

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 23 SEPTEMBER 2018



**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**
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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



Responsorial Psalm
The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In last week's Gospel Jesus spoke of himself as the Son of Man who had to suffer and be rejected and be put to death. Following that prediction of the Passion, Jesus invited those who would follow him to take up their own crosses. In this week's Gospel Jesus is now travelling secretly through Galilee, taking time to instruct his disciples about how the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of his enemies and be put to death. The ministry in Galilee is now over. The road leading to Jerusalem beckons. Jesus is seen to be anxious that his disciples understand the meaning of what lies ahead. Mark tells us how the disciples respond to this second prediction of the Passion: "They did not understand what he said and they were afraid to ask him." The disciples cannot comprehend the future of powerlessness that Jesus maps out for himself. They are afraid to ask him, perhaps because their worst suspicions will be confirmed. Perhaps Jesus does mean exactly what he says; perhaps he will face the coming terror without resorting to power tactics. The disciples cannot face that scene, so they start their own discussion group about power and prestige.

When the group arrives in Capernaum, Jesus asks them what they have been arguing about on the way. It didn't take long for their seminar on power to grow into an argument about which one of them was the greatest. To the question that Jesus puts to them, the disciples respond with the silence of shame. It is in this silence that Jesus takes a little child, sets the child in front of the disciples, puts his arm around the child, and challenges his disciples to accept this little one. When they can welcome the child, they can welcome the real Jesus.

Jesus compares himself to the little child, the one who cannot resort to power tactics when threatened or maltreated. Jesus' protection is his Father. His trust is placed in the God who will ensure his protection. When suffering comes, Jesus refuses to abandon trust in the Father. This trust makes him vulnerable in the world's eyes, like a little child, but unless the disciples can come to welcome such vulnerability for themselves, they will never understand the way of Jesus. Jesus offers a permanent challenge to his followers to welcome the powerless, to take to heart the weakest members of the community. He places himself in their company. Special hospitality should be offered to those from whom we can benefit the least. Their vulnerability is something that Jesus not only shares but values. As he takes the road to Jerusalem, his own vulnerability will expose him to those who lie in wait. There will be people keen to explore his gentleness and put his endurance to the test. In drawing his own followers away from looking to power and prestige for models of discipleship, Jesus invites them to a new openness to the Father. No earthly power will save Jesus from death in Jerusalem. Only his Heavenly Father can save him from being left for dead. This is what the Father does. This is how the Father welcomes the trust of the little one.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Deceased members of Boon & Campbell Families, Mary Brisco, James Fitzsimons, John Topping, Kath Trundle,

COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately, Coffee Morning has had to be cancelled again this week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

SACRED HEART

EXPOSITION

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FUND RAISING

We have a stall at the back of church with knitwear for sale, all proceeds are for fencing around our Rose Garden.

HELP NEEDED

If you can help with hand sewing, please see Margaret at the back of church for more information.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 19 - Goodness is loving and never imposes itself. It is a choice.

Sep 18 - Meek and humble of heart, close to the people, with compassion, with meekness and tenderness. This is Jesus. #SantaMarta

Sep 17 - It takes effort to always do good... The road to holiness is not for the lazy!

Sep 16 - Let us deal with climate change through international cooperation: each person's choices have repercussions on the life of everyone.

Sep 15 - Only by giving our life do we conquer evil. This is what Don Pino Puglisi teaches: he lived to spread goodness.

Sep 14 - In the suffering that ecclesial wounds cause us, we embrace the Cross of Christ, because evil can only be opposed with love.

Sep 14 - Today the Church invites us to contemplate the Cross of Our Lord. Contemplating the Cross for us Christians means contemplating both a sign of defeat and a sign of victory. #SantaMarta

Sep 13 - When I am merciful, I am a true child of the Father, because the Father is merciful. #SantaMarta

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.

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.



Week 4 Theme: How do we respond to people and the earth in crisis?

Reflect:

In today's Gospel, the disciples argue as to which of them is the greatest. But Jesus teaches that true power is through love and kindness to one another, not through domination of others.

Pray

Loving God, fill our hearts with compassion for the earth and all its peoples. Lead us to be good neighbours to all who are in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Act

Laudato Si' #202 Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. How can we overcome individualism?

Challenge

Have a conversation with someone you haven't spoken to before.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, I come to You in lowliness of heart and poverty of spirit and pray that You would take my life and use me to Your praise and glory. May I decrease and may You increase in every area of my life and may I become a living sacrifice, that is pleasing to You. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,702.97
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

This weekend there will be retiring collections at all Masses on behalf of *Home Missions*.
Next weekend there will be collections at some of our churches on behalf of C.E.S.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Beckett, Stephen Cleworth, Thomas Grundy
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 month's 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 recently in Liverpool, please go to www.youtube.com and type in Bishop Barron Adoremus 2018.

'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

DEANERY FORUM

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Deanery Forum recently. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday November 14th at 7.45pm in the Parish House at St Richard's. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome.

FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 5th October Fast, Pray, Give

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The village has no electricity, no gas, no hospital nearby. The area is so hot and dry, people struggle to get enough water to survive. A few years ago, when Longora was in the late stages of pregnancy, she became seriously ill after drinking dirty water from the local river. She gave birth while seriously ill and her baby was born seriously ill also. She said "Ten people died from drinking river water. My baby died too."

Thanks to your donations CAFOD have been able to repair the well in her village and train people to maintain it. Now Longora and her neighbours have a reliable supply of safe water.

At Family Fast Day CAFOD seeks to make changes like this possible, so please eat more simply and help others like Longora's baby boy and say a prayer for the millions of

people like Longora.

Envelopes are available in the porch. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation.

Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD
just one world

Family Fast Day Prayer

Creator God,
In love You give life.

In Your generosity
You create the gifts of the earth.

As daughters and sons of the same Father,
May we learn to share the plentiful gifts of
Creation, especially with those most in need.

Give us open hands and loving hearts,
So that we take less and give more.

We ask that all may benefit from
Your goodness, and share in the
Fullness of life You have promised.

Amen.

Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link Charity Event

ALL WELCOME
WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
With the FABULOUS
GEORGE FORMBY TRIBUTE BAND
St Joseph's Hall Chapel St. Leigh WN7 2PR
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 RAFFA

Leigh Model Railway Exhibition 2018

22nd & 23rd September

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

10.00am - 5.00pm

Admission £5

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 22 September

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)

Mon 24 September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

SH 12.00noon MASS Teresa Ashton (sick)

Tue 25 September Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 25)

StJ 10.30am FUNERAL SERVICE Chris Cleworth

Wed 26 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Thu 27 September Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul

SH 7.00pm MASS Sarah Fullerton R.I.P.

Fri 28 September Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Sat 29 September FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

No Exposition or Reconciliation this week

NO MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 30 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Eileen & John Stockton (sick)
SH 9.30am MASS Barry Scotson R.I.P.
StJ 10.30am MASS Veronica Worrall (anniv.)
OLR 11.00am MASS Malcolm Laithwaite L.D.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 231 B & H Edwards, £5 No. 386 J Waterfield, £3 No. 499 B Ryan, £2 No. 182 J Newill

Bonus Ball No. 44 N 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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