

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 10 JUNE 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Some of the people of the time mistakenly saw madness and evil in Jesus. He was not like other healers who used potions and incantations to make people better: Jesus lifted people from their crippling sense of worthlessness with a touch. Unlike the religious leaders of his day who were preoccupied with ritual correctness, Jesus taught that goodness and kindness pleased God most. He felt great warmth towards men and women who were honest about themselves and who recognized that they needed help. Many sensed that God had come among them. However, in today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus' family feared for his sanity and scribes from Jerusalem even accused him of being possessed. It is ironic that the ones who failed to recognize goodness when they saw it were the religious experts of the time. What they did not understand, they discredited. Since Jesus did not fit the conventional idea of what a holy person should be, they assumed he must be doing Satan's work.

Jesus' reply is as startling now as it must have sounded then. Satan is tied up, he told them, like a strong man whose house is being burgled. Jesus was trying to show them that God had broken into all their lives; that the world need no longer be locked in Satan's dungeon of despair. Everywhere, forgiveness and reconciliation were releasing people and restoring their sense of well-being. Satan was powerless to stop it because Jesus could not be seduced by wealth or comfort. Pleasing God mattered to him more than popularity: his trust in God's love made him unafraid. By believing what God said and doing what God asked, Jesus disarmed the prince of devils – and against such faith, evil is powerless.

We live in a time when the difference between good and evil seems less clear than ever. Where honesty and selflessness are viewed as something weak or foolish, then even people of faith may convince themselves that wrong is right, and that wrongdoing is nothing to worry about because everyone else bends the rules. There may come a time when, like the scribes, we can no longer recognize God's presence in our world, nor understand how much in need we are of healing. We have, of course, a helper. It is the work of God's Holy Spirit to awaken us to truth and to change us from within. Today's Gospel presents a grave warning to anyone whose awareness of right and wrong has diminished. No one is beyond mercy, but to receive God's forgiveness, we must first want to receive it. So it is that we come before God, understanding that we need his love and compassion. Humbly, we join the crowd who gathered at the home of Jesus in Capernaum, imperfect people like ourselves who desired to live in a way more pleasing to God. To us today Jesus still says, "You are my brother, my sister, my mother."

## LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

[www.leighdeanery.co.uk](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk)

St. Edmund  
Arrowsmith  
Parish

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

"Anyone who  
does God's will  
is my brother  
and sister  
and mother."

--Jesus  
Mark 3:35 (NLT)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Sam Postlewaite, Teresa Burton, David Grundy, Neil McWilliam, Terry Malley, Ossian Moss.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota is now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

### NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR SACRED HEART

Those parishioners who attend Sacred Heart church will be well aware of how long and desperately we have been in need of new hymn books. A similar problem at St Joseph's almost two years ago was successfully solved by inviting people to donate a hymn book to the church, perhaps in memory of a loved one. At present we have a small reserve of money to put towards hymn books but it is insufficient to buy as many as are needed. If you would like and can afford to donate a hymn book, please put £6 (the cost of each book) in an envelope and pass it into the Priest's House, along with the name of the person the hymn book is to be dedicated to. That person's name will then be inserted into the hymn book's front cover alongside a request for prayers. If you require any further information please speak to Fr Kieran or Deacon Tony. As always, many thanks for your support and generosity.



Jun 7 - For those who are with Jesus, evil is just a provocation to love even more.

Jun 6 - Loving Christ is not a superficial sentiment. It is an attitude of the heart that we demonstrate when we live as He wants us to.

Jun 5 - Lord, reawaken in us a sense of praise and gratitude for our Earth, and for everything you have created.

Jun 4 - The living presence of Christ within us is the light that guides our choices, the flame that warms our hearts as we go to meet the Lord.

Jun 3 - On this Feast of Corpus Christi, we need to remember that Jesus, the Bread of Life, is our strength and support on life's journey.

Jun 2 - Seek the Lord in prayer: He is the one who has called you.

Jun 1 - Love can recognize good things even in bad situations. Love keeps a tiny flame alight even in the darkest night.

### LIVERPOOL SYNOD 2020

Liverpool Archdiocese has embarked on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we are holding a number of Holy Hours as we focus on prayer for the first year.

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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King is looking to make a permanent appointment to the post of Organist, required from September. The closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> June. This role is subject to an enhanced DBS check. More information on the poster in the porch. To apply for all three posts visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

### SHARE THE JOURNEY

War, persecution, natural disaster and poverty force millions of people from their homes. Many of them are children, who become separated from their parents and are extremely vulnerable. Inspired by Pope Francis, we respond with compassion and call on governments to protect the human dignity of people on the move. We want to send a strong message to world leaders who, in autumn this year, will agree two new compacts (or agreements) at the United Nations: one on refugees and one on migration. We aim to walk 24,900 miles - the distance around the world. - in solidarity with our sisters and brothers forced to flee. Join our journey.

We are organising a walk of 4-5 miles on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, beginning at 2.00pm from the Mather Room and finishing there with refreshments. If you are interested in joining in, please put your name on the sheet in the porch. We need numbers so that everyone can be registered with CAFOD and all the miles walked can be totalled up. For more information about **Share the Journey**, please visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



### NEWS AND UPDATES ABOUT ADOREMUS

#### Liverpool Archdiocese - Mid-June updates

1. The new way to enrol parishioners and any others interested in attending *Adoremus* is by booking directly online. (It is active 11 June.)

