Newsletter for the Parish of



St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 11.00am

Monday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday Mem. of St Bonaventure,

Bishop & Doctor

Thursday in Ordinary Time

Friday, in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feast of St Benedict

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mr Worrall L.D. Frank Aspinall R.I.P. Peter Galloway L.D. Mary Kerlin R.I.P. People of the Parish Keith May L.D. David Smith R.I.P.

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Saturday 10th -Friday 17th July

All Health Workers All victims of Covid-19



12th July 2020

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them. and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Celebration of Mass in the Parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith

Pat Cahill L.D.

Kathleen Ruane L.D.

Sydney Fletcher sick

St Joseph's Church will re-open for the celebration of Mass beginning the weekend of Saturday 11th July.

Mass times:

Saturday evening 4.30pm & Sunday morning 9.30am and 11.00am.

Please note the 11.00am Mass is only a temporary Mass time.

There will also be Mass on Wednesday at midday, but this is subject to change.

For those who can, please book a place for Mass by ringing the Parish Office 01942 673247 between Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am – 3.30pm. It will allow us to gauge numbers, covers us for insurance purposes at this time and will help if contact tracing is necessary.

The Archbishop has reminded us that the vulnerable should consider the wisdom of returning to Mass too soon, you are not obliged to do so, as the 'Sunday obligation' continues to be suspended and priests have been encouraged to continue with live-streaming and video masses on their websites.

When you come to church please be guided by the instructions of the Stewards – <u>they are</u> <u>there to keep all of us safe</u> and besides, **Mass will be different from what we are used to.**For our own safety we have been asked to follow these procedures by the Archbishop; this we gladly do.

The archdiocese has made a video covering these guidelines – please <u>click here</u> to view. (The video is also on the Pastoral Area Website)

Parking/Arrival at church

Please bring a maximum of **ONE** bag with you to church, and if you can manage it do not bring one at all.

There will be no parking in front of the church doors; please use the car park at the side of the church. If the carpark is full, please use the Mather Room carpark.

Do always remember to socially distance from one another, especially when outside the church as you may be asked to wait before you are brought into church. Please remember to queue 2 M apart.

The Steward will ask you to read the notice board especially the notice regarding symptoms of COVID-19. If you are not on the booking list please give them your name, address, and contact number. If there is more than one of you, the Steward will ask if you are living together or in the same bubble (if you are, you can sit together.)

When you enter the porch, please use the hand sanitiser.

If you have not got a mask you will be given one to wear. This is mandatory for all above the age of five.

The toilets cannot be used.

Place your offertory envelope or offertory gift or Mass intention in the basket as you enter church.

Being taken to your seat

You will be directed to a Steward at the front of the church who will invite you to your seat. **NB this may not be the seat you usually sit in, so please be understanding.** Please remain seated until asked to come forward by the Steward at Holy Communion. Please do not get up to greet your neighbour or another familiar face and where possible sit facing forward and remain seated at all times.

Whilst inside church

There will be **no singing** (not even the Alleluia). There will be no sign of peace only a head bow in the direction of those around you including those you are sat with.

There are **no newsletters or Mass sheets.** If you have Universalis on your phone (purchased for either IOS or Android smart phones), please use this to follow the Mass but make sure your phone is on silent.

There can be no lighting of votive candles nor praying before the statues as this will compromise social distancing.

Receiving Holy Communion:

- → Holy Communion will be distributed AFTER the final blessing.
- → The priest will wear a visor and will hand sanitise.
- → The priest will say 'the body of Christ' **once** at the start of distributing Holy Communion and you will all reply 'Amen.' This will not be said again when you receive the host from the priest.
- → Only leave your bench when invited to by the Steward, taking with you all your belongings, as you cannot go back to your bench after you have received.
- → The Steward will ask you to lower your mask as you go forward to receive Holy Communion.
- → Extend your arms to receive the host in your hand: there will only be Holy Communion in the hand.
- → Avoid contact with the priest's hand as this will slow down the distribution of Holy Communion as the priest will have to hand sanitise.
- → Place the host in your mouth and immediately leave through the side door. **YOU CAN-NOT** go back to your bench.

