

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)

27 May 2018



Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, our Christian belief that the one God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although this doctrine was formed many centuries ago, it can be understood as God's biography – it acts as a short summary of what we believe God has revealed to us of himself. Christians have always struggled to find ways to reconcile the core belief of the Old Testament that God is one, with the understanding that God is also in some ways three. This is because what we celebrate today is not so much a doctrine as an experience. The Three-ness of the one God is how Christians throughout the centuries have come to know and love God. Jesus' final command to his followers is to "make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". "In the name of" is important: it expresses the idea of relationship. We are baptized not simply to wash away our sin but baptized in the name of God himself, which means we are immersed into the very life of God who is above all a relationship of love. Through our baptism we share in God's life. Jesus himself explained that the Father sent his Son into the world so that we might be saved – so that we might have life in all its fullness. Speaking to the first Christians in Rome, Paul states that we have the Spirit of God living in us, praying in us, leading us to share the glory of the Risen Christ. Our baptism in the name of the Trinity means that we are called to participate in the life of God, to enter into an intimate relationship with God, to join in the circle of love which is God. This is how we, as Christians, are called to experience God: the Father who creates and sustains us, the Son who is our Saviour, who gives himself completely for us, the Spirit who lives within us, animates, guides and directs us in our daily lives.

The Christian experience is that God is both beyond us, and one with us, and within us: Father, Son and Spirit. The content of this "mini biography of God" is fleshed out more fully in the scriptures – in Jesus' relationship with the Father and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to continue his work. But this biography of God is also meant to be fleshed out – literally made flesh – in the lives of Christians today. Because we have been immersed in the life of God, God continues to act, speak and reveal God's very self in the world today through us. God's biography becomes our biography, our pattern for life. The life of God transforms us and flows out through us, helping us to be like the Father – to create, not to destroy, to build up, sustain and care for God's world, especially for God's children. It means we are called to continue the saving work of the Son – to serve, to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of people who are wounded, marginalized or in need. And it means we become channels of the Holy Spirit – to encourage, to bring strength to those who are weak, to help people rejoice in their blessings, to console people who are sad and suffering, to speak out courageously against the evils of this world and to act to change them. Our deep, personal relationship with God – Father, Son and Spirit – means that our experience of God becomes our blueprint for living and our pathway to the fullness of life itself.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

J B Griffin, Agnes Greghan, Gwen Gregory, Gertrude Sanderlands, Charles Warbis, Special Intention

COFFEE MORNING

Today, Sunday, 27th May, Coffee Morning will be in the Mather Room. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING

Many thanks to the small team of gardeners for all their hard work, we are getting it looking good. Special thanks to Paul for looking after the lawn. If you can spare an hour, please come along on Tuesdays at 10.00am.



May 24 - Today we are united in prayer with our Catholic brothers and sisters in China, on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians of Sheshan.

May 23 - A Church that loves the poor is always tuned to the God Channel. It never loses the Gospel signal.

May 22 - A Christian's life should be invested in Jesus, and spent for others.

May 21 - God needs people who bring His forgiveness and His mercy into the world.

May 20 - Holy Spirit, you who sustain the Church, come down upon us again, teach us unity, renew our hearts, and help us to love as Jesus taught us.

May 19 - Never forget this golden rule: "Do to others what you would have them do to you" (Mt 7,12)

May 18 - Mary lived Jesus' Beatitudes like no other: she is saintly among the saints, she shows us the way to holiness and accompanies us.

LIVERPOOL SYNOD 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese is embarking on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we will be holding a number of Holy Hours very soon as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will be leading some of these Holy Hours in the different areas of the Archdiocese. So, please note that **Archbishop Malcolm will be leading a Holy Hour in Leigh Saint Joseph's church, this Wednesday May 30th at 7.30pm.** Tea & Coffee will be served in the Main Hall afterwards. All welcome.

Additional Holy Hours in our Pastoral Area will take place on **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and on **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church, Leigh.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men

who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 2nd June at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.



Today we recall how Jesus commissioned his disciples to teach all nations about Jesus and baptise them in the name of the Trinity. As we read the Gospel on this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

It may seem to be a difficult task for each of us, but if we consider that Jesus taught us very little about religion, but more about a way of living - what we say and do, in all we are we strive to be like Jesus.

Pray:

The Father of many resting places grant you rest;
The Christ who stilled the storm grant you calm;
The Spirit who fills all things grant you peace.
God's light be your light,
God's love be your love,
God's way be your way.

Act

Share the journey - give someone a lift and save fuel. If you don't drive, interact cheerfully with someone you meet on your journey, bring light into their world.

