

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 FEBRUARY 2014



Responsorial Psalm

Who is the king of glory?

It is the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This was originally a celebration of the Jewish Church, as the feast recalls the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah. However, as Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus in the Temple, they acclaim him as the “light to the nations”. Mary and Joseph were simply fulfilling their role as Jewish parents by taking Jesus to the Temple, as any normal mother and father would do, especially with their first born child. They adhere to the Law and offer God a pair of doves, or two young pigeons, in thanksgiving. However, Simeon, one of the Temple officials, recognized Jesus and thanked God for the birth of the Messiah. In doing this Simeon recognized that the great plan of God, and the promises received by the prophets on behalf of the people, were to be fulfilled in the child Jesus. It was the Spirit of God which helped Simeon to recognize Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah they had been waiting for. Simeon simply thanked God for fulfilling his promise that, one day, he would see the Messiah. He could now die a happy man.

One of the things we do on this feast day is that we bless the candles that we use in Church throughout the year. We do this because, this weekend especially, we are proclaiming Christ Jesus as our light, just as Simeon proclaimed him as “light to the nations”. Jesus IS the light of the world. He is our light too. So how do we show that he is our light by the way we live out our faith together?

Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple so we are called to present Jesus to the people in our world by the way we live. Are we conscious of the fact that our actions can show others that Jesus is alive in us? Are we aware that it is our baptism calling to allow the light of Christ to shine through us?

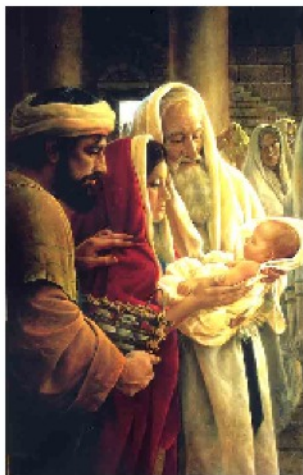
Perhaps whenever we do light a candle, try to focus on the flame. Notice that it burns from the very centre and, if it is dark, the light shines on many things around it. Our faith in God and our love for him may be in our hearts but God wants us to allow it to shine out and touch others, not simply remain in our hearts.

If we love someone do we ever tell them? Or do we sometimes express our love through acts of kindness? If we all did this the world would be a better place. The same is true of our relationship with God. we are called to show our love for him through acts of loving kindness to others. In this way the light of Christ will certainly shine through us and light up the lives of those around us.

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and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Phillip John Aldred, Brian Ashton, Ashton Family, Alf Case, Eveline Donohue, Mary Eckersley, Eric Gannon, Kathleen Greensmith, John Henaghan, Sheila Leigh, Lewis, Carlo, Angeola, Annetta & Manfredi, Moylan Family, Jean McDowell, Andrea Southern, Special Intention (R), Special Intention & Thanksgiving Our Lord, Our Lady & All Saints, Successful Operation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next Sacramental Programme meeting for the children from St Joseph's will be tomorrow, Monday 3rd February either at 2.30pm in the school or 6.00pm in the church.

WOMEN'S SODALITY

The next meeting of the Women's Sodality will be on Tuesday 18th February at 8.00pm in the Side Hall. All ladies welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group will meet on Monday 10th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COFFEE MORNING

Tea and coffee will be served after Mass today. Everyone welcome.

Unclaimed Christmas draw prizes : Blue 975, Yellow 431.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** candle that burns all this week in Sacred Heart church was gifted in memory of Kathleen Hilton. We will be opening a new list again around about Easter.

TWELVE APOSTLES CLUB

Bingo every Wednesday from 8.30pm. Please consider us for your special occasion tel 01942 209192 for details.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENING

Once again this year Fr Kieran and Fr Steve would like to say thank you for all the hard word work that people do all year round and the support given to each of the church communities. This year the Social Evening is being held at St Joseph's on Friday 14th February, with Mass at 7.00pm then on to the Main Hall for the entertainment, provided by Fr Kieran and Fr Steve's Hot Pot. Last year proved to be a great success and a good time was had by all. It would be lovely to see more people this year and all our communities to get to know each other better. If you would like to come along please sign the sheet at the back of church. We do need to know numbers for catering purposes, so please sign the list.

