

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 8 JULY 2018



Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Very often Jesus encountered opposition and unpopularity, especially in his own country. We see in today's Gospel that the people in his home town of Nazareth would not accept him, and that their lack of faith prevented him from performing any great miracle there. He remarked, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house." According to Luke's Gospel the people of his home town were so enraged with him and his teaching that they tried to throw him over a cliff, but he faced them down and escaped. On the other hand, Jesus sometimes found great faith among people who were not of his own country or race or religion, such as the Samaritan leper whom he cured, or the Roman Centurion of whom he said, "I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this", or the Canaanite woman who "had great faith". The apostles, when they began to preach after Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were to find that the Gentiles responded far more readily to the message of the Gospel than did the people of Jesus' own race. Paul and Barnabas were moved by exasperation to say to the Jewish people of Antioch in Pisidia, "We had to proclaim the Word of God to you first but, since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans."

We might do well to keep these examples in mind in our attempts to proclaim the Gospel today. Many of us, of course, are glad to support the missions overseas but, closer to home, if we attempt to spread the Gospel outside the doors of our churches, who do we speak to? We all must know people who do not come to Church every week. There are many people who come to Mass at Christmas and Easter. There are many who have children attending Catholic schools and join us for services and celebrations from time to time. There are sadly many who have lapsed away from attending Mass regularly and maybe, just maybe, are waiting for an invite back. What passes for evangelization in our churches can be an attempt to reclaim lapsed Catholics. We might do better to follow the exhortation made on various occasions during the papacy of John Paul II; "Duc in altum", that is, "put out into the deep." These words come from Jesus' instruction to the apostles, fishing without success on the lake, that they should, "put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." The result for them, on that occasion, was that they caught an enormous number of fish. Pope Francis has echoed this call, urging us all to be willing to go out from our churches and bring the message of the joy of the Gospel to all people. If we heed this call and boldly proclaim the Gospel to people of other religions or none, or of very different cultures from our own, we might well experience greater success. Such at least was the experience of Jesus and his apostles.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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

Isn't this
the
carpenter?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Anne Barnes, Teresa Cooney, Mary & Joe Fox, Peter Lythoge, Vincent Lythgoe, Eddie Unsworth, Thanksgiving - St Jude

THANK YOU

Thank you to the family of Sam Postlewaite for the donation of £160 in his memory. May he rest in peace.

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

This week's Coffee Morning has been cancelled because the school are holding their Summer Fair, so please go along after Mass and give them your support.

GARDENING DAY

Sunday 15th July from 2.00pm. Please come along and support Keith Hindley who does a marvellous job looking after the gardens.

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. We have had an encouraging response so far and, if you haven't yet decided, the appeal will remain open for a few more weeks. As always, many thanks for your support and generosity.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

THANK YOU

Thank you for the donation of £20 towards the upkeep of the Grotto in Our Lady's garden.



Jul 5 - Do we know how to silence our hearts and listen to the voice of God?

Jul 3 - We receive God's graces to share them with others.

Jul 1 - I ask all of you to join me in prayer as I travel to Bari on Saturday on a pilgrimage to pray for peace in the long-suffering Middle East.

Jun 30 - When we are firmly united to the God who loves and sustains us, we are able to withstand all life's difficulties and challenges.

Jun 29 - Every kind of material or spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, comes from turning our backs on God and His love.

MISSION BOXES

St Joseph's, Twelve Apostles & Our Lady's

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the presbytery on Monday 23rd July

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 27th** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and will take place on **Wednesday July 18th** 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 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



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 (2nd Sunday in July)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL	£1,598.10
Peter's pence	£ 228.16
S.V.P. 20/5/18	£452.00

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

To donate online please visit:

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 ...

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors from Catholic schools in the area, who have booked, are warmly welcomed 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 tomorrow evening, Monday 9th July from 6.00-8.00pm

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. 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 19th 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 22nd 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

 *live simply*

Reflect:

This week's Gospel shows us that even Jesus was not always accepted by those he met, but he did not give up preaching his good news. How often do we become disheartened when we meet opposition from others when trying to express our faith?

Pray:

Lord, may I never forget that you are always with me, even to the end of time

Actions:

Be aware of those around you who are downhearted. Find words of encouragement for them.

Challenge:

Make a change for the better in your world, just something simple can have a profound effect.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." - Mother Teresa



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Sunday 8th July 11.30am - 2.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School are holding their Summer Fair on Sunday 8th 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



*Freedom consists not
in doing what we like,
but in having the right
to do what we ought.*

Pope John Paul II

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 7 July

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.

Mon 9 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 14)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Thanksgiving

Tue 10 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon

MASS Ollie McCarthy L.D.

Wed 11 July

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

StJ 9.15am

Year 6 Leavers MASS in school, all parishioners welcome.

12A 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Kathleen Norris

Thu 12 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am

MASS Julie Burke (sick)

Fri 13 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eddie Unsworth R.I.P.

Sat 14 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Caitlyn Bradbury (anniv.)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 15 July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Fred Cooper (anniv., b'day mem.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Marie Daven (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Joe Shovelton (b'day mem.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Frances & Michael Aspin

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50 No. 418 Jessica Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 50 M Flannery



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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