

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 30 SEPTEMBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

DEVELOPMENT OF LEIGH DEANERY

The Deanery of Leigh is to be expanded to incorporate a number of parishes from the Deanery of Ashton-in-Makerfield. This means that the parishes of St. Lewis in Croft, St. Catherine & All Saints in Golborne and Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, will now be part of the Leigh Deanery. We have known for a few months that there may well be an expansion of many of the deaneries in the Archdiocese but this has taken us a little by surprise and we will need to do some work to manage the necessary changes that will have to take place.

For example, the new Leigh Deanery will now have five priests instead of four. But, instead of looking after seven churches, we will now have ten. At present we have eleven Masses at the weekend. We will very soon have sixteen. We will also be chaplains to fourteen different schools, including two high schools, as well as all the care homes and nursing homes in the area. We are very clearly going to be very busy.

At the moment there is some help in Hindley Green. Many of you will have met Fr. Hugh Strowbridge in the past. Fr. Hugh will help out wherever he can, along with a number of other priests who we are trying to contact at the moment. This is so that we can keep the same Sunday Masses the same way for at least a few weeks whilst we think over the situation. We will obviously have to come up with a very different strategy as soon as possible. We really need to re-arrange the Mass times so that they can be covered by four priests.

As soon as we have more news about the enlargement of the Deanery we will let you know, but please keep the Deanery – people and priests – in your prayers. This is a VERY important time for us all. There will have to be changes and we need to manage and embrace the changes together as much as we possibly can.

LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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

Teresa Atherton, Mandy Barwick, Tommy Grundy, Bernard McHugh, Michael Reilly, Catherine Whiteside

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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 26 - Let us pray that programmes for development may predominate in the world, and not those for weapons.

Sep 25 - The Lord draws good out of evil through His power and His infinite creativity.

Sep 24 - Let us allow the Holy Spirit to clothe us with the weapons of dialogue, understanding, the search for mutual respect and fellowship!

Sep 23 - Let us offer our lives in service and in joy, to make known to everyone that Jesus Christ is our only hope!

Sep 23 - The witness of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina encourages us to live the Beatitudes through prayer and works of mercy.

Sep 21 - Peace is a choice: it cannot be imposed and it isn't found by chance.

Sep 21 - If you want to reach the heart of God, take the way of mercy, and allow yourself to be treated with mercy. #SantaMarta

Sep 20 - We ask that Jesus protect our Church always, that He protect Her with His mercy, granting each one of us His forgiveness. #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.

HELP NEEDED

We have been asked if anyone has any curtains they could donate to a person who is moving into sheltered accommodation. Size of windows not known.



Week 5 Theme: Do we take Jesus' message to heart?

Reflect:

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we are all in a position to do good for others.

Pray:

"This is what Yahweh asks of you: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" [Micah 6:8].

... And may the Lord bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Act & Challenge:

Laudato Si' #52 We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.

Find ways to make your voice heard for what is right this week.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During the month of October the Legion of Mary will be praying the holy rosary before the mid-day masses and after the 9.00am masses. Everyone is welcome to join us.

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee O blessed Joseph we fly in our tribulation and, after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His precious blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that sustained by the example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,941.27
Home Missions £ 470.70
Catholic Education Services £ 425.29

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

This weekend there will be collections at some of our churches on behalf of C.E.S.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP would like to thank the anonymous parishioner from Sacred Heart, Leigh who has donated £100 to our funds. Thank you and God Bless.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Paul Danthorn, Melvin Moss
Eternal rest grant unto them.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Soup Lunch

Come and share in a simple **Soup Lunch** on **Friday October 5th** and help CAFOD to help others.

The lunch will be at:

St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall between 12:00 and 2pm.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along – and bring a friend.

Thank you to Sainsbury's in Leigh for their contribution to the food

LEST WE FORGET EXHIBITION Leigh Parish Church

Commemorating the centenary of the ending of the Great War and signing of the Armistice.

1/2/3 Nov. - 8/9/10 Nov. 10am - 6pm each day

An evening of Music

Astley Youth Band, Astley Unlimited Band, Astley Unlimited Choir

Friday 9th November 7.30pm Tickets £6 full details available at www.stmaryleighlestweforget.co.uk

Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link Charity Event

ALL WELCOME
WORLD WAR I 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!!!!
RAFF.E

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 29 September

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.

Mon 1 October *Memorial of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor*

NO MASS

Tue 2 October *Memorial of The Guardian Angels*

SH 12.00noon MASS Peter Cosgrove (anniv)

Wed 3 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 26)*

StJ 12.00noon MASS Deceased Members of Boon & Campbell Families

Thu 4 October *Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi*

StJ 9.00am MASS Albert Sankey R.I.P.

SH 12.00noon MASS Grace Speakman (sick)

Fri 5 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OLR 10.00am MASS **Moss Bank Ct** Roy Ellis R.I.P.

StJ 12.00noon MASS Thanksgiving St Jude

Sat 6 October *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 11.00am Exposition and Reconciliation

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

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Deceased members of the McArt Family

Sun 7 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

Rosary Sunday; Special Prayer for Nugent Care Society

StJ 8.30am MASS Joseph Smith (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Bernard Atherton & Anne-Marie Collinson L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS Patric Costello Snr. (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS Eileen Boardman

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10

Bonus Ball No.



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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