

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 22 JULY 2018



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In May 1730 a young priest, exhausted by his exertions preaching in and around the city of Naples, was encouraged to take a good rest and to go away for a while with some friends to the quiet and peacefulness of the Amalfi coast. The group set off towards the Bay of Salerno and took a boat along the coast. They put in at Amalfi and there met a friend who suggested they go higher up the mountainside to a peaceful place called Scala. There, high up in the hills, they could see the beauty of the world around them and could enjoy the tranquility of earth, sea and sky. Having arrived in Scala, the little group of priests met local people and soon were joined by shepherds who came down from minding their sheep to get to know these new arrivals in their quiet corner of the world. The young priest and his companions soon discovered that these local people, so pleasant and very friendly, were also very much neglected in matters of faith and religious practice. So the holiday soon turned into a time of mission and the group set themselves to evangelise these neglected people. This event was the beginning of a new religious order that would become the Redemptorists, and the young priest who had travelled to Scala in search of peace and quiet became the founder of the order and a great teacher and pastor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus Liguori. From this initial experience, Alphonsus grew to develop the particular insight of seeking out those people who feel most abandoned and helping them.

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus, too, seeks to take his little group away to a quiet place and rest, only to find that when their boat puts into shore, a large crowd of people are already there before them and are waiting for them. The planned quiet time must now give way to the needs of this hungry group of people, people who are hungry for God's Word delivered to them by Jesus himself. The insight of these people has a profound effect on Jesus. He is deeply moved by what he sees. The people seem lost and lacking in direction. They seem vulnerable to every wind that blows. Mark, writing this Gospel story, says the people were like "sheep without a shepherd". Shepherds, as we know, provide leadership and guidance for the sheep, finding new pastures for them and keeping guard over them in the watches of the night, so that the predators may not attack them or harm them. So many people in the world can be like sheep without a shepherd, easy prey for those who take advantage of them. Life should not be like this. Everyone deserves to be loved and cared for, but yet the world is full of people who are sorrowful and needy. This is why the quiet time had to wait. Jesus saw the needs of the people and responded straight away. The world needs shepherds. Without the care and love and protection of a good shepherd we will all be lost. Let us pray that we can be good shepherds to each other and always answer the call of THE Good Shepherd, Jesus, as he beckons us to follow him each day.

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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
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and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Alan & Eileen Hogan, Terry Malley, James & Ann Marsh, Christopher Platt, Albert Sankey, Annie & Samuel Spibey Eileen Stockton, St Jude

COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately we have had to cancel Coffee Morning next Sunday, 22nd July, sorry for the disruption, we shall be back to normal the week after. Thank you

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING

Thank you to all those who came along to help us with the gardening on Tuesday. If you have a bit of time to spare, please come along at 10.00am on Tuesday.



Jul 18 - Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together in the situations we are called to live every day.

Jul 16 - May the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, accompany you on your daily journey towards the Mountain of God.

Jul 15 - Try reading the Gospel for at least five minutes every day. You will see how it changes your life.

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.

DEANERY FORUM

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will now take place on Wednesday September 5th at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart presbytery, Leigh. Please note the change of date from the last meeting. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

Thank you to the small group of people who joined in the *Share the Journey* walk last Sunday, we completed 35 miles to add to CAFOD's total. The response nationwide to the Pope's appeal to walk shoulder to shoulder with refugees has been wonderful, and the total miles walked is now three times around the world and 78,654 miles into the fourth journey round the world.

Pope Francis has declared this time a 'unique opportunity' for us to press our governments to make global commitments which place the human dignity of people on the move at their heart. Add your voice to his. If you were unable to join us on our walk and still want to support refugees, visit www.cafod.org.uk/share-the-journey and sign the petition. By taking action we are supporting the people of Bidi Bidi and the refugees who seek safety there.

WELCOMING NEIGHBOURS IN UGANDA

Bidi Bidi was once a quiet village in northern Uganda. Today, it hosts over 270,000 women, men and children from neighbouring South Sudan, and is the second biggest refugee camp in the world.

