

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 4 NOVEMBER



## Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,

Keep faithful, and I will give you

The crown of life.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his listeners to observe what is going on. The scribes in the Gospel were those learned men whose job it was to interpret the Jewish Law. Yet, like so many vested with authority, they were tempted to go beyond their brief and introduce unnecessary new laws and customs. And these were designed to ensure that while they retained their social status and their "comfort zones", others were forced to carry the additional burden. All Jesus to do, in the Gospel story today, was to invite his listeners to watch what was going on. They are opposite the treasury, where there were collection boxes to help with the costs of running the Temple. The money was flowing in and it would seem that there were those who made sure that others were aware of how much they were contributing. But they were rich enough and they could well afford it. By contrast Jesus draws their attention to a poor widow, who contributes her last two small coins – the equivalent of a penny. The message is clear: "This poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

In response to Jesus, we may be tempted to wonder if Jesus is serious. But he is. He returns to this message over and over again for it is his Gospel, his Good News. The world does not belong to us; it belongs to God the Father and we are entrusted with its care today. Consequently, the more we try to amass wealth ourselves, the more vulnerable we can become ourselves for we need more security, like the man in another part of the Gospel building bigger barns. By the same token, the more preoccupied we are about status and wealth, the more selfish we can become and remain aloof to the needs of those around us. In less than two decades of the present century, we have seen an unprecedented monetary crisis that has affected the whole world. The idea that market forces will themselves create the kind of wealth that trickles down to improve the lives of everyone has proved itself false, because it presumes that human nature has redeemed itself and people will not abuse the system for the own ends and always look after the poor. As followers of Jesus today we can only strive to live life simply and demonstrate that there is another way: a way that becomes possible only when we accept that we cannot redeem ourselves. The more we treasure the gift of God's Spirit, the more we will let go of any worldly power and trust in him. What more beautiful meditation could we ask for than the image of the other widow in today's readings: the one who responded to Elijah and shared her bread and water with him. Her generosity was rewarded. May we approach our Eucharist today in that same spirit of hope and trust.

## LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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### St. Edmund Arrowsmith Parish

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



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Joe Fletcher, Catherine Hourigan, Agnes Manfredi, Peter McDonnell, Delia Reilly, Anne Scully

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at both Masses.

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Lest we forget

There will be a short Service of Remembrance after the 10.30am Mass today at the memorial in the grounds of St Joseph's Church. Please come along to remember the sacrifice made by so many men and women.



### SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in remembrance of Ellen Squires. A second lamp will burn in remembrance of the fallen of the Great War and all conflicts since.

### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Pauline Dowsett and Keith Hindley for all their hard work cleaning our War Memorial and tiding the flower beds. They have done a marvellous job. Thank you and well done!

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Please come along to our Open Day on Wednesday Nov.

14<sup>th</sup>. There are two sessions 9am – 11am and 2pm – 5pm.

This is a great opportunity to look around the school and see our children living out our mission statement, "Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life."

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church today. Donations of bottles, gifts and items for the Hamper are very welcome. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

Christmas cards & calendars are now on sale, situated next to the Confessional.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

### FUND RAISING

We are now collecting prizes for our Christmas Raffle and Hamper. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale at the back of church.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Pious List envelopes are available in the porch. The names of our deceased loved ones will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.

### MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, St Joseph's church at 7.00pm: a special Mass of Remembrance for all the deceased of the

parish, especially those who have died during these last twelve months.

### GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

There is a supply of gluten-free altar breads in each church sacristy. Please make yourself known to the priest or sacristan before Mass and one can be consecrated for you. If you are not a Catholic or unable to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward at communion time for a blessing.

### WITH YOU ALWAYS

The next session of With You Always will be:

XII Apostles Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm

St Joseph's Mather Room Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm

## LAUDATO SI' PASTORAL AREA YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting for the Laudato Si' Pastoral Area Youth Group will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### RED MISSION BOXES

The last collection of 2018 will take place during November. Any outstanding Boxes or donations can be brought to church during November.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

**8 Nov** - May the Lord help us understand the logic of the Gospel, that of mercy with bearing witness. #SantaMarta

**7 Nov** - Praying means knocking at the door of a friend. God is our friend.

**6 Nov** - Jesus invites us to celebrate with Him, to be close to Him, to change our lives. #SantaMarta

Let us commit ourselves with prayer and action to distance our hearts, our words and our deeds from all violence in order to take care of our common home.

**5 Nov** - Jesus loved us freely. Christian life is imitating Jesus' free love. #SantaMarta

**4 Nov** - Sunday Mass is at the heart of the Church's life. There we encounter the Risen Lord, we listen to His Word, we are nourished at His table, and thus we become Church. #Sundaymass

**3 Nov** - God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in heaven.

**2 Nov** - Jesus made it so death does not have the last word: those who believe in Him will be transfigured by the Father's merciful love for an eternal and blessed life

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,922.18  
APF Missions £ 494.83  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### SICK

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

### BAPTISM

Welcome to our community through Baptism to:  
Penelope Eve Mechan

### LATELY DEAD

James Baines, Joseph Fletcher, Mary Gannon, Peter McDonnell, Elizabeth Nuttall, Anne Scully,  
Eternal rest grant unto them.....

