

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 12 AUGUST 2018



Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Elijah spent a lifetime battling against idolatry which was rampant in his time. This brought him into conflict with Queen Jezebel, who wanted to kill him. So he fled into the desert to escape. But there everything caught up with him. Having given his all, he felt drained. So he lay down and asked God to take his life away. Then, he supposed, all his troubles would be over. Elijah was perhaps one of the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Yet here we see him weak, exhausted, terror-stricken, and just wanting to die. Far from being shocked at this we should take heart from it. Elijah was a great man. Greatness can't be conferred on people; they have to achieve it. And they do so, not by avoiding difficulties, but by confronting them and overcoming them. But even the great know moments of weakness, doubt and fear like the rest of us.

Elijah was running away from something that was going to follow him. Instead of granting his wish, God sent an angel to him with food and drink. There may not have been anything supernatural about the incident. The "angel" could possibly have been the prophet's own servant whom he had left a short distance away. Still, it was an expression of God's care for his prophet. In any case, strengthened by this food from Heaven, Elijah was able to make his way to Horeb, the mountain of God. At Horeb he had an experience of God's presence. The purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape on his part. It was meant to comfort and strengthen him so that he could go back and face the danger he had left behind. And this is exactly what he did.

Prayer and religion are not meant to be an escape from life but are there to help us face it. From our own daily journey in search of God, and in our effort to live the life of a Christian, we return again and again to prayer and to the sacraments. Not, however, purely for refuge or escape, but for rebirth and renewal of courage and energy, so that we may commit ourselves again to the journey. Our faith is there to comfort us in times of trouble and to console us in times of sorrow. It is there to give us hope, to encourage us to keep going on our journey to and with God. There is a religion of devotion, and a religion of commitment. Faith can be a crutch to us at times but it can also be a pair of wings to help us fly. The Christian life is not about evasions, escapism, soft options, comfort. It is about the very opposite to these. The God who loves us, expects the best of us, nothing less. God gives us a special food to nourish us. The food that Elijah received enabled him to walk up the mountain of God. The food that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist enables us to walk all the way to his eternal Kingdom in Heaven.

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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Stephen Aspden, Mary Connor, Monica Davies, Teresa Higgins, Ellen Squires, Successful Operation

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 14th August at St Joseph's Church.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Anyone willing to help with Tea & Coffee and other duties if not every week, please see Brenda at the back of Church.

SACRED HEART

A Sacred Heart senior, with Gods help, will walk the Leigh 10k on Sunday 12th August. The £17 entry fee already paid, will help our local Hospice. Further offerings, most welcome, for CAFOD's work for children starving in Yemen. Thank you in advance.

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH S.V.P.

At all masses on the weekend of the 18/19th August 2018 the SVP will be having a collection. The monies we collect will be used to support parishioners of all ages, our last collection raised over £400.

Please continue to be generous, as any little helps us to continue our work in our parish community.
Thank you, the SVP



Pope Francis @Pontifex

- Aug 7 - Jesus reveals the love-filled face of God.
- Aug 6 - The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor is an invitation to us to abandon worldly things and to contemplate Jesus.
- Aug 5 - The Eucharist is our "reservation" for Heaven: Jesus leads us on our journey towards eternal life.
- Aug 4 - Support your priests with friendship and affection.
- Aug 3 - More than anything else, the life of a Christian is a grateful response to a generous Father.
- Aug 2 - Charity is the most effective form of witness, because in it people see the love of God.

Orlive simply

Reflect:

A phrase from today's Gospel resonates: "No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father." If Jesus is right, you listened to today's Gospel, are reading this passage, because God brought you to this time and place. How does it feel to hear that?

Pray

Lord,
at times we allow ourselves to focus on the extravagances of life.
Help us to cherish the simple things around us.
Help us to regain the sense of wonder a young child has.
Open our eyes to your presence in everything and everyone we see.
Amen.

Act

The image of bread is of a daily staple, something that nourishes, sustains, and enables us to grow. What and whom do you need in your own life, day by day, to keep you going?

