

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 26 AUGUST 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

Today's Gospel centres on a choice. In recent weeks we have heard Jesus talking about the importance of faith, which brings us into closest union with him. Last week he spoke plainly about the Eucharist, ending with the words, "anyone who eats this bread will live forever". For some of his followers, this marks the end of their discipleship. It is too much for them: "This is intolerable language," they say, "how could anyone accept it?" Jesus agrees. It isn't easy to accept such a claim. In fact, without the help of the Holy Spirit, it would be impossible. But he doesn't go back on what he has said, not even when – and this is one of the saddest sentences in the Gospels – "many of his disciples left him." He takes back nothing. Incredibly, he goes further. He turns to the Twelve and asks, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" He knows he could lose his closest friends over his teaching about the Eucharist. Peter has a wonderful response: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe." He and the other disciples cannot understand, any more than the other people could, how Jesus will do what he says, how he will give himself to us in the Eucharist. But their faith tells them that he has the message of eternal life. They trust him. They choose God. They choose eternal life.

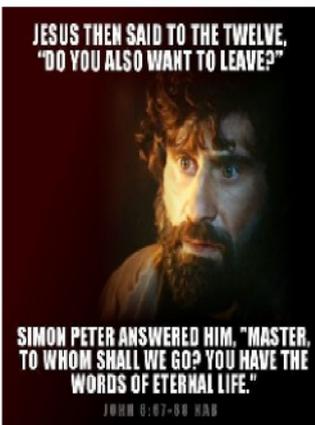
There is a sense in which the Gospel story today becomes a reality at Mass. As each one of us comes forward for Holy Communion, the priest or minister holds up the host and says: "The Body of Christ". All we see is a wafer of bread. That's what it will taste like and feel like. And yet, as we look at the host, we say, "Amen". Amen is a tiny word, so tiny that it is easy to mumble it without a second thought. Yet it is full of meaning. It comes from a Hebrew root that suggests solidarity and strength. It is our "Yes", our act of faith. We believe this IS the Body of Christ: the same Christ who once walked the roads of Palestine; the same Christ who healed the sick and comforted the rejected; the same Christ who kept people spellbound when he spoke; the same Christ who died for us on the Cross; the same Christ who rose again in glory. The Eucharist is above all the sacrament of faith, and faith is more than simply saying, "I believe". It involves total commitment to Jesus. Our "Amen" is like Peter's declaration: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life." In the Eucharist we are making a decisive choice: we choose God, and we choose life, a fullness of life that only God alone can give.

## LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

[www.leighdeanery.co.uk](http://www.leighdeanery.co.uk)

### St. Edmund Arrowsmith Parish

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



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Julia Crooks, Michael Davey, Miriam Mavely, Thomas Nevin.

### COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately this weeks coffee morning has had to be cancelled, sorry for the inconvenience.

### ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

A huge congratulations and well done to all at St Joseph's Players for their recent success at the Association of Community Theatre Spotlight Pantomime Awards. The Players were nominated in many categories and won the following awards:

- Most Accomplished Music Accompaniment (Live Band) - Craig Barlow
- Most Accomplished Dame - Paul Jameson
- Most Accomplished Principal Boys - Clare Nash & Zoe Unsworth
- Most Original Pantomime Sunbeams - the children

Whilst the Players production of An Ideal Husband took the prize for best design and set construction. Well done St Joseph's Players!!

### 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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Aug 21 - The #Family is where hope is forged.

Aug 21 - Today the World Meeting of #Families begins in Dublin. Let us join in prayer with all the families of the world, especially those in difficulty. @WMOF2018 @LaityFamilyLife

Aug 20 - May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20180820\\_lettera-popolo-didio.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180820_lettera-popolo-didio.html)

Aug 19 - The Eucharist, Jesus the Bread of Life, is the beating heart of the Church and renews in us the impulse to love.

Aug 18 - Love overcomes all difficulties. Love gives us the strength to carry on.

Aug 17 - By embracing God's love, we change the world and transform history.

Aug 16 - Faith is nourished by memory: how many wonderful things God has done for us! How generous is our heavenly Father!

Aug 15 - Mary, Mother of tenderness who is always near, teach us how to live and have faith.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

The first meeting to plan this year's Christmas Fair will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Joseph's Presbytery, 7.00pm. All welcome.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - DECEMBER 2019

Fr Colin has been invited by All Saints Travel, a Christian Pilgrimage specialist, to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. In the six nights, spent in Bethlehem and one in Nazareth, we would visit and celebrate Mass in many of the holy places associated with Our Lord's ministry. The cost of the pilgrimage is £949.00 per person based on a double/twin room. If you would like more information or a full itinerary, please see the notice board, phone the parish office or speak to Fr Colin.

### 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 received are for CAFOD's project, Yemen children in crisis. £400 has been donated & sent to CAFOD. Many thanks to all who contributed. May God bless you & the recipients of our efforts in extremely urgent need.



