

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 15 JULY 2018



Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Today's First Reading from Amos and the Gospel Reading from Mark have an important message for us, the Christian Community today. In the book of Amos we are presented with the prophet being lambasted by a large crowd and told by them that he should never speak in the way he has been speaking again. Poor Amos, we may think. However, he does not need our pity. He is a man who utterly believes that what he says and does is just what he was told to do and say by the Lord. In the Gospel we witness how the disciples are given the power to anoint sick people and drive out demons from those who find themselves possessed. This power has come from Jesus and has been gifted to the apostles. These are people who can now minister as they have seen Jesus minister to others. There was nothing that could deter either Amos or the disciples from carrying on the ministry that had been given to them from a source much more significant and important than the opinion of the crowd. Even when opinion is gravely against them they have the confidence and the bravery to continue the Lord's business. They are people who keep their focus and somehow manage to continue believing even at those moments where doubt and disbelief would be a more realistic option.

It can sometimes seem that today there is a rising intolerance towards Christianity and the message it shares. In our society we are unlikely to meet the kind of persecution that is faced today by people of faith in other countries of the world. But we may well encounter ridicule or hostility towards our beliefs, as well as the apathy or disinterest towards religion that is shown by so many. Yet we are people who have been given a call, a vocation by the Lord. We know our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have been chosen and made holy by our God. The more we recognize these truths, the more we should not care what the "crowd" thinks about us. Being Christians today, as it always has been, is about being people of love, people of truth, people of justice, people of integrity, people of the Gospel. In this coming week let us be more conscious of the needs of those around us and let us see how we can be people who stand up for one another. Let us not stand quietly by when someone is calling out for help. Who knows, the day may come when it will be ourselves who are calling out for help and there may be no one to come and help us. Let us never give up living the life that we have been called by Jesus to live.

LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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IS BACK AGAIN!

**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Caroline Burns, J T Jones, Kath Norris, Staff of St Joseph's School, Thanksgiving St Anthony

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. **Today is the last day** to enrol for the course, please collect an application form after Mass and return it to the presbytery by Wednesday 18th July.

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

Coffee Morning today will be in the Mather Room.

GARDENING DAY

The Gardening Day has had to be postponed and will now be held on Saturday 21st July, beginning at 9.30am. Please come along for an hour or so and help Keith to keep the gardens so lovely.

NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR SACRED HEART

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.

CAR PARK

When coming to Mass on Sunday, please park your car in the car park and not the Church drive, the Ring and Ride bus cannot get down the drive way because of all the parked cars. Thank you for your consideration.



Jul 11 - Europe rediscovers hope when the human person is at the heart of its institutions. St Benedict, pray for us!

Jul 10 - You too are like the Good Samaritan when you recognize the face of Christ in those near you.

Jul 8 - Every occasion is a good one to spread Christ's message!

Jul 7 - May all humanity hear the cry of the children of the Middle East. Drying their tears the world will get back its dignity.

Jul 7 - The God of all consolation, who heals the broken hearts and takes care of the wounds, hear our prayer: Let there be peace in the Middle East!

Jul 6 - The suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters, persecuted for the sake of the Gospel, is an urgent reminder that we Christians must be more united.

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 **this 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.

Please note the walk today will begin at 1.30pm from the Mather Room, Mather Lane, and not 2.00pm as previously stated.



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

Seafarers

DEPARTURE MASS FOR THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ The King, Liverpool. Main celebrant Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Sunday 15th July 5.00pm. Novena of Prayers for the week of the Pilgrimage are available at the back of church, Please feel free to take one.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

Available in the porch, a programme of *Events Supporting Adoremus* 7-9 September 2018. Please feel free to take one.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,533.57
Apostleship of the Sea £ not yet known
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SICK

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

DECEASED

Christopher John Platt
Eternal rest grant unto him...

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. School summer holidays begin next weekend. **Act now!**

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



When everything seems
To be going against you.
Remember that the
Airplane takes off against
The wind: not with it.

Henry Ford

Remember that not
Getting what you want
Is sometimes a
Wonderful stroke of
Luck.

Dalai Lama

live simply

Re-

flect:

This week's reading tells of the Apostles first forays into spreading the word of Jesus. Jesus's words to his apostles as they set off reminds us that we should have absolute trust and faith in God.

Pray

Lord, for the times we fail to trust that you have our best interests in mind we ask your forgiveness. Help us to relax in your love and in the knowledge that you are with us in all things and at all times.

Actions

Is it possible to spend the week waiting on the Lord? Allowing his spirit into our lives to guide us in his path?

Challenge

As people start their summer holidays this week let us be considerate of those we encounter on our journeys, recognising that it takes all kinds to make a world.

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Saturday 1st September 2018

Liverpool Centre for Evangelisation

The Conference will provide an opportunity for participants to focus on ways in which we can all contribute to ensuring that our parish communities are safeguarded and those affected by abuse are supported.

There will be several workshops, which will focus on various aspects of Safeguarding and will be facilitated by the Archdiocese Safeguarding Commission. They are:

Grief to Grace - a specialised five day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse at any time in their life.

Catch 22 - Criminal and Sexual exploitation of young people. The service responds to and fully supports young people who are currently involved in child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, gangs and trafficking, through both one to one and group work.

Papyrus - Exists to reduce the number of young people who take their own lives by shattering the stigma around suicide and equipping communities with the skills to recognise and respond to suicidal behaviour.

I will be heard - Is part of the work of the Independent Inquiry into child sexual abuse which was set up in 2015 to investigate organisations and institutions that have failed to protect children.

Safe Recruitment - As part of its commitment to ensuring that children, young people and adults are kept safe from harm, the Catholic Church in England and Wales a robust selection and appointment process, which applies to anybody applying for work or ministry within the Church in a role which gives them direct access to children and adults.

To book a place on this event, please contact the parish office by Thursday 16th August and indicate in order of preference three workshops of your choice that you wish to attend. Workshops are scheduled to last for one hour.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 14 July

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 15 July

StJ 8.30am

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

SH 9.30am

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

StJ 10.30am

MASS Marie Daven (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Joe Shovelton (b'day mem.)

MASS Frances & Michael Aspin

Mon 16 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 15)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Peter & Vincent Lythgoe (anniv.)

Tue 17 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon

MASS John Griffin R.I.P.

Wed 18 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am

MASS Winifred Robinson

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Kath Trundle R.I.P.

SH 3.30pm

MASS for Year 6 school leavers

SH 7.30pm

HOLY HOUR in preparation for General Synod 2020 (all deanery welcome)

Thu 19 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am

MASS John Lee R.I.P.

12A 9.00am

MASS for Year 6 school leavers

StJ 10.00am

FUNERAL SERVICE Christopher John Platt

SH 12.00noon

MASS Sam Postleweight L.D.

Fri 20 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 10.00am

MASS John O'Grady (anniv.)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Celia Grogan R.I.P.

Sat 21 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS John Robinson (birthday anniv.)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Anne Mary Wilson

Sun 22 July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Thanksgiving

SH 9.30am

MASS Cliff Evans (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Sam Postlewaite R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral area

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 424 B Woods, £5 No. 093 C Swift, £3 No. 278 M & D Flannery, £2 No. 105 T Jones

Bonus Ball No. 1 Tom Ellis



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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