Challenge

At the end of the Gospel Jesus promises that he is with us always. The challenge is, if Jesus himself is 'with you', what should you be doing? How then should you live?

LOURDES WATER

HCPT have very kindly brought back bottles of Lourdes water for everyone. Please feel free to take a bottle.



Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,672.72
CAFOD Lent Collection £1,005.86

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

At all Masses next weekend, there will be retiring collections throughout our archdiocese in support of the welfare and upkeep of retired priests.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Kitty Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Mary Marsh, Sam Postlewaite, John Prince.

DECEASED

Irene Jones.

Eternal rest grant unto her ...

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST PIO

The Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, Holywell
Flintshire, CH8 8PE

You are invited to join us at St Pio Prayer Days with Mass, Rosary, Talk, Stations of the Cross and an opportunity to be blessed with the St Pio Relic. Confessions will be available. 10.00am until 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Registration cost for the day is £5, Pre-booking essential. For further details, please contact Br. Michael Hargan O.F.M. CAP Tel No. 01352 711053 email: pantasaph@gmail.com

ADOREMUS YOUTH CONGRESS

Adoremus Youth Congress: Saturday 8th Sept, Echo Arena Auditorium. Join 1,000 young people aged 13-20 in a unique experience of being the young Church. Contributions by Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, CAFOD, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and many more ... Cost only £10. Booking forms available at www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

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 911623.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in World Meeting of Families 2018, which is taking place in Dublin from 21 - 26 August. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25th and is celebrating an open-air Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. If you would like to attend please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration for tickets and registration.

ROME PILGRIMAGE 18th JUNE

There will be a meeting this week on 29th May at 7.30pm in St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall for all those booked. We will be distributing information and boarding passes and sharing information. Please come along!!

ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

In this season we are asked to pray for:

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews

Human Life

especially on 3rd Sunday in June

Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights

especially on the feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More (22 June)

Europe

especially on the Feast of St. Benedict (11 July)

also St. Bridget (23 July), St. Teresa Benedicta (9 August)

Seafarers

especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July)

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GREAT BRITAIN

Charity No: 1058476

The Trustees of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB are seeking to appoint two enthusiastic and appropriately skilled individuals to operate their relocated National Resource Centre in Maricourt, Hall Lane, Maghull, L31 3DZ with effect from 3rd September 2018.

A Resource Centre Manager (17.5 hours per week) and

A Deputy Resource Centre Manager (15 hours per week)

Both posts are worked Monday to Thursday between 9.30am and 2.30pm for 48 weeks of the year. (The Centre will normally be closed for the month of August.)

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB is a national charity which offers training to school staff in bereavement and loss, and provides bereavement support programmes for children and young people grieving a significant and often devastating loss in their lives.

Application forms and further information about Rainbows Bereavement Support GB are available on our website at www.rainbowsgb.org or directly from Sue: sue.rainbowsgb@btconnect.com

Closing date for both posts: 9.00am on 18th June 2018.



A CONCERT WITH FLINT MALE VOICE CHOIR

St Peter's Church

Firs Lane, Leigh

Supported by Leigh Community Choir

Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm

Tickets £6

Available from

T Sharratt 01942 676686 or

J O'Connor 01942 404149

In aid of Derian House Children's Hospice

The Borough Mayor's Charity

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 26 May

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Winifred Robinson

Sun 27 May

StJ 8.30am

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SH 9.30am

MASS Successful Operation & Recovery

StJ 10.30am

MASS Jim Mannion R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Carolyn Burke (anniv.)

MASS Ann Harman (anniv.)

Mon 28 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 8)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Pauline Oddie R.I.P.

Tue 29 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon

MASS Alojzy Tesmer (anniv.)

Wed 30 May

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am

MASS Vinny Johnson (anniv.)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS St Jude

StJ 7.30pm

HOLY HOUR led by Archbishop Malcolm

Thu 31 May

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

StJ 9.00am

MASS Tony Broster R.I.P.

SH 12.00noon

MASS Joan Walsh (anniv.)

Fri 1 June

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

(OLR) 10.00am

MASS at Moss Bank Court Roy Ellis R.I.P.

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Tom & Betty Kennedy (Birthday Memorials)

Sat 2 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Shawn Connolly L.D.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Robinson

Sun 3 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

StJ 8.30am

MASS Deceased members of the Yates Family

SH 9.30am

MASS For exam success (John Jacob)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Jack Parr R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 361 C & T Ellis, £5 No. 254 N Flynn, £3 No. 196 C Ellis, £2 No. 002 C Ellis
Bonus Ball No. 22 K Jones



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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