

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 17 JUNE 2018



Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In the parable of the seed in today's Gospel, what is stressed is the certainty of the harvest once the sower has done their job in planting the seed well. It was meant to give encouragement to the early disciples who had become discouraged because very little seemed to be happening. It was telling them to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Like those early disciples we too want results and we want them fast. We live in an age of instant production. We seem to have "instant" everything and we don't seem to be prepared to wait for something of better quality. We forget that certain things cannot be rushed. To grow to maturity as a human being can be the job of a lifetime. Many of today's labour-saving devices are good. They take some of the monotony and drudgery out of life and work. But there is a danger in living in the world of the push button which encourages the minimum effort, the least cost, the shortcut approach to everything. It may encourage us to take the easy option. For example, why bother to visit the sick or infirm when we can phone them or email them? There is no shortcut option for showing that you love and care for someone.

In Jesus' story the farmer did his part. He sowed the seed. Everything was now beyond his control. The one thing he wanted to see happen, namely for the seed to grow, was now beyond his power. All he could do was wait in patience and hope. These are not easy virtues. Yet, very often, life calls for these virtues. So people think that they must always be doing something, as if everything and everyone depended upon them. There are moments when we have to take time out, to let things be, to trust, to be patient, to be humble, to simply wait. We have to acknowledge that we can't do everything. Spiritual development, and indeed human development, is a process. It will go on provided we do not resist it. In the great processes of growth, healing, recovery and spiritual progress we are only facilitators. We can plant the seed, but we can't make it grow. God has to take over. It is God who makes us grow. We should learn patience from watching nature. Things take time to grow. And they take time to ripen. Nature doesn't take shortcuts. All the seasons are needed.

We all need seasons too. Nothing is wasted. Look at the example of Jesus. Before beginning his public ministry, he spent thirty years in Nazareth. To some it might seem like a waste of valuable time: nothing could be further from the truth. In his humanity he needed those years. During this time he was growing quietly in the shadows. The parable of the growing seed shows us that there is an almighty power working for us. Our role is to sow the seed. Then we have to let God take over. If we do the right thing, the harvest will come. But can we be patient, can we wait, can we trust?

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Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Teresa Burton, Fred Cooper, Janet Crusham, Terry Fallon, Tom Gibbon, Bernadette Higgins, Neil McWilliams, Terry Malley, Ossian Moss, Sam Postlewaite, Mary Sutton, Thanksgiving.

FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

If you have a child who will be in Year 4 in September, they will be eligible to celebrate Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. To enrol for the course, please collect an application form after Sunday Mass.

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 14 - I send my cordial greetings to all those following the World Soccer Championships that begin today in Russia. I hope this sports event may be a positive opportunity for encounter and fellowship.

Jun 14 - No one is so poor they cannot give what they have, but first and foremost, who they are.

Jun 13 - Never tire of encountering Jesus in prayer, in listening to the Word of God, and in receiving the Eucharist.

Jun 12 - Children must be able to play, study and grow in a peaceful environment. Woe to anyone who stifles their joyful impulse to hope!

Jun 11 - The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to achieve holiness in the midst of our everyday lives.

Jun 10 - Whatever we do, let us sustain the voice of the Holy Spirit through practical good deeds and actions.

Jun 9 - Mary is exactly what God wants His Church to be: a loving and humble Mother, poor in possessions but rich in love.

Jun 8 - Let us ask the Lord to give us good priests: hard-working men, men of prayer, who are close to God's people.

Jun 8 - The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that God loved us first: He is always waiting for us, welcoming us into His heart, into His love.

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 27th** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and on

Wednesday July 18th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church, Leigh.

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 15th 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



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

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)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL 3/6/18	£1,604.04
10/6/18	£1,744.47
Retired Priests	£1,749.11
Priests Training Fund	£ 353.64

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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

This year the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support can ensure the dignity of human life.

"The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity." Pope Francis November 2016.

*We pray for the victims of human trafficking
that they may be helped to rebuild their lives
after the traumatic experiences they have
gone through. Amen.*

SICK

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

DECEASED

Kathleen Norris

Eternal rest grant unto her ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through Baptism to:
Lucy Caroline Hennings,

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors from Catholic schools in the area are warmly invited to attend a training session 'Governance in a Catholic School'.

