

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 16 SEPTEMBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

A senior priest was reflecting on his experiences for others at an earlier stage in his ministry: "In my early days as a priest in a parish, I used to say to myself, before I knocked on any door, behind this door is someone for whom Christ gave his life. More than that, if this was the only person in the world apart from Jesus himself, he would still have died for this person. If Our Lord considers this person worth dying for, then this person, no matter what he or she looks like, is worth a few minutes of my time. I wouldn't claim to have lived up to that, and I don't always take the time to say those words to myself nowadays, but it is still a truth that I try to live by." It is wise advice, because how often do we find ourselves to be grudging and impatient when we have to spend even a few minutes for someone else? A few minutes of our time is not much to offer, but it is a measure of how seriously we take the Cross. We may have fantasies of offering our life for someone, but we may never be asked to do that. If we want to really measure how willing we are to give our life for anyone, why not consider how willing we are to give up even a few minutes of our life?

The writer of Mark's Gospel uses the word "begin" quite a lot. People don't just do things in the Gospel of Mark. They very often "begin" to do things. In fact, the Gospel itself uses the "beginning" towards the very start: "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The writer of the Gospel is addressing the question for his readers: how did it all begin? Yet there is an irony in the use of the words in today's Gospel: "And he began to teach them." So what exactly has Jesus been doing up to this moment? We have been told earlier in Mark's Gospel, when the writer tells the story of the feeding of the 5,000, that Jesus began "to teach them at some length", but what is meant in today's Gospel Reading is a new kind of teaching. Teaching is no longer just a matter of words. It is what is about to happen that will be the teaching. We can know the meaning of words without really understanding them. Peter knows the word "Christ" but, until the Passion of Jesus actually begins, he is not even close to understanding what it really means for Jesus to be the Christ, the anointed one. Peter will not understand anything that Jesus has said to him until he too carries his cross.

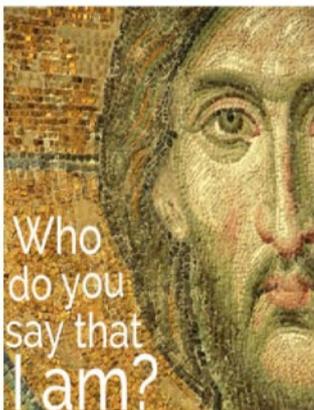
If the Cross of Christ was just a word, then all we would have is memories. All we would be doing as Christians is commemorating an event from history. Yet the Cross IS reality today. It is a choice made by every human being, either to be the one who carries the Cross, or to be the one who imposes the Cross on others. The journey of Jesus is not a journey to death. Death is what his enemies planned for him. Jesus makes it a journey to life. It is a journey through death, but not to death, because Heaven is his home – and it is our home too. To carry the Cross is, therefore, NOT a death wish but a life wish. It is possible to love without faith and hope, but not in the way that Christ loves. It is only through faith and hope in the Risen Christ that we can offer to each other the life of God. So when Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem to endure the Cross, imposed by others, we can truly say that now he is beginning to teach everyone around him, friends and enemies alike.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Winifred & John Buckley, Agnes Coleman, Vincent Ganley, John Hall, Patrick Kildruff, Denise Roberts, Mary Taylor, Julie Walters(Buck)

SACRED HEART

EXPOSITION

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30am to 11.55am every Tuesday at Sacred Heart church.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

- Sep 12 - Mary our Mother knows the joys and difficulties that we experience along our journey.
- Sep 11 - Jesus came down on earth so that we could go up to heaven: this is the mystery of the Cross.
- Sep 10 - Let us involve ourselves in our relationship of love with Jesus and we will be able to perform good works that have the fragrance of the Gospel.
- Sep 9 - God never goes back on His love!
- Sep 8 - May the Virgin Mary help us abandon ourselves with joy to God's plan for our lives.
- Sep 7 - Without the right to education there is no real freedom, which allows every person to be the protagonist of their own destiny!
- Sep 6 - Remember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy!
- 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.

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 informa-

tion, a full itinerary or booking form, please speak to Fr Colin or call in at the parish office.



Week 3 Theme: What difference does it make to meet Jesus

Reflect:

In today's Gospel, Peter recognises Jesus as the Christ, but fails to recognise that Jesus must suffer to fulfil his destiny as Saviour of the world. How do we recognise God's way in our lives?

Pray:

Lord God,

Remind us every day that you have given us the gift of your creation and that you love all that you have created. Help us to be aware of our responsibility to the earth and to each other and to work for the good of all.

Act:

Consider the relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet. A change in lifestyle is required to re-balance the needs of the poor and the health of the planet. What can you do?

Challenge:

It's important to reduce the amount of plastic we use. Try having at least one plastic free day per week.

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

LAUDATO SI' PASTORAL AREA YOUTH GROUP

The first meeting for the **Laudato Si' Pastoral Area Youth Group** will take place on **Tuesday 9th October** 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 £1,632.27

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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

SICK

Winifred Beattie, Gwenda Anne Buyers, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, Julie Walters (Buck)

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our community through baptism to Timothy John Cookey, Francesca Mary Eckardt

LATELY DEAD

Stephen Cleworth
Eternal rest grant unto him.

MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder that if you would like a loved one to be prayed on a particular date especially at one of the Sunday Masses, can you please try and give at least two months notice to avoid disappointment.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

For those who would like to watch Bishop Robert Barron's two speeches about the Eucharist, which he gave last Saturday in Liverpool, please go to www.youtube.com and type in Bishop Barron Adoremus 2018.



No one should drink water this dirty

CAFOD

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

Fast, pray and give

Family Fast Day appeal

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

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.

'WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS'

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome.

7.30 - 9.00pm Tuesday 20th November 2018

St Mary's Parish Centre, Broadfield Dr, Leyland PR25 1PD



Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link Charity Event

ALL WELCOME

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Pensioners Link 100 Pensioners Link

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From Pensioners link office 01942 261753
Or RING Pauline 01942 604603

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BAR RAFFLE

Leigh Model Railway Exhibition 2018

22nd & 23rd September

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

10.00am - 5.00pm

Admission £5

Prayer for feeling lonely

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me that You are with me every moment of the day and that wherever I go, You are with me.

Praise Your holy name. Amen

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 15 September

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)

Mon 17 September Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 24)

Tue 18 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 12.00noon MASS Andrea Southern (anniv.)

Wed 19 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon MASS Michael McHugh snr. R.I.P.

Thu 20 September Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Martyr & Companions Martyrs

12A 9.00am MASS of Welcome for Twelve Apostles School

SH 12.00noon MASS Mary Sutton R.I.P.

SH 1.15pm MASS of Welcome for Sacred Heart School

Fri 21 September FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

StJ 12.00noon MASS Sam Postlewaite R.I.P.

Sat 22 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am Exposition NO Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon MASS John Thompson

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 23 September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Day of Special Prayer in Thanksgiving for Harvest and/or fruits of Human Work

StJ 8.30am MASS Julie Walters (sick)

SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am MASS Kevin Quinn (birthday memorial)

OLR 11.00am MASS Ian Scholes (birthday anniversary)

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 439 J Riley, £5 No. 141 D & F Quinn, £3 No. 370 B Edwards, £2 No. 117 Christina Swift

Bonus Ball No. 48 K 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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