMAGE

Friday 20th - 27th July 2018

Each year our dedicated team of healthcare professionals and Hospitalité team of volunteers help people to realise their hope of time spent at Our Lady's Shrine.

If you are interested in travelling to Lourdes contact us in total confidence via our website liverpool-lourdes.org.uk or call 07484 911 623

Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 2018

Eucharist is... thanksgiving

When we give thanks at Mass, the past is renewed, the present is transformed, and the future is made already present. In this thanksgiving, hope is generated by recalling past mercies. What we know from the past of the power and love of God gives us confidence in the continued mercy of God despite whatever may be going on in our lives to try us



live simply

Refct:

Today's Gospel reading recalls the events leading to Christ's death on the cross. We listen to the suffering Jesus under-went and contemplate his obedience and trust in his Father. How do each of us respond to God's call to do his will? Do we try to avoid what is before us, or do we accept and trust in God to see us through the difficulties we encounter?

Pray:

Lord Jesus, you know what it means to stand alone in front of those who reject you and don't understand you. Walk with us.

When we feel that we can't make a difference, help us to keep going.

Teach us to share your love.

Act:

In our own country people are suffering on a daily basis due to lack of food, squalid living conditions or lack of social care. Find a way to have an impact on their lives through alms giving, food donations, donations of clothing or caring for others where you can.

Challenge:

Make your voice heard! Write to your MP, talk to your local councillor, vote when you have the chance. Don't do nothing!

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Sunday 6th May 2018 10.30am - 4.00pm

Boys in Year 2 & 3 are invited to come and meet the Choristers and have the opportunity to sing in the largest Catholic Church in the UK.

This is an opportunity to explore what being a chorister is all about.

For further details please visit the Cathedral website. www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

St Joseph's Players Present "AN IDEAL HUSBAND"

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh
A Comedy by Oscar Wild
Produced by Donna Wood

Tuesday 24th to Saturday 28th April

Curtain up 7.30pm

Tickets adults £8 16yrs & under £4.50
Available from Spectrum Blinds, Chapel
St, Leigh or pay on the door



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 24 March

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Rebecca Maria Duffy

Sun 25 March

StJ 8.30am

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SH 9.30am

MASS Marie Fitzsimons (Birthday memorial)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Beatrice Miller R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Deceased members of the Toher & Costello Families

MASS Keith Wall L.D.

Mon 26 March

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

StJ 9.00am

MASS Pat Brandwood (Birthday Memorial)

StJ 11.00am

FUNERAL SERVICE Elizabeth Reeder

Tue 27 March

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

SH 12.00noon

MASS James Flanagan (anniv.)

Wed 28 March

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12A 9.00am

End of Term School MASS

StJ 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Edwin Belcher

StJ 5.00pm

coach leaves for

7.30pm

CHRISM MASS at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thu 29 March

HOLY THURSDAY

StJ 7.30pm

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Maureen Gallagher

StJ

followed by watching until 10.00pm

SH 7.30pm

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Theresa Pilkington L.D.

SH

followed by watching until 10.00pm

Fri 30 March

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

StJ 9.00am

Morning Prayer

StJ 10.00am

Stations of the Cross

StJ 11.00am

Walk of Witness

StJ 3.00pm

The Lord's Passion

SH 3.00pm

The Lord's Passion

StJ 7.00pm

Meditation at the Cross

Sat 31 March

HOLY SATURDAY

12A 7.30pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS Mary & Karol Gredecki

StJ 7.00pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS Vinnie, Joseph & Edith Johnson R.I.P.

Sun 1 April

EASTER DAY

StJ 8.30am

MASS Stephen Aspden (B'day memorial)

SH 9.30am

MASS John Daven (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OLR 11.15am

MASS Austin Wood

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 350, M Houghton; £5, 226, A Simpson; £3, 227, a Simpson; £2, 463, N Flynn

Bonus Ball No. 39 R Ellis



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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