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - DECEMBER 2019

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.

### DEANERY FORUM

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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 involved in Parish life. All welcome.

**The minutes of the last meeting are available in the porch.**

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in St Joseph's Hall at 12.30pm  
All donations for the fayre, particularly fancy goods, new toys and bottles for the Tombola and mugs will be gratefully received. Thank you.  
Please take all donations to your own church. Thank you.

**The 35th CAFOD Fun Run** will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:liverpool@cafod.org.uk).



### ANIMATE LOURDES 2019

Be part of something special... be part of the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July  
£530 for ages 15 - 22 years for more information  
visit [admin@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateyouth.co.uk)

### CYMFED FLAME

The biggest Catholic youth event in the country 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Guest speakers: Emma B, Gvuna B, Robert Madu, Cardinal Vincent Nichols. £25 for ticket & travel.  
Book at [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org)

### LASARS

We meet on Tuesdays, 12noon to 2.30pm in the Community Hall next to the Leigh Methodist church, opposite the Bus Station. Would you like to volunteer to help in our kitchen to assist with setting out food for our Leigh Asylum Seekers and

Refugees? Please contact Peter Galloway (01942) 676962.



#### Reflect:

In today's Gospel, Jesus commends the widows offering as an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than from her surplus.

For us to give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us.  
(Sunday Connections)

#### Pray:

Create a new heart in me O Lord.  
Give me a generosity of spirit  
That I may bring your love to others.  
Amen

#### Act:

What do we find easier to do - make a donation of money to a charitable cause or support the same cause by getting involved in its activities? Are we truly generous, or do we do what is easiest for us?

#### Challenge:

Many of us today are poor in time, yet if we trust in God, take time to be with God, we will find that we have all the time we need for the day ahead.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL Music Administrator

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An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to support the Director of Music and wider Music Department at the Metropolitan Cathedral with the day to day administration associated with the role. The hours of work are part-time, 16 per week to be worked Tuesday - Friday each week, 9.30am-2.30pm with one hour unpaid lunch break. The post holder would be required to work 39 weeks per year by agreement with the Director of Music. Candidates must have empathy with the ethos and mission of the Roman Catholic Church and a commitment to the work undertaken by the Music Department. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar administrative role, excellent verbal and written skills, experience of working collaboratively, highly developed organisational and diary management skills, excellent communication skills, ability to work flexibly and an appreciation of the need for sensitivity and confidentiality. Experience of implementing administrative processes and use of social media websites would be advantageous. Closing date: Wednesday 21 November 2018 Interview Date: Wednesday 28 November 2018 This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check

**To apply, visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack**

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 10 November

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Nora & John Devaney and Jimmy Maxwell

### Sun 11 November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Brian Fahy (anniv.)  
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area  
StJ 10.30am MASS Eileen Boardman R.I.P.  
OLR 11.00am MASS Tom Rasburn (anniv.)

### Mon 12 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 31)*

StJ 8.45am MASS Phyllis Bailey  
StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Joseph Fletcher

### Tue 13 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 12.00noon MASS Pious List

### Wed 14 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 10.00am MASS Margaret Beckett L.D.  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Deceased Members of the Yates Family

### Thu 15 November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 9.00am MASS Ita Hoare (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
SH 12.00noon MASS Anne Scully

### Fri 16 November FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

OLR 10.00am MASS (Moss Bank Ct) Jean Ramsdale (Anniv)  
StJ 12.00noon Mass John Brian Griffin (anniv.)

### Sat 17 November *Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor*

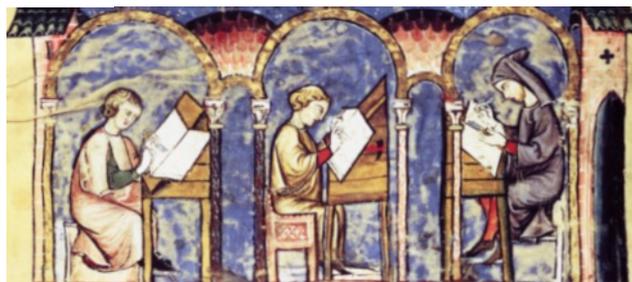
StJ 11.00am Exposition and Reconciliation  
StJ 12.00noon MASS Agnes Coleman (anniv.)  
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

### Sun 18 November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am MASS Mandy Barwick (anniv.)  
SH 9.30am MASS Christopher Platt R.I.P.  
StJ 10.30am MASS Vernan Byrne (anniv.)  
OLR 11.00am MASS William and Catherine Flynn (Anniv)

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 350 M Haughton, £5 No. 438 C Ellis, £3 No. U Lightford,  
£2 NO. 218 Mr Collins

**Bonus Ball** 53 B Edwards



### 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](mailto: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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