### Reflect:

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

(Sunday Connection – Loyola Press)

### Pray

Lord,  
Give me the strength and courage  
to follow your teachings,  
to open my heart to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit,  
that I may always do your will –  
even when following your path  
is the difficult option.

Amen

### Act & Challenge

Do I answer Jesus' personal invitation "Come to Me! Come and follow Me!" every day, every moment, in the most diverse situations of my life, in various circumstances, in the presence of others? Make conscious efforts this week to walk with the Lord.

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at [frjamespreston@gmail.com](mailto:frjamespreston@gmail.com) or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,826.14  
S.V.P. Collection £ 427.00  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## SICK

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

## LATELY DEAD

Julia Crooks  
Eternal rest grant unto her...

## BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to:  
Miles Mathew Cardilli & Erica-Rae Amower.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## IN OUR LIVERPOOL HOME

A concert to celebrate the diversity of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, one body working together,  
Irish Band, Gospel Choir, Bagpipes, Liverpool singalong including Beatles' hits and more.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 10.00pm  
St Anne's Church, Overbury St, Liverpool, L7 3HJ  
Book your free place 0151 207 1804  
[donna.williams@nugentcare.org](mailto:donna.williams@nugentcare.org)

## LIVING FULLY

Fun, interactive day for all the family, catechists and people with learning disabilities. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am - 4.00pm. St Anne's Church, Overbury St, Liverpool, L7 3HJ  
All welcome!

Take part in craft, drama, gospel story with music and drama, signing session and opportunity to learn a prayer in sign language. To book ring 0151 261 2000  
[marie.reynolds@nugentcare.org](mailto:marie.reynolds@nugentcare.org)

## A FESTIVAL OF FUN

### Two One Act Plays

By Dorothy Galvin

Produced by Katherine Roberts & Gabrielle Fitzsimons  
Adults £10, 16yrs and under £5

Pay on the door or advance bookings available from  
Spectrum Blinds

Don't miss the chance to see these 2 one act plays  
written by the very talented Dorothy Galvin.

## LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE VACANCIES

**Experienced housekeeper / cleaner** to be based at Sacred Heart Presbytery, Springfield Road, Wigan, WN6 7AT. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the parish priest, Fr Aidan Kelly. This is a permanent post working 4 hours per week on Thursday from 9.00am-1.00pm. The salary is £1,820.00 per annum. There would be occasions when you may find yourself lone working in the presbytery. The successful candidate will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service on behalf of Fr Aidan to ensure a pleasant and welcoming environment to all who visit the presbytery. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role, flexible approach to duties undertaken, an appreciation for the need of sensitivity and confidentiality and the ability to work alongside volunteers and other visitors to the presbytery.

**gardener / maintenance worker** required to be based at Sacred Heart Presbytery, The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the parish priest, Fr Aidan Kelly. This is a permanent post working 4 hours per week on Saturday from 10.00am - 2.00pm. The salary is £1,820.00 per annum. The successful candidate will be required to provide a full gardening and maintenance service all year-round, responding to the seasons in the year and undertaking general low maintenance tasks around the presbytery as required.

Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role, ability to work unsupervised, self motivated and able to work in all weather conditions. Qualifications in gardening or landscaping would be advantageous.

Both posts receive 5 weeks holiday plus pension. Closing date: 28 August 2018 Not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check. To apply, visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) or ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

## RESTORED LIVES

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.

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 25 August

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Frances Taylor L.D.

### Sun 26 August

StJ 8.30am

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

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Kathleen & Philip McLoughlin

OLR 11.00am

MASS Staff of St Joseph's School

MASS Rita Vint (anniv.)

### Mon 27 August

### Memorial of Saint Monica

StJ 9.00am

MASS Monica Davies R.I.P.

### Tue 28 August

### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

SH 12.00noon

MASS Brian Wilfred Ogden

### Wed 29 August

### Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12A 10.00am

MASS John Carney

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Vincent Lythgoe (anniv.)

### Thu 30 August

### Memorial of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest, Martyr

StJ 10.00am

FUNERAL MASS Julia Crookes

SH 7.00pm

MASS Ellen Mullaney (anniv.)

### Fri 31 August

### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 21)

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Safe Confinement

### Sat 1 September

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

### Optional Memorial of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Martyrs

SH 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

SH 12.00noon

MASS Tommy Grainey R.I.P.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Pat Atherton

### Sun 2 September

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

StJ 8.30am

MASS Florence & Ronald Pierce R.I.P.

SH 9.30am

MASS Denis Jackson R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Vernon Byrne R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Joe Moore (Birthday Anniversary)

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 250 M & D Flannery, £5 No. 434 B Woods, £3 No. 439 J Riley, £2 No. 313 B Edwards

**Bonus Ball** No. 11 Mrs Farrell



### 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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