Challenge

How can you be bread for others?

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT, BIRMINGHAM:

Rev. Thomas Clarke, from the Parish of St. Charles and Thomas More, Aigburth, will begin his sixth year of formation and, with the help of God, will be ordained a priest in his home Parish on 13th July, 2019.

Hugh Dunleavy, from the Parish of St. Alban, Warrington, will begin his second year of formation.

Joseph Champion-Williams, from the Parish of St. Wilfrid, Garston, will also begin his second year of formation.

Peter Ross, from the Parish of St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, will begin his first year of formation at Oscott after a year in the English College, Valladolid.

St. John's College, Womersley, Guildford:

Peter Murphy, from the Parish of St. Marie, Southport, will begin his fifth year of formation.

The Pontifical Bede College, Rome:

Michael Harwood, from the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby, will begin his first year of formation.

The Venerable English College, Rome:

Joshua Dixon, from the Parish of St. Agnes, Huyton, will begin his fourth year of formation.

James Finnegan, from the Parish of St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, will begin his first year of formation.

Martin Fyles, from the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph, Southport, will also begin his first year of formation.

Please also pray for those who continue to attend the discernment days and spend time at the House of Discernment.

For more information on discerning a call to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, please contact Fr James Preston (Vocations Director) on 0151 727 2493

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,786.51
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh

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'Brien 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

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.

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.

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.



Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Service

(based at Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital NHS Trust)

Assistant Chaplain 18 ¾ hours per week (to be worked flexibly) Salary £11,261.25 per annum (Full time equivalent is £22,522.50) 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme

Applicants must have; experience of collaborative working in a Catholic context, experience of recruiting and managing volunteers, proven skills in leadership and planning, highly developed listening skills, have been commissioned (or willing to be commissioned) as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, excellent oral and written skills and a flexible approach to work. Experience gained within a chaplaincy setting or working knowledge of NHS issues would be advantageous. Closing date: Friday 17 August 2018 This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check This application is covered by a genuine occupational requirement under The Employment Equality (Religion or belief) Regulations 2003, Section 7, subsection (2) To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1101 for an application pack

FATIMA FUND

Sacred Heart, Hindley Green are holding an 'Afternoon Tea' 2pm - 4pm Saturday 25th August 2018 in aid of the Fatima Fund. Videos and pictures of Fatima will be on sale.



"In the Apache language there is no word for 'guilt'. Our lives are like diamonds. When we are born we are pure and uncut. Each thing that happens to us in our lives teaches us how to reflect the light in the world; each experience gives us a new cut, a new facet in our diamond. How brilliantly do those diamonds sparkle whose facets are many, to whom life has given many cuts!"

Daniel J. O'Leary

quoting Bearwater, an Apache medicine man

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 11 August

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 12 August

StJ 8.30am

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

SH 9.30am

MASS Mary & Joe Fox (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Agnes Payne R.I.P. (nee McGarr)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Len Pritchard R.I.P.

MASS Ian Scholes R.I.P.

Mon 13 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 19)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Janet Crusham R.I.P.

Tue 14 August

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

SH 7.00pm

VIGIL MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Wed 15 August

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holyday of Obligation

StJ 9.00am

MASS Harry O'Hara

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Theisamma Zachria (Anniv.)

Thu 16 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am

MASS Sam Postlewaite R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am

FUNERAL SERVICE John Yates

SH 12.00noon

MASS Thanksgiving for exam success

Fri 17 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Successful Operation

Sat 18 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Catherine Curran

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mary Langan and members of the Langan family

Sun 19 August

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Anne Barnes (Birthday Memorial)

SH 9.30am

MASS Dennis & Patricia Atherton

StJ 10.30am

MASS Eileen Boardman R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Special Intention (Mrs Hall)

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 014 S Wilkinson, £5 No. 143 U Lightford, £3 No. 373 A Gree, £2 No. 250 M & D Flannery

Bonus Ball No. 52 J Atherton



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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