

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 1 JULY 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Every now and then we wonder whether God loves us or not. It's a perfectly understandable question since we acknowledge God as a Creator, the Father of Jesus, and therefore someone for whom we might seem to be so very insignificant. Yet, when we read the Gospel today, there is more than enough evidence that God does indeed care about us and love us, even though sometimes he seems so far away. The Gospel today has two accounts of Jesus healing people. First, there is the unhappy woman who, for twelve long years, has suffered from a haemorrhage. It has left her weak and almost penniless – lots of doctor's bills but still no cure. Her condition renders her unclean in the sight of the Scribes and Pharisees, which is perhaps why she approaches Jesus unobtrusively from behind, so much so that he wonders who has touched him. She stretches out and touches his cloak and immediately she feels power going through her body and knows that she is healed. In addressing her affectionately as "daughter", Jesus gives her the courage to tell her story publicly. It is her faith, he explains, that has won the cure and now she can go forth in peace.

Then there is the little girl. She is just twelve years old when she becomes grievously sick. Her distraught father, one of the important local officials, seeks Jesus' help. It's a measure of his distress that he does not stand on his dignity. He casts himself down before Jesus and begs for his help. Jesus promises to come to see the child. But he delays, diverted by the healing of the woman perhaps. Then it is reported to him that the child is already dead. Patiently, the official waits for Jesus. He walks him towards what he fears will be his dead child. Yet even now he trusts in Jesus. He is wonderfully rewarded. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus says, "Talitha kum!" – "little girl, get up!". Then he gives the youngster back to her rejoicing parents, thoughtfully reminding them to give her something to eat.

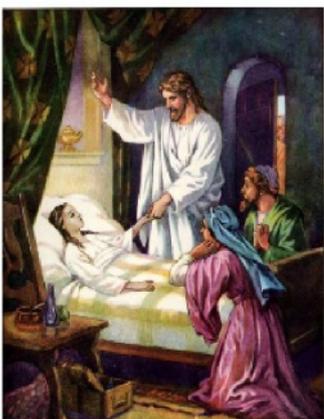
In each case Jesus knows that his actions – his touching of the outcast woman, and his touching of a dead body, even that of a child – will make him ritually unclean in other people's eyes, yet it does not deter him from his mission of mercy. There are times when we all feel like God is far away, hardly interested in the likes of us. Today's Gospel shows how mistaken we can be. The Lord is present to, and is touched by, a woman who is regarded as untouchable. The Lord approaches a little girl when people are saying "She is already dead, don't trouble Jesus any further" and, by implication, "there's nothing he can do now". Each time Jesus works a miracle, it is a sign of his mighty power. But, perhaps more important than that, it is a demonstration of his deep love for ordinary people, little people like ourselves. Miracles are, of their nature, rare events, but what they reveal is something permanent and unconditional – God's loving concern for each and every one of us. This conviction brings joy into life. It nurtures our faith in difficult times. It encourages us never to give up hope. It assures us that, despite our littleness, we are important. So important that we are deeply loved and cared for by our great Heavenly Father. His care is not merely for a day or a year, not even for a lifetime. It is for eternity.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Julie Burke, James Clegg, David Nicholson, Sam Postlewaite, Albert Stockton, Eileen & John Stockton, Eddie Unsworth, 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.

### CATHOLIC TIMES

There are a couple of free Catholic Times available at the back of church. If you would like to start receiving this weekly paper, please let the parish office know, so that we can order some. Thank you.

### COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately, today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, we have had to cancel coffee morning. Normal service will be resumed on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### COFFEE MORNING

Due to holidays, there will be NO Coffee Morning on 1<sup>st</sup> July.



Jun 28 - Let us pray for the new Cardinals: may they assist me in my ministry as Bishop of Rome, for the good of all God's people.

Jun 27 - We are called to assist the elderly, the sick and the unborn: life must always be protected and loved, from conception to its natural conclusion.

Jun 26 - Torture is a mortal sin! Christian communities must commit themselves to helping victims of torture.

Jun 25 - Faith in Jesus Christ frees us from sin, sadness, emptiness, isolation. It is the source of a joy that no one can ever take away.

Jun 24 - Like St John the Baptist, Christians have to humble themselves so that the Lord can grow in their hearts.

Jun 23 - Let us ask our Lord to help us understand that love is service, love means taking care of others.

Jun 22 - Love for others needs to become the constant factor of our lives.

## 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 took place on **Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and will take place on **Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church, Leigh.



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)



### ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

In this season we are asked to pray for:

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews  
Human Life

Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of  
Human Rights

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)*

### APOLOGIES

Fr Colin would like to apologise for there not being any confession or lunch time Mass next Saturday. He will be in Liverpool at the Cathedral, as being the Archdiocesan co-ordinator for the junior clergy, he is attending the priesthood ordinations. The Archdiocese has three men being ordained priests this year - Carl Muggan, Philip Carr and Anthony Kelly. Please keep each of them in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,981.32

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### 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:  
Alan Miras.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:i.beck@rcaol.co.uk) or to [f.coldicutt@rcaol.co.uk](mailto: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. If you would like to attend please visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets). There may still be something left!!

### RESTORED LIVES RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brian 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815

## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Celebrating St Joachim & St Anne, grandparents of Jesus. A day of faith and fun for all the family - bring a picnic lunch - all welcome.

11am Reconciliation, 12 noon Mass followed by picnic lunch, fun & games, children's entertainment  
2.30pm The Walsingham story, 4pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction



#### Reflect:

Today we read of the faith of Jairus in believing that Jesus can cure his daughter and how Jesus restored his daughter to life. Do we turn to Jesus when we are troubled? Do we truly believe that he can cure us when our spirits or health need restoring?

#### Pray:

Jesus, you know me and all of the ways in which I doubt your power, your grace, and most of all, your love for me. Yet, I believe in your power to overcome and transform my unbelief. I do believe; Lord, help my unbelief.

#### Actions:

Believe that Jesus can work through you in even the most difficult situations.

#### Challenge:

It's hot, but we need to conserve our water. How? Use a bucket instead of a hosepipe; Reduce your time in the shower; Make sure your washing machine had a full load before using it; Use waste water to water the garden...



### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am - 2.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School are holding their Summer Fair on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Come and join us for the usual fun with Tombola stall, Spin the Wheel, Raffles and much more.

Refreshments available.

All proceeds to St Joseph's School



## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 30 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY McCoy Family

### Sun 1 July

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Sheila Smith (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Mary Ellis R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am MASS Peter Lancaster R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am MASS Winifred Peake

### Mon 2 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 13)

StJ 9.00am MASS Mary Sutton R.I.P.

### Tue 3 July

#### FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

SH 12.00noon MASS Success in exams (BF)

### Wed 4 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon MASS Julie Booth (anniv.)

### Thu 5 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am MASS Terry Fallon (anniv. B'day mem.)

### Fri 6 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon MASS Annie Leather (anniv.)

### Sat 7 July

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

11.00am NO Exposition and Reconciliation at OLR

12.00noon NO MASS at OLR

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Fisher

### Sun 8 July

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

#### Sea Sunday

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS John Pendlebury (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Keith Turner (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS Roy Ellis R.I.P.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 205 F Rasburn, £5 No. 366 M Houghton, £3 No. 410 M Moore, £2 No. 069 N Flynn

**Bonus Ball** No. 53 B Edwards



### 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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