

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 19 AUGUST 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## REFLECTION

This weekend we continue to listen to John's discourse in the Gospel Reading. It began a few weeks ago with the feeding of the five thousand. Since then we have heard Jesus telling us that, though the bread we eat is perishable, the bread that he offers us will last forever. Jesus is the Bread of Life, the living bread that has come down from Heaven. Today Jesus invites us to go beyond the fulfilment of our physical needs and eat his body and drink his blood. In doing so we will be given a life that is beyond words, the kind of nourishment that feeds our souls and can transform us. When we eat his Body and drink his Blood we take in all that Jesus is: a person of mercy, compassion, forgiveness. We digest his way of being, his way of seeing, his way of relating to the world and to God himself. Jesus was vitally concerned with those who were poor. As he went about his ministry he met great numbers of hungry people and he fed them. His disciples failed to see the deeper significance of these events at the time. For them the bread shared was bread, fish was fish, something for an empty stomach, which would become hungry again. When Jesus spoke of eating his own flesh and drinking his blood some were so horrified that they walked away. Those who remained gradually came to understand that Jesus was not talking about physical food (though he often provided that anyway) but something far more lasting. Today we know that this is fully realized for us when we take part in the Eucharist.

Participating in the Eucharist is not only a great gift for us but it brings with it a great responsibility. Saint Augustine reminds us that those of us who receive the Eucharist are charged with becoming what we have received – that is, we become Christ for one another. We receive the Body of Christ to BECOME the Body of Christ. Like Augustine, Pope Francis, through his daily actions and interactions, reminds us that communion with Christ is deeply tied to communion with our sisters and brothers everywhere. It is no accident that the Communion Rite starts with the Lord's Prayer and the Sign of Peace. We ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Only then do we approach the table of unity and love to receive the mystery that unites us not only to Christ but to all our sisters and brothers. We call the Eucharist "Communion", and gathering around the table is our strongest sign of communion with Christ and with one another. Today the world will only come to encounter Christ by the witness, the prayer and the love of our desire to share his gifts with others. Receiving Christ's Body and Blood is never just about us. We receive so that we may reach out and share what we have received with everyone. In doing so we not only nourish our own souls but take on the responsibility of seeing and meeting the needs of those who hunger and thirst, not only for food but for love, for justice, for peace and for hope in a world where there is so much suffering and so much deprivation. As the beautiful hymn reminds us:

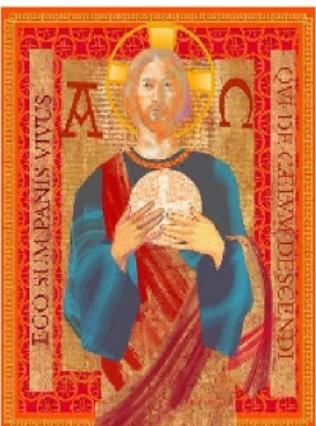
"Bread for the world, a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.  
May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love."

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



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Berni Bates, Tony Broster, Jack & Elizabeth Cleworth, Teresa Cooney, Annie Green, Arthur Lowe, May Lynch, Vincent Lythgoe James & Ann Marsh, John & Christine Prince, Baby Theodore Michael Sharples, Joseph Smith, Reginald Squires, Joan Tootle, Sylvia Withington, Ronal Joseph Ken Wright, Safe Confinement

### 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.

### THANK YOU

Many thanks for the two very generous donations that have enabled our gardeners to buy a new wheelbarrow and to help establish a new garden at the side of the main entrance.

### 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

### LEIGH 10K

Thanks to God, our Sacred Heart walker completed this challenge. £17 entry fee was for the support of our local hospice. Further donations most welcome for CAFOD's project, Yemen children in crisis.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Aug 14 - Still today there are so many martyrs, so many who are persecuted for the love of Christ. They are the real strength of the Church!

Aug 12 - Thanks to the gift of the Eucharist, our lives too become "bread broken" for our brothers and sisters.

Aug 11 - In silence we learn to contemplate God's works, which surpass all our imagination.

Aug 10 - When we place ourselves at the service of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters we experience the joy of unconditional love.

