

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 7 OCTOBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

REFLECTION

A priest once used the story of the creation of Eve from Adam's rib in a sermon one weekend. He used it as a symbol of the unique closeness and intimacy that is possible between a man and a woman. The priest saw the story as a statement about the unique dignity of women and of woman's equality with man. But some women who discussed the homily after Mass had a very different understanding. "Typical," one of them said. "That reading says women are merely helpmates; that we are just there for men and exist just for them. Is that what they call enlightened?" Context is, of course, crucial in understanding any piece of writing, especially scripture. Our modern ears can easily interpret the Genesis story as regarding women as subservient. However the original intention was precisely the opposite. Today's Gospel challenges us with a similar issue. We hear it through the prism of our particular questions about Church teaching on Marriage as a life-long sacrament, the pain of marriage breakdown and the position of children in society. But to understand what Jesus is saying, we also need to appreciate his context and the questions he was addressing. In Jesus' time, there were two main schools of thought on Marriage within the Jewish faith. One group taught that a man could divorce his wife only for a very serious reason. Others thought they could do it whenever. The Pharisees' question to Jesus was a test. They wanted Jesus to take sides, perhaps even to contradict the Law of God. Their question was not about the rights and wrongs of divorce and re-marriage as we might ask in today's world, but specifically about how much power a husband has over his wife.

Jesus refuses to buy into their assumptions. By ruling out divorce completely, Jesus is saying that a man can't treat a woman as an object, that a woman isn't a possession, as Genesis pointed out, but his equal. Jesus' teaching on Marriage – and indeed his whole attitude and behaviour towards women and children, who were also a very vulnerable group of people in society at the time – only makes sense when seen in the context of Jesus' time and culture. It is a teaching about the essential dignity of every human being and about what it means for all relationships, especially Marriage. He calls us to respect and uphold the dignity and uniqueness of every person. Domination and control have no place in Marriage, in the home or in any relationship. Whether we are married or not, Jesus' words challenge us to examine the quality of our relationships and how we treat others. This will be the sign of our love and the quality of our discipleship.

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**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Brian Fahy, David Nicholson, Kath Parr, Ken Sroka, Ellen Winstanley, Golden Wedding,

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's church, Tuesday 9th October, 2.00pm. All Mothers welcome.

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 are now collecting prizes for our Christmas Raffle and Hamper. All donations gratefully received.

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served at the back of church today. All welcome.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 03 - We ask for the grace to listen to one another, in order to discern together what the Lord is asking of His Church. #Synod2018

Oct 2 - The presence of our Guardian Angel in our life is not just to assist us along the journey, but to show us where we need to go. #SantaMarta

Oct 1 - We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. #PrayForTheChurch

Oct 1 - The holy anxiety for the Gospel is the only anxiety that gives peace.

Sep 30 - Sunday is the day to say to God: thank you Lord, for life, for your mercy, and for all your gifts!

Sep 29 - St Michael, help us to fight for our salvation. St Gabriel, bring us the Good News that gives hope. St Raphael, protect us on our journey.

Sep 28 - Life becomes more beautiful when we discover that our spirit finds rest in God alone.

Sep 27 - Jesus gave us a simple programme for journeying towards holiness: the commandment of love for God and our neighbour.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

The next meeting to arrange the Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 10th October, 7.00pm in St Joseph's Green Room. All welcome.

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. 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. Booking forms are now being returned, if you have taken a form and would

like to go, please return it to St Joseph's Presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you

LAUDATO SI' PASTORAL AREA YOUTH GROUP

The first meeting for the Laudato Si' Pastoral Area Youth Group will take place this 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.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPUC is once again asking for our help. Postcards are available in the church porch and they are asking you to send it to your MP urging her to vote against the abortion Ten Minute Rule Bill. For more information, please call SPUC on 020 7091 7091 or visit www.spuc.org.uk

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Mass 7.00pm Wednesday 17th October at Sacred Heart Church for past and present members and their families. Everyone welcome.