This will be held at St. Joseph's Primary School, Mather Lane, Leigh, WN7 2PR on the evening of Monday 9th July from 6.00-8.00pm

The session covers material which is specific to the governance of a Catholic school and will not deal with matters common to governors of all schools. It is therefore particularly important that governors who may not be Catholic and have never before attended any 'Catholic' governor training are particularly encouraged to attend. There is no charge. Bookings please to i.beck@rcaol.co.uk or to f.coldicutt@rcaol.co.uk or telephone 0151 522 1071.

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Twelve Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Headteacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.

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.

YOUNG PERSONS GROUP AT SACRED HEART

Fr Kieran is keen to establish a youth group based at Sacred Heart church for young people in the Pastoral Area. It will be for young people who are in Year 6 - Year 13. This group will begin in September. There will be more information given nearer the time.

NO STRAWBERRY, NO CREAM, NO TEA

Please disregard last week's announcement: there was an error in our correspondent's computer calendar that created a false echo in the waves of time. There really are no plans to repeat last year's event at Bedford Methodist church. Sorry if you were looking forward to it.

Stones

suitable for dry-stone walling, garden decoration, art work, etc., available & Free.

Please ring (01942) 676962.

LEGION OF MARY

June is the month that the Church dedicates to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If you would like to have your home and family consecrated to the Sacred Heart, the Legion of Mary can arrange this.

Contact Lynne Burgess: 01942 607868, or the parish office: 01942 673517, or speak to any member of the legion or one of the priests.



Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two stories about "the Kingdom of God", which is depicted as something that has an astonishing process of growth from very small beginnings. We all know that for a plant to thrive it must be nurtured and our faith is like this too, otherwise it is in danger of dying. How can we nurture our faith?

Pray:

Like the mustard tree
My branches stretch to shelter,
Reaching for ways to do your work.
Compassionate God, You know me.
Hold me and direct me
Help me to water the seeds of your kingdom.
Loving God of mercy,
justice and compassion,
Guide me towards the light of your truth
Adapted from a Linda Jones prayer in 'liveSimply'

Act:

What is Jesus challenging each of us to do? Can we respond to his call?

Challenge:

How is your plastic challenge going? Have you found ways to reduce your consumption? Share your ideas with others.

We wish all our dads a very

**Happy
Father's
Day**

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 16 June

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Vinny Johnson

Sun 17 June

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Day for Life

StJ 8.30am

MASS Thomas Farrington (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Dcn. Alan Mee (Birthday memorial)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Ted Taylor L.D.

Mon 18 June

Memorial of Saint John Rigby, Martyr

StJ 9.00am

MASS Ossian Moss (exam success)

SH 7.00pm

MASS John Smith (anniv.)

Tue 19 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 11)

SH 12.00noon

MASS May McCann S.I.

Wed 20 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am

MASS with school year 3 John Thompson (R.I.P.)

StJ 7.00pm

MASS Vinnie Johnson (anniv.)

Thu 21 June

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J.

StJ 9.00am

MASS Neil McWilliams (sick)

Fri 22 June

**FEAST OF SAINTS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & MARTYR
AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYR**

StJ 10.00am

MASS Special Intention

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Teresa Burton (successful recovery)

Sat 23 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO Exposition and Reconciliation this week at 12A

NO MASS this week at 12A

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral area

Sun 24 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

StJ 8.30am

MASS Anne Charlesworth (R.I.P.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Audrey Ashurst & Roy Parr R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Margaret & George Cartledge (Golden Wedding)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Austin Wood

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club 3/6/18 £10 No. 220 R Ellis, £5 No.104 Christina Swift, £3 No.325 A Unsworth,

£2 No. 498 J Causby **Bonus Ball** No. 10 R Ellis

10/6/18 £10 No. 315 M Roach, £5 No. 145 D Davies, £3 No. 0505 D Hindley, £2 No. 462 M Moore

Bonus Ball No. 57 K Shacklock



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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