Caritas Uganda are providing food, water and housing to thousands of people fleeing from the conflict in South Sudan. Viola Taboo, 22, and her five-year-old son, Charles, fled to Uganda last year after soldiers arrived in their village. Eventually she found her way to safety in Bidi Bidi.

Her courage saved their lives. Later, Viola heard that eight members of her family had been killed in her homeland.

Viola and her son are starting to rebuild their lives. "At first there was little food here," she remembers. "Life was very hard. But now we are getting some good supplies."

More people are on the move now than ever before. Every minute, 20 people around the world are newly displaced.

Half of the world's refugees are children, and thousands take flight without the protection of parents or other family members.

Three out of four of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries.

"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age."

Pope Francis

Marion Prayers for Refugees

O Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you fled into exile in the moonlight,
carrying your son, our Lord Jesus.
You shared his journey to the Cross,
and are now robed in the light of peace.
Mary, Mother of the Poor,
watch over migrants and refugees
holding their families close on fearful journeys.
Comfort and protect them, we pray,
as they walk beneath the shining stars.
Bless our communities, loving Mary,
fill our hearts with compassion,
help us to shelter the stranger,
and share the goodness
of God's consoling love
with all our neighbours.
Hail Mary...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

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| PARISH TOTAL | £1,759.29 |
| Apostleship of the Sea | £ 557.00 |
| Priests training Fund | £2,471.67 |
| Priests in Retirement | £1,790.45 |

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.

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

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

Seafarers

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.

Live simply

Reflect:

This week's reading reminds us of the importance of taking time out to restock our inner selves, restore lost energy, reflect on our lives and re-centre ourselves in the Lord

Pray:

Lord, at times we become so engrossed in our own lives, so focused on our own needs that we forget about you and we forget about those around us. Restore us Lord, renew us and fill us with your love that we may reach out to others in your name.

Act:

Make sure that those around you have the time and space to refocus their lives.

Challenge:

Stop and BE for a while. Give yourself time to reflect so that you may face future challenges with renewed vigour.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

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

FEAST DAY MASS

An early notice that the annual celebration of the Feast of St. Edmund Arrowsmith & St. Margaret Clitherow will take place in St. Ambrose Barlow church on Wednesday September 12th at 7.00pm. Please come along and join us in prayer.

IT TAKES COURAGE

It takes strength to be firm,
It takes courage to be gentle.

It takes strength to conquer,
It takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to be certain,
It takes courage to have doubt.

It takes strength to fit in,
It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to feel a friend's pain
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to endure abuse,
It takes courage to stop it.

It takes strength to stand alone,
It takes courage to lean on another.

It takes strength to love
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive,
It takes courage to live.

Author unknown

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 21 July

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Anne Mary Wilson

Sun 22 July

StJ 8.30am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

SH 9.30am

MASS Thanksgiving

StJ 10.30am

MASS Cliff Evans (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Sam Postlewaite R.I.P.

MASS People of the Pastoral area

Mon 23 July

FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE

Day for Europe

StJ 9.00am

MASS John Prince (sick)

Tue 24 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 16)

SH 12.00noon

MASS Mrs Irene Jones L.D.

Wed 25 July

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

12A 10.00am

MASS Sandra Stones (sick)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Eileen Boardman L.D.

Thu 26 July

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne

StJ 9.00am

MASS Thanksgiving Safe Delivery of Twins

SH 12.00noon

MASS Janet Crusham L.D.

Fri 27 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 10.00am

MASS (special intention M.M.)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Len Pritchard L.D.

Sat 28 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 5.30pm

NO Exposition and Reconciliation

NO MASS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Karol & Mary Gredecki

Sun 29 July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Monica Davies (birthday memorial)

SH 9.30am

MASS Christine & John Prince

StJ 10.30am

MASS James Clegg (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Teresa Burton

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 113 B Edwards, £5 No. 242 M Moore, £3 No. 465 A Wilkinson, £2 No. 249 N Flynn

Bonus Ball No. 58 A Jones



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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