<http://www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018/>

Tickets are available for the Saturday Echo Arena event with Bishop Barron and other speakers

Delegate Commissioning Liturgy for parish delegates

Parishes and Deans will receive lists of delegates booked through diocesan booking forms

The Bishops Conference will send out tickets to your booked parish delegates directly in the summer

2. The *Adoremus* Parallel programme for Friday-Sunday 7-9 Sept is official! Individuals/parish groups/coaches are welcome to these supporting events. Almost all events are free but some require advanced booking. Links to booking online are included in the Parallel Programme descriptions.

3. Talks in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress - free and open to the public.

Liverpool Carmelite Monastery - last Sunday of the month through August - next talk on The Unexpected Gift: Spiritual Journey of a Deaf Person, Sunday, 24 June 3.30 - 5.30pm

Widnes Pastoral Area - Thursdays in June 1.00-2.30pm and repeated 7.30 - 9.00pm at Widnes Pastoral Centre, Mayfield Ave, Hough Green WA8 8PR

Series of Conferences on the Most Holy Eucharist, St Mary's Shrine, Warrington WA1 2NS, 11-14 June 7.00pm with low Mass before at 6.00pm.

4. *Adoremus* & Young People

Programme for High Schools on Friday, 7 Sept.

*Adoremus* Youth Congress for ages 13-20 at the Arena auditorium on Saturday, 8 Sept

5. More resources from the Liturgy Office - liturgical, group resources and spiritual reflections 'Time Before the Blessed Sacrament' are all available for use in the parish in preparation for Adoration and *Adoremus*.

6. Download Newsletter insert #6 - Eucharist is... Food for the Journey

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL                    £ to follow  
Retired Priests                 £ to follow

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

At all Masses next weekend, there will be retiring collections throughout our archdiocese in support of **Day for Life**.

## SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, John Prince.

## DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.adoremusyouth.co.uk)

## A Place for All

## ONE ARCHDIOCESE, ONE PILGRIMAGE

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://liverpool-lourdes.org.uk) or call 07484 911623.

If you are not able to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes, you can join in in spirit. There are a few leaflets in the church porch with prayers for you to recite during the pilgrimage. Also the Association would be grateful for any contribution you can make to help the Assisted Pilgrims go to Lourdes. If you wish to make a contribution, please sent it to the Parish Office by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and is celebrating an open-air Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to attend please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration) for tickets and registration.

## ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

In this season we are asked to pray for:  
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews  
Human Life  
*especially on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.rainbowsgb.org) or directly from Sue: [sue.rainbowsgb@btconnect.com](mailto:sue.rainbowsgb@btconnect.com)

Closing date for both posts: 9.00am on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## YOUNG PERSONS GROUP AT SACRED HEART

Fr Kieran is keen to establish a youth group based at Sacred Heart church. It will be for a range of ages from school years 6 to 13. He already has some voluntary leaders standing by but would be interested to hear from other prospective helpers and, of course, from parents and young people who might be interested and willing to discuss their needs.

## STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, from 2.00pm at Bedford Methodist church, Breaston Avenue, off Warrington Road, Leigh, WN7 3DJ. £3.50 Ticket or pay at door. For charities, including CAFOD. Ample parking. Tombola. All most welcome.



## Eucharist is... Food for the Journey

We might do well to take a moment to thank God for all that we have received, materially and in prayer. All that we have faced in our lives we did not face alone. Always God's strength and God's love were at work in our hearts even when, and perhaps especially when, we did not know it at all. We can pray for those for whom the journey is hard. But we can pray too that God's strength and love will be at work in our hearts to make us bread broken for others, bringing the nourishment of God's love to the weary and downcast.

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 9 June

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Theresa Thompson (Birthday)

### Sun 10 June

StJ 8.30am

**TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

SH 9.30am

MASS Special Intention

StJ 10.30am

MASS Anna Tesmer (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Eleanor Heaton (anniv.)

MASS Bernard Prendergast L.D.

### Mon 11 June

StJ 9.00am

**Memorial of Saint Barnabas**

StJ 11.30am

MASS Michael Tuttle (anniv.)

FUNERAL SERVICE Sharon Anne Strike

### Tue 12 June

SH 12.00noon

**Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 10)**

### Wed 13 June

12A 10.00am

MASS Brian Wilfred Ogden L.D.

StJ 12.00noon

**Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor**

### Thu 14 June

StJ 9.00am

MASS Michael Robinson (sick)

SH 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Samuel Postlewaite

### Fri 15 June

(OLR) 10.00am

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

StJ 12.00noon

MASS John Carney

MASS Paul Nuttall R.I.P.

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

### Sat 16 June

StJ 11.00am

MASS at Moss Bank Court J Hall

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Claire Tyman (thanksgiving)

12A 5.30pm

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Exposition and Reconciliation

MASS Members of the Legion of Mary

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Vinny Johnson

### Sun 17 June

StJ 8.30am

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

SH 9.30am

MASS Thomas Farrington (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OLR 11.00am

MASS Dcn. Alan Mee (Birthday memorial)

MASS Ted Taylor L.D.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £**

**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](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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