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.



Reflect

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us of the importance of family life. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

Pray

All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.

To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

From Suscipe St Ignatius of Loyola

Act

We are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Be aware of the needs of those you encounter this week

Challenge

The latter part of the Gospel reading reminds us how we should trust in God. Try to let go this weekend put yourself in the loving hands of Our Father.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,640.36
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please leave your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope or loose contribution in the special collection baskets today or next weekend.

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Maureen Hourigan
Eternal rest grant unto her

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. Also please provide your name and number, so that a date can be rearranged if the date you requested has been taken already. Thank you.

'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.

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.

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.

The 35th CAFOD Fun Run will take place on Thursday 27th December at Wavertree Athletics Centre and Park, Liverpool L15 4LE. Registration will be from 12pm and the runners and walkers start at 1pm on the 4km or 8km run and 2km walk. It's a great way to support people overseas through CAFOD (and get out after Christmas!) and a chance to do some light training now! Further details from 0151 228 4028 or liverpool@cafod.org.uk.



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

DEANERY MASS SURVEY

This weekend we will begin a survey to find out where and when people attend Mass in the whole of the Deanery. This is so that we can look at which Masses are best attended, for example, and, if necessary, are there any changes we can make to help make Mass attendance easier and more efficient. The Mass Survey will take place during all Masses next weekend. If you miss it you can still get one of the survey sheets and fill it in as soon as you can.

St Joseph's Players Present

This Happy Breed

By Noel Coward

Directed by Doreen Johnson

From 16th - 20th October

Curtain Up 730pm

Advanced Tickets are available from Spectrum Blinds or can be purchased on the door. Tickets are £10 Adults and £5 for under 16 years.

This is St Joseph's Players tribute to the centenary of the First World War.

The Three Towns in Concert Celebrating 50 years!

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th November 7.30pm
St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR
Broadway, West End, Songs from the Shows,
Popular and Classical Music
in a relaxed cabaret setting.
Bar and refreshments available.

Tickets £10 Contact **01942 605369 or 676594**
Also available at The Baby Centre, 15 Queen Street, Leigh WN7 4NQ **01942 665615**
and online at www.thethreetowns.net

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 6 October

12A 5.30pm

Sun 7 October

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OLR 11.00am

Mon 8 October

StJ 9.00am

Tue 9 October

SH 12.00noon

Wed 10 October

StJ 9.00am

Thu 11 October

StJ 9.00am

SH 12.00noon

Fri 12 October

StJ 9.15am

StJ 12.00noon

Sat 13 October

OLR 11.00am

OLR 12.00noon

12A 5.30pm

Sun 14 October

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OLR 11.00am

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Deceased members of the McArt Family
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

Rosary Sunday; Special Prayer for Nugent Care Society

MASS Joseph Smith (anniv.)

MASS Bernard Atherton & Anne-Marie Collinson L.D.

MASS Patric Costello Snr. (anniv.)

MASS Eileen Boardman

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 27)

MASS Michael Reilly (anniv.)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

MASS Joan Hayes R.I.P.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

MASS Len Pritchard R.I.P.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

MASS Joan Tootle L.D.

MASS Jean Fullerton R.I.P.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

School Harvest MASS Thanksgiving

MASS Eileen Boardman R.I.P.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Exposition and Reconciliation

MASS Len Pritchard R.I.P.

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Brian Keavney (Birthday anniversary)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

MASS Elizabeth O'Rourke (anniv.)

MASS Arthur Lowe R.I.P.

MASS Joe Moore (Anniversary)

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club 23rd September £10 No. 327 M Roach, £5 No. 367 M Roach, £3 No. 278 M & D Flannery, £2 No. 343 m Moore **Bonus Ball** No. 36 Fr K O'Grady

30th September £50 No. 074 B Ridyard, £10 No. 477 J Evans, £5 No. 124 C Swift, £3 No. 375 P Leonard, £2 No. 297 J Evans **Bonus Ball** 27 D Quinn



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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