

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 9 SEPTEMBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

On Tuesday this week many people around the world will remember a day when terrorism struck violently and atrociously in New York City. Tuesday 11th September 2001, or simply 9/11, is a day that has sadly gone down in history. Even those among us who were too young to remember it have surely heard about it and learned of its significance. It is an anniversary to be remembered and the people involved to be prayed for: those who lost their lives, their families and friends, those who were injured, those who now live with a greater degree of fear – and also those who brought this horror to reality. We can remember them all in our prayers. Those who were responsible for this horror were people who went about their business in secret. No one else was aware. No one else was expecting what was about to unfold. Those who were caught up in this atrocity, whether on the planes involved or in the buildings being targeted, knew nothing of what was about to happen. We may know something of how they responded and the messages of love they poured out in their last moments. But there is so much that we can never know.

As we listen to the Gospel this weekend we are privileged, as we know something that is going on in the story. Listening to the Gospel, we learn what Jesus was doing in private. It is not often in the Gospels that Jesus works miracles and wonders in secret: usually he teaches the crowd openly by his actions and example. The Gospel is teaching us today that, like the Lord himself, we can work miracles and wonders in secret. Jesus recognizes the terrible position of the man who is deaf and has a speech impediment, how he is viewed by the general population and suffers rejection by being held at a distance. Jesus refuses to allow this situation to continue, so he calls the man to him, so that the two of them might have a moment of privacy. It is here, at this very moment, that Jesus touches the man and makes all the difference in the world. Imagine how the man must have felt. Imagine hearing yourself speak clearly for the first time. Imagine being able to hear for the first time after years of muffled noise or complete silence. This is the experience of the man in the Gospel. This is the difference that Jesus is able to make.

Jesus is a wise teacher, teaching us in every way possible. In this Gospel he is teaching us that there is no single way in which we have to do things as Christians. Often we may feel that to be a faithful follower of Jesus we need to speak and act openly and publicly. Some of us may find this very difficult to do. Today's Gospel points to the fact that this is not always the most effective way. There are many occasions in our lives when we can be powerful witnesses to Jesus by what we do in private. These are the often unseen ways in which we show love and care to those in need: the visit to a person who is sick or housebound, the welcome we offer to someone who is lost or lonely, the generosity to the homeless person whom everyone else ignores, the constant love with which we support our children. All of these bear quiet yet faithful witness to Christ. Let us remember today the people of 9/11. Let us think about the enormous amount of love that poured out from the victims and the courage of those who tried desperately to save them. As we do so, let us resolve to live as people of love every day of our lives, with Jesus as our guide and example. May Jesus show us the way, a way that sometimes is very public, but other times done in secret and silence.

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

The Cain Family, Jim Caller, Julian Flanigan, Annie Garvey, Thomas & Teresa Gibbon, Tom Gibbon, Francis Hampson, The Moss Family, Marlene O'Neill, Kevin Quinn, Patricia Rice, Kathleen & Keith Wall, Veronica Worrall, Successful Eye Operation



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 5 - Carry peace with you to give it to others with your life, with a smile, with works of charity. Saint Mother Teresa, pray for us!

Sep 4 - Faith helps us grasp the meaning of life: God is with us and loves us infinitely.

Sep 3 - True peace is a gift of God that springs from healed and reconciled hearts and reaches out to embrace the entire world.

Sep 2 - May God's love become more and more the force that guides and directs our freedom.

Sep 1 - May the Lord strengthen our efforts to care for our common home, and especially for water, a basic good that must be protected and made available to everyone.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2018/documents/papafrancesco_20180901_mes-saggio-giornata-cura-creato.html ...

Aug 31 - The love of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, and makes us able to love.

Aug 30 - We Christians do not have a product to sell, we communicate Life.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Meeting on Tuesday 11th September in St Joseph's Presbytery. All welcome.

RCIA

If you know of anyone who may be thinking of becoming a Catholic and being received into the Church, please phone the parish office to register your interest.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - DECEMBER 2019

Fr Colin has been invited by All Saints Travel, a Holy Land Pilgrimage specialist, to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in December 2019. The pilgrimage, taking place next year, would run from 5th - 12th December. Highlights of the trip include daily Mass at various churches associated with Our Lord's ministry, a holy hour in the Garden of Gethsemane, renewal of baptismal vows in the River Jordan and a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee. The cost of the trip is £947 per person based on a twin/double room. If you would like more information, a full itinerary or booking form, please speak to Fr Colin or call in at the parish office.

live simply

We will be looking at excerpts from Creation Time over the next few weeks (starting from week 2)

Week 2 Theme: Including the Excluded

Reflect:

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the deaf man. Why did he do this? How do you think the man's life would be changed after he'd been healed?

