

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 2 SEPTEMBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of breaking with sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good food hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean. According to the written law, ceremonial washing was required only of priests before they entered the sanctuary in the Temple. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand-washing, before every meal and between each course, had been extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition of legal interpretation – the oral law – was regarded by the Pharisees to be as binding as the written law. And they expected Jesus to share their religious outlook.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline his point:

**“This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.”**

In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandment of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of a stifling tradition that concentrates on approved performance. Jesus goes on to teach the people a revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition: nothing that a person eats can defile them, only what comes from their heart. In this Jesus declares all food clean and shifts the focus of moral attention to how people choose and what they actually do. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart.

Jesus is interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. The territory within, with all its complex emotions and desires, holds Jesus' attention. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them conform socially. This is why he says so often, “Set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God.” Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are free from the litany of human regulations. For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. But we call it Good News – Gospel – because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to live a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values is all we can do if we want to be his disciples today.

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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

Nothing outside
a person can
defile them...



...it is what
comes out
of a person

Mark 7:15

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

John McLean, Jeff Lawton, Baby Theodor Michael Sharples, Kathleen Sweeney, Veronica Worrall.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass today, please come and join us. Everyone welcome. 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 29 - To pray is the first missionary task of every Christian. It is also the most effective.

Aug 28 - If the Lord has gifted you with riches, it is in order to do lots of good things for others in His name.

Aug 27 - Dear Mothers, be like Saint Monica and never give up. Pray unceasingly for your children.

Aug 26 - May God's blessing come down upon all your families, so that they may be places of love and forgiveness.

Aug 26 - I ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for the healing of the survivors of abuse and to confirm every member of our Christian family in the resolve never again to permit these situations to occur.

Aug 25 - Is there anything precious that endures at all? Even love itself? Love is God's dream for us and for the whole human family. Please, never forget this!

Aug 25 - Our world needs a revolution of love! Let that revolution begin with you and your families!

Aug 24 - The #Family is an icon of God: the bond between a man and a woman generates life and communion.

Aug 23 - The #Family is the cradle of life and the school of love and acceptance. It is a window thrown open to the mystery of God.

Aug 22 - We must protect the #Family. Our future depends on it.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

The first meeting to plan this year's Christmas Fair will take place on Wednesday 19th 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 5th - 12th 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.



Reflect:

In today's Gospel Jesus and his disciples are challenged for not obeying the letter of the law. Jesus's response is that it is important to follow the commandment of love for others. How we behave towards one another reveals our true nature.

Pray

Lord,
Let me not be so quick to judge others.
Let me find your goodness in each person.
May your goodness shine from me.
Amen

Act

Be aware of how you react to those around you. Allow compassion to colour your interactions.

Challenge

Allow your interactions with others this week to be an expression of the conversion of your heart to God and to God's ways.

DEANERY FORUM

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will take place on this 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

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.

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-. 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 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 7th September 7.30 100.00pm
St Anne's Church, Overbury St, Liverpool, L7 3HJ
Book your free place 0151 207 1804
donna.williams@nugentcare.org

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,662.57

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Next weekend there will be retiring collections at all Masses on behalf of *Catholic Education Services*.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Francis Hampson, John Jeffrey Lawton, John Edward McGraph
Eternal rest grant unto them...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to:
Nancy Ivy Gallagher & Teddie Crerar

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

WALSINGHAM 2019

Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th April

If you would like to go to Walsingham next year, please pay your £40 deposit by the end of September to Teresa Thompson or Margaret Hawkins. Thank you.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigils, which have helped many women to choose life for their unborn baby. The freedom to oppose abortion and offer help in public places is at risk. Postcards are available in the church porch. For more information, please call SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

LIVING FULLY

Fun, interactive day for all the family, catechists and people with learning disabilities. Saturday 8th 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

RESTORED LIVES

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



"How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now., start slowly changing the world! How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution toward introducing justice straightaway...And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness."

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love. What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"

"Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness. People are just people, and all people have faults and shortcomings, but all of us are born with a basic goodness."

"No one has ever become poor by giving."

The words of Anne Frank

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 1 September

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)

Mon 3 September

FEAST OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor

StJ 9.00am MASS Moira McHugh R.I.P.

Tue 4 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 22)

SH 12.00noon MASS Kevin O'Rourke (anniv.)

Wed 5 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am MASS Deceased members of the Murnan Family.

StJ 12.00noon MASS Baby Theodore Michael Sharples (Thanksgiving)

Thu 6 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am MASS Michael McHugh Jnr. R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am FUNERAL SERVICE John Jeffrey Lawton

SH 12.00noon MASS Brian Ogden

Fri 7 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon MASS Julia Crooks L.D.

Sat 8 September

FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon MASS Special Intention (TG)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Sun 9 September

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Education Day

StJ 8.30am MASS Eddie Unsworth (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Samuel & Kathleen Atherton

StJ 10.30am MASS Thanksgiving (F&K)

OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 180 Kirsty, £5 No. 029 D Atherton, £3 No. 305 n Jones, £2 No. 166 D Vint
Bonus Ball No. 48 Kitty 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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