CARE OF THE SICK

If you have a sick relative in Hospital, in the Hospice or in a Nursing Home, it is important, because of Data Protection rules, that you inform the Nursing Staff that your relative is a Catholic and would like a visit from the priest or lay minister.

If you know of anyone who has come out of hospital or is in need of Holy Communion taking to them please contact the parish office with name, full address including postal code and telephone number.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Justice & Peace meeting on Tuesday 4th February at St Joseph's, 7.30p.m. Guest Speaker Mark Walters from Church Action on Poverty.

World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, 7th March, 7.30pm at St. Mary's parish church, Leigh centre.

Singers' practices on Mondays, 24th February and 3rd March, 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St. Mary's church. Men, women and young people all welcome to help us praise God.

DISCOVERING YOUR VOCATION IN LIFE

"Dear young friends, only Jesus knows what definite service he has in mind for you, be open to his voice resounding in the depths of your heart. Even now, his heart is speaking to your heart." Benedict XVI, Hyde Park Vigil, 2010.

A discernment group for young men, aged 15-21, who are discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or religious life. Today, Sunday 2nd February 2014 @ St Charles Borromeo, Aigburth, Liverpool, 2pm.

Make a small commitment of time to the Lord and join our monthly gathering; we pray together, share our experiences, listen to some teaching and benefit from meeting like-minded individuals.

Please contact Fr. James Preston on 0151 727 2493 for more information.

JOB VACANCY

Deputy Headteacher
Leadership Scale L 20- L 24

The Governing Body of St Mary's Catholic High School invite applications from highly motivated, inspirational and outstanding school leaders who are practising Catholics for the post of Deputy Headteacher from September 1st 2014.

Informal visits to the school are welcome.

Closing Date: noon, Friday 7th February 2014

Interview Dates: Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February 2014

Further details: www.st-maryshigh.wigan.sch.uk



Twelve Apostles Walsingham Pilgrimage will be taking place from Easter Monday 21st April until Thursday 24th. Interested persons should see Laurence Hawkins, Therese Thompson or Jane Lovett, with a £20 deposit please, as soon as possible.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Jan 30

I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith.



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Jan 28

Let us pray for Christian unity. There are so many beautiful things which unite us



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Jan 27

Dear young people, let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Jan 25

It is easy to ask God for things; we all do it. When will we also learn to give him thanks and to adore him?



Pope Francis'@Pontifex Jan 24

We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,713.63

This week there will be a collection on behalf of the Friends of the Holy Land, a charity set up by our new Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Next week the retiring collection will be for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

SICK

Please remember Kitty Gallagher, Baby Kara Hughes, Fr Patrick Shanahan M. Afr. Tom Ramsdale and all who are sick at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary(May) Caufield ... Eternal rest grant unto her...

CARDINAL-ELECT VINCENT NICHOLS



As you may have heard, Pope Francis has named Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, a cardinal. Archbishop Vincent was born in Liverpool and served as a priest in the Archdiocese before being appointed an auxiliary bishop of Westminster in 1992. Bishop Tom Williams has invited the new cardinal to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 16th March at 3.00 pm. It seems fitting to offer a gift in thanksgiving for Archbishop Vincent's service to the Church in England and Wales. Archbishop Vincent has asked that this gift be offered in his name to the suffering Church in the Holy Land. Therefore, Bishop Tom invites us to contribute to **A gift for Cardinal Vincent for the Church in the Holy Land**. All the monies raised will go to our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. The collection will remain open for the next two weeks. Cheques should be made payable to **RCAL-VN**.