Aug 9 - The Kingdom of God grows in a mysterious and surprising way throughout the world with the power of a tiny seed.

Aug 8 - Evil tries to convince us that death is the end of everything. But the Risen Christ reveals a new dimension of eternal life!

The logo for 'Live simply' features a stylized cross inside a circle followed by the text 'live simply' in a lowercase, cursive font.

### Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology is revealed. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world. (Loyola press Sunday Connection)

### Pray:

My Lord and My God!  
I Believe, Help My Unbelief!

### Act:

Consider the difference between those who "have no life in them" and those who do have life in them because of their faith, because of their close relationship with Jesus. In what ways does your faith, your relationship with Jesus give you life?

(Pray As You Go)

### Challenge:

Find ways to share the life you have within you with others you encounter this week.

### 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

Intense love does not

measure - it just gives

Mother Teresa



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,785.31  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### SICK

Winifred Beattie, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, Patrick O'Rourke.

### LATELY DEAD

James Costello, Julia Crooks, Jean Utmabahutu  
Eternal rest give unto them...

### BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to:  
Peter Ngu

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Thomas Maxwell Prescott & Katie Marie Welch, who were married last Friday.

### 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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18¾ 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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1101 for an application pack

### ADOREMUS YOUTH CONGRESS

Liverpool Echo Arena Auditorium 8th Sept  
10.30-5.30pm. £10

Tickets are now available through Eventbrite for those 18-25 who would like to take part in the Youth Congress [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adoremus-youth-congress-tickets-](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adoremus-youth-congress-tickets-). Join a thousand young adults from around the country in a lively day to celebrate faith and to deepen an understanding of Jesus, the bread of life. Those aged 13-17 can still take part in the day and need to be part of an organised group. More information on [www.adoremusyouth.co.uk](http://www.adoremusyouth.co.uk) and facebook Adoremus National Youth Congress.

### FATIMA FUND

Sacred Heart, Hindley Green are holding an 'Afternoon Tea' 2pm - 4pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in aid of the Fatima Fund. Videos and pictures of Fatima, for buying and distribution, for groups and school etc.

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 18 August

12A 5.30pm

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

### Sun 19 August

StJ 8.30am

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

SH 9.30am

MASS Anne Barnes (Birthday Memorial)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Dennis & Patricia Atherton

OLR 11.00am

MASS Eileen Boardman R.I.P.

MASS Special Intention (Mrs Hall)

### Mon 20 August

### Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbott and Doctor

StJ 9.00am

MASS Alice Wilcock (Annie)

SH 12.00noon

Sacred Heart Helen Shearer R.I.P.

### Tue 21 August

### Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

12A 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS James Anthony Costello

### Wed 22 August

### Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

12A 10.00am

MASS Charley Carnie

StJ 7.00pm

MASS Baby Theodore Michael Sharples (Get well)

### Thu 23 August

### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 20)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Jim & Elsie McHugh

### Fri 24 August

### FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Dierdre (Anniv.)

### Sat 25 August

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Frances Taylor L.D.

### Sun 26 August

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am

MASS Kathleen & Philip McLoughlin

StJ 10.30am

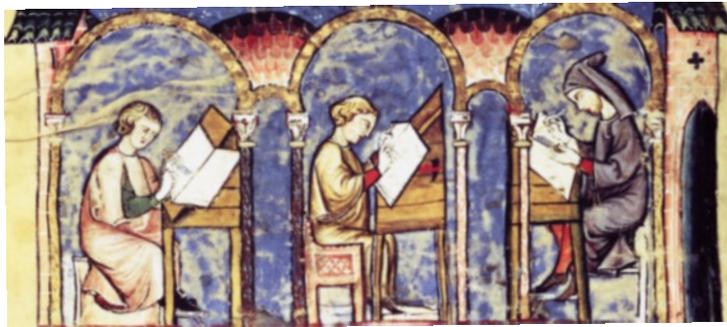
MASS Staff of St Joseph's School

OLR 11.00am

MASS Rita Vint (Anniv.)

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 414 C Ellis, £5 No. 224 J Waterfield, £3 No. 496 B Ryan, £2 No. 283 M Roach

**Bonus Ball** No. 57 K Shacklock



### 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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