If you are unable to walk down to receive Holy Communion please inform the Steward who will inform the priest and he will bring Holy Communion to you where you are sat.

Leaving church.

Use the hand sanitiser on the way out if you wish.

Please go straight out do not hang around and block the exit.

Please do not congregate around the church door as this will prevent other people leaving the church.

I am sorry for all these instructions and guidelines that continue to be given to you as we return to the celebration of Mass but as Archbishop Malcolm continues to remind us, sadly, we are not going back to the way things were before the Pandemic. These instructions and guidelines are in place to keep everyone safe and I thank you for adhering to them.

I thank God for bringing us to this weekend where we can come together once more to celebrate the Eucharist. For those members of our faith communities who are still shielding, I know that you join us through the power of the Holy Spirit. I ask our loving God to keep us safe and well in the weeks and months ahead.

Take care and God bless you and your families.

Fr Kieran

God of all humanity,
In a world full of fear,
open our hearts to your love.
Though we walk in desolate valleys,
Open our minds to your hope.
We turn from hatred, towards love.
We turn from intolerance,
Towards understanding.
We commit ourselves to compassion.
Together, not alone, we pray for peace.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Linda Jones/ CAFOD

Collections

In these difficult times we cannot give financial support as normal. We still your support, so if it is possible for you, you can bring your donation to Church, or you can put your offering through the letterbox at Sacred Heart or St Joseph's (Please remember to put your Gift Aid number on the envelope if you are signed up for Gift Aid), or you may want to set up a standing order, the bank details are as follows: HSBC 99-101 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 6PG sort code 40-29-12 account No. 51545205. Also, There is the Archdiocesan online giving website, it can receive both one-off and regular monthly donations. Each parish has its own unique link on the website and a church photograph is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor. There is a Gift Aid option. The link to the page for St Edmund Arrowsmith's Parish is:

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-edmund-arrowsmith-leigh

There is a detailed guide on how to donate on the website and if any parishioners would like support with this, please contact. kiely@rcaol.org.uk with name and telephone number and we will endeavour to call to assist as quickly as possible.

If you prefer you can txt your donation

Text ARROWSMITHNOINFO to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message

Text ARROWSMITHNOINFO to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message

Text ARROWSMITHNOINFO to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message

Text ARROWSMITHNOINFO to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

By sending it to *ARROWSMITHNOINFO* I am presuming that you will not want to receive the marketing information that automatically comes with all this. If you'd rather receive the info then text: *ARROWSMITH* to the relevant number and you will receive all the bumf!

Whatever you decide, thank you for your generosity!

DOMESTIC ABUSE

At home shouldn't mean at risk, but sadly for many victims of domestic abuse the lockdown has meant that they are trapped in isolation with their abuser under a pressurised situation. Since the UK-wide COVID-19 lockdown began on 23 March, there has been a 49% increase in calls and online requests for help relating to domestic abuse.

The government's #YouAreNotAlone domestic abuse campaign reassures victims of domestic abuse that there is still help for them during the COVID-19 crisis, and that the household isolation instruction as a result of COVID-19 does not apply if you need to leave your home to escape domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse is a serious crime with two women a week being killed by a current or former partner in England and Wales. However, anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse, regardless of their gender, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexuality or background. Although the most common type of domestic abuse is within a relationship, the legal definition of domestic abuse also covers "any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse."

If you are in imminent danger

- Call 999 and ask for the police the police will respond to emergency calls.
- If you call 999 from a mobile and cannot speak, press 55 to Make Yourself Heard and this will transfer your call to the police. Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.
- National Domestic Helpline-0808 2000 247 or www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Boots pharmacies offer access to a safe place

Victims of domestic abuse will be able to access safe places at Boots pharmacies.

Those needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact services for help and advice.

The scheme is in response to the desperate situation facing many who are isolating with perpetrators during lockdown.

For more advice visit www.cbcew.org.uk