Is January getting you down? Feeling flat after the Christmas and New Year celebrations?
Come and dance away the winter blues with

THE FABULOUS NOSTALGIA SHOWBAND



50s & 60s Rock & Roll Band
St Joseph's Hall Chapel St, Leigh
Refreshments included, Bar
Saturday 8 February 2014 at 7.30pm
Tickets £10.00 available from Des 01942 67488
Pauline 01942 604603 or St Joseph's 673517



CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHISTS

"Let your light shine"

An Afternoon Preparing to Celebrate Lent
Sunday 9th February
2.00 - 4.00pm at LACE

Led by Jo Boyce of CJM Music

Please tell one of our priests if you would like to attend.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Special Mass to celebrate Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Tom Williams on Sunday 16th February at 11.00am in the Cathedral. RSVP Mrs Julie Cassidy 0151 522 1040 or email: j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk

CATHOLICS IN HEALTHCARE

Those working in our hospitals in whatever capacity, the ambulance service and the medical profession as a whole, as well as Eucharistic Ministers and all who serve the sick at home and in hospital, are warmly invited to join Bishop Tom Williams for a Mass with and for Healthcare Workers on Sunday 16th February at 3.00pm in Christ the King & Our Lady's church, Queens Drive, Liverpool L15 6YQ

EVENING COURSES & WORKSHOPS

See Archdiocesan Website for full details:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Baptism: Everything You Need for Life

An evening to view and discuss the new Archdiocesan Baptism Resource - 13th February, 7.15 - 9.15pm, at LACE.

Christ in Scripture & Tradition

A module in the Diploma in Pastoral Leadership, 3rd, 10th, 24th February & 3rd March, 6.30 - 9.00pm at Liverpool Hope University.

A Skills Workshop - Ways of Working with Scripture

Tuesday 25th February, 6.30 - 9.00pm, at St Patrick's, Southport.

Are you having a party? Do you need a venue?

Why not consider booking one of the Parish Halls?

The Main Hall complex at St Joseph's consists of a side hall for 80 or so guests, with a well maintained kitchen. The ballroom/theatre holds approx. 280/300 guests. The Mather Room (Sodality Hall) holds approx. 100 guests. Both locations have ample parking and are easily accessible and have been refurbished.

We take bookings in both halls for birthday parties, wedding, baptism & funeral receptions, dance classes, keep fit etc and in our main Hall dance shows, musicals, plays etc.

We also have Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Slimming World, Keep Fit, Zumba and Karate, dancing classes. Please contact Mrs Prince on 01942 709034 for further details of these classes or to enquire about a booking.

Twelve Apostles Parish Hall has a Lounge (30-40), Concert Room (100-120), Small Meeting Room (20-30) and the Common Room which can hold children's parties

Sacred Heart also has a Meeting Room with catering facilities for groups of between 40-50

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OL = Our Lady of the Rosary, StR = St Richard

Sat 1 February

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Timothy Stott & Lawrence Cooney

Sun 2 February

StJ 8.30am

FEAST: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SH 9.30am

MASS

StJ 10.30am

MASS Jane Gibbons

OL 11.00am

MASS

StR 6.30pm

MASS Fred Ryan

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Mon 3 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 4, Year 2)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

OL 12.00noon

MASS

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Tue 4 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Beatrice & Sidney Fletcher

OL 2.00pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Mary (May) Caufield

Wed 5 February

Memorial: St. Agatha, V.M. (3rd c.)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

SH 7.00pm

MASS Molly Yates LD

Thu 6 February

Memorial: St. Paul Miki, SJ and his Companions, MM (16th c.)

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

12A 9.30am

MASS John Fisher LD

SH 12.00noon

MASS Bridie Heneghan

Fri 7 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS

Sat 8 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS Special Intention (AR)

12A 5.30pm

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 9 February

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

StJ 8.30am

MASS

SH 9.30am

MASS Annie Connolly

StJ 10.30am

MASS

OL 11.00am

MASS

StR 6.30pm

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sacred Heart Lottery On 24 January the numbers drawn were 7, 12, 14. No winner of £10. Last week's estimated jackpot was £240.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 235 A Simpson, £6 451 M West, £3 366 M Houghton, £2 42 C Ellis.

Bonus Ball No. 11 B Hancock

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 Dave or Fr Paul who are based in St. Margaret Clitherow parish.

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