Pray

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love

for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Act

We are reminded that every person is important in the eyes of God. This week talk to one person who is lonely or feels an outsider in our community.

Challenge

Think of one thing we can do to make our homes and churches more welcoming.

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 second 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 13th October at St. John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, Wigan, WN1 1XL.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

LAUDATE SI PASTORAL AREA YOUTH GROUP

The first meeting for the **LAUDATE SI Pastoral Area Youth Group** will take place on Tuesday 25th September at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery. If you are in Year 6 to Year 13 you are welcome to come along and join the group.

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 Therese 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,728.49
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

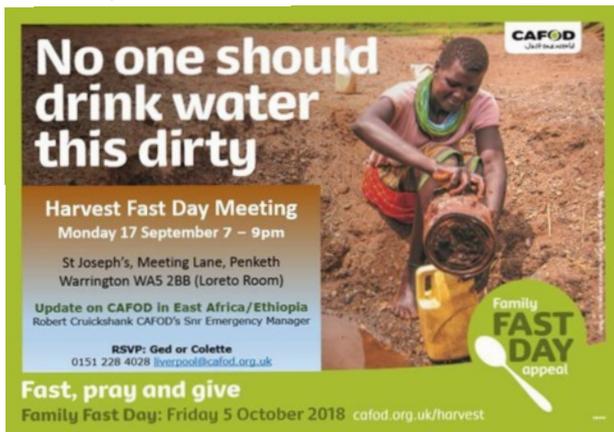
This weekend there will be retiring collections at all Masses on behalf of *Catholic Education Services*.
Next weekend there will be retiring collections at all Masses on behalf of *Home Missions*.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Francis Joseph Hampson
Eternal rest grant unto them.



No one should drink water this dirty

CAFOD
Just the world

Harvest Fast Day Meeting
Monday 17 September 7 – 9pm
St Joseph's, Meeting Lane, Penketh
Warrington WA5 2BB (Loreto Room)

Update on CAFOD in East Africa/Ethiopia
Robert Cruickshank CAFOD's Snr Emergency Manager

RSVP: Ged or Colette
0151 228 4028 liverpool@cafod.org.uk

Family FAST DAY appeal

Fast, pray and give
Family Fast Day: Friday 5 October 2018 cafod.org.uk/harvest

CAFOD's Senior Emergency Manager Robert Cruickshank will be speaking about our work in the drought-ridden areas of East Africa and Ethiopia in particular. All welcome to this free event on Monday 17 September at St Joseph's, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB. RSVP for catering purposes to liverpool@cafod.org.uk or call Ged or Colette on 0151 228 4028.

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

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.

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.



St Joseph's Players Presents
2 One Act Plays
By DOROTHY GALVIN

A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Produced by
Katherine Roberts & Gabrielle Fitzsimons

From 13th September to 15th September

Tickets £10 adults - 16yrs and under £5
Pay on the door on the night

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh, Lane's WN7 2PR
Advance Tickets
Spectrum Blinds (Inside Stones Carpets)
Chapel St. Leigh WN7 2PR

www.stjosephparadise.com

A Festival of Fun 13th to the 15th September comm. at 7-30pm



Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link Charity Event

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FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER DOORS OPEN 12 NOON

A Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link Charity Event

Pensioners Link 100 Pensioners Link

Tickets £8 including Refreshments

From Pensioners link office 01942 261753
Or RING Pauline 01942 604603

Fancy Dress Optional, But Fun !!!!

BAR RAFFLE

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 8 September

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Kathleen McArt

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

Mon 10 September Memorial of Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr

StJ 9.00am MASS Teresa Higgins (anniv.)

Tue 11 September Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 23)

SH 12.00noon MASS Special intention (B.F.)

Wed 12 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

StAB 7.00pm FEAST DAY MASS Saint Margaret Clitherow & Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

Thu 13 September Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Doctor

StJ 9.00am MASS Veronica Worrall (anniv.)
SH 12.00noon MASS Ashlene McLoughlin R.I.P.

Fri 14 September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

StJ 12.00noon MASS Ellen Squires (birthday memorial)
OLR 10.00am MASS (Moss Bank Ct) Successful Operation (TB)
OLR 12.45pm FUNERAL SERVICE Francis Joseph Hampson

Sat 15 September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Mirial Mavely (anniv.)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Maria McCoy & decd. members McCoy & Crank families.

Sun 16 September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Home Mission Day

StJ 8.30am MASS Stephen Aspden (anniv.)
SH 9.30am MASS Mary Sutton R.I.P.
StJ 10.30am MASS Betty Kennedy (anniv.)
OLR 11.00am MASS Stuart (sick)

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 142 C Ellis, £5 No. 212 D Davies, £3 No. 263 C & T Ellis, £2 No. 300 C Ellis

Bonus Ball No. 50 M Flannery



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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