

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 22 January 2017



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Throughout his Gospel Matthew compares the arrival of Jesus to the coming of a great light to people who had been living in darkness. He saw Jesus as fulfilling the great prophecy of Isaiah: "The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned."

Mother Teresa once shared a story about a man who was brought out of the darkness. One day in Melbourne, Australia, she visited a poor man whom nobody knew existed. The room in which he was living was in a terrible state of untidiness and neglect. There was no light in the room. The man hardly ever opened the blinds. He hadn't a friend in the world. She started to clean and tidy the room. At first he protested, saying, "Leave it alone. It's all right as it is." But she went ahead and continued cleaning anyway. Under a pile of rubbish she found a beautiful oil lamp covered with dust. She cleaned and polished it. Then she asked him, "Why do you never light the lamp?" "Why should I light it?" he replied. "No one ever comes to see me." "Will you light it if one of my sisters comes to see you?" "Yes", he replied. "If I hear a human voice I'll light the lamp."

Two of Mother Teresa's nuns began to visit him on a regular basis. Life gradually improved for him. Then one day he said to the nuns, "Sisters, I'll be able to manage on my own from now on. But do me a favour. Tell that first sister who came to see me that the light she lit in my life is still burning." At first he didn't like the light. He felt threatened by it. It made him uncomfortable. Why? Because it showed up the misery in which he was living – first of all, the physical misery, then the misery of spirit. But gradually he came to see the light as a friend, which comforted him and brought hope into his dark existence. Thus he slowly turned his life around. The light saved him. Of course, it wasn't the lamp that did this, but the kindness and goodness it symbolized, first in Mother Teresa herself then in the two sisters who continued visiting him.

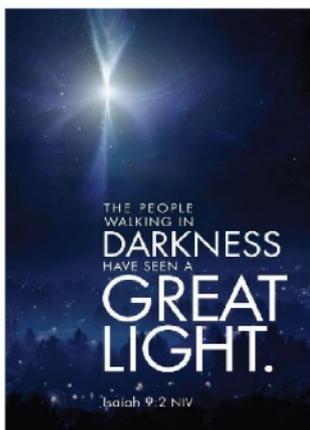
In order to appreciate the light we must be conscious of the darkness. We have to realise our need to change from the darkness to the light. To repent is to admit the darkness in which we are living, and to open ourselves up to the light. We show our repentance by a new way of living. To be saved is to come out of the darkness into the light. Each of us perhaps have areas of darkness in our lives – fear, illness, pain, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society as a whole has darkness too. This is why we need Christ's light in our lives. Though the light comes as a friend, it also disturbs because it shows up what is wrong. There are still many people who live in darkness and in the shadow of death. We need the light of Christ now more than ever. Fortunately the lamp Jesus lit continues to burn, a glowing goodness that illuminates the world. It burns in the lives of his followers today. The light of Jesus did not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom. Each of us can be sources of light in this darkened world. Indeed we are all called to this task. But unless we choose the light ourselves, we won't be able to enlighten anyone else. There is great joy in being in the light. And there is an even greater joy in being a source of light to others.

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Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Jocye Lani Amate, Brian Ashton, Vernon Byrne, Josie Flanagan, Tom Kennedy, Eileen Pilling, Vincent Raines, Andrea Southern.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will collectors please empty the Red Mission Boxes and bring the contents to the Presbytery on Monday 23rd January. Thank you.

RAFFLE PRIZE

Could the person with the winning ticket 786 - 789 please come to the parish office to collect your prize. The ticket was bought at XII Apostles Christmas Fair. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

BONUS BALL

There are numbers on our Bonus Ball. If anyone would like to join, please see Margaret at the back of Our Lady's church.

HORSES AT PLANK LANE

The horses seem to have gone from the land at Plank Lane, however it has not all yet been finalised through the courts, but we are hopeful that the matter is resolved.

SACRED HEART

REPOSITORY

Our "little shop" is open all year round, not just for Christmas. Please come and look, and be surprised at all we have!



FATIMA 19th - 23rd JUNE 2017

We have a good sized group travelling but still have places available on this Pilgrimage. The price is £377.00 PLUS the airfare (approx £100). If you want to book please contact Des or Cath during the week on 01942 888844 or complete a booking form (at the back of church) and send it with your deposit to the address shown on the booking form.

RCIA CLASSES

For those wanting to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or for anyone wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith, classes will start a week on Sunday, 29th January, after 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's. The classes will continue through the season of Lent, after which we will welcome our new members at the celebration of the Easter Vigil. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Jan 19 - We invoke Christian unity because we invoke Christ. We want to live unity: we want to follow Christ and to live in His love.

Jan 18 - From the intimacy of our faith in Jesus Christ comes our need to be united in Him.

Jan 17 - Peace is an "active virtue", one that calls for the engagement and cooperation of each individual and society as a whole.

Jan 16 - There can never be true peace as long as a single human being is violated in his or her personal identity.

Jan 15 - May the Holy Family watch over all child migrants and accompany the vulnerable and the voiceless on their journey.

Jan 14 - Unscrupulous exploitation harms young girls and boys who are trafficked and enslaved. May God bless all those who set them free.

Jan 13 - Children forced to flee, especially if fleeing alone, are most defenceless and vulnerable. Let's pray for them and help them.

Jan 12 - Young migrants, especially when unaccompanied, are especially defenceless. Let everyone offer them a helping hand.

Jan 11 - Everyone can help bring about a culture of mercy, in which no one looks at another with indifference.

Jan 10 - My hope is that our countries and their peoples may find increased opportunities to work together in building true peace.

Jan 9 - There can be no true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others.

ORDER OF DEACONS

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 and priests are also welcome.

7.30-9.00pm Tuesday 2nd February 2017 (Refreshments available from 7.00pm), Holy Name Parish Meeting Room, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley, L10 9LG

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Jo Boyce, from CJM Music, will be leading an afternoon for Children's Liturgy Leaders preparing for Lent, **2.00pm - 5.00pm on Sunday 5th February at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA.**

For further information contact Maureen Knight 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk or the Parish Office.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,787.41
Pax Christi £ 185.41

Thank you for your generosity.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Joan Ganley, Arthur Lowe, Mary Sutton

RECENTLY DECEASED

Norman Fletcher, Joseph Eric Gibbons, Robert Shuttleworth, Eternal rest grant unto them ...



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish, through baptism, to :-
Wilson George Robert James, Daisy Nicole Valentine, Noah Francis Webb.

RECOVERING AND MOVING ON AFTER DIVORCE

A series of meetings to support divorced and separated Catholics will start mid February 2017 for Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship.

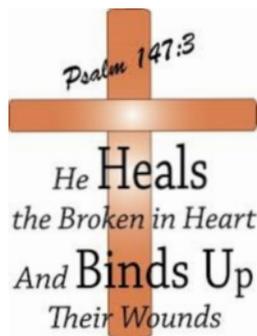
Small confidential groups. No charge, but booking is essential
Meetings include:-

- A chance to meet and talk together
- Information about practical matters, sources of help, the positions of divorced Catholics in the Church, annulment
- Reflection, discussion, prayer

A one day meeting is held for people who find evening meetings inconvenient.

Individual support is available for those who do not wish to join a group

or further information or to make a booking please contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195



RESPONDING TO THE CALL VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 4th February at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston,

Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.



Step into the Gap

Aged 18 – 30 and thinking about taking a gap year? Passionate about global justice? Want to put your faith into action volunteering for a charity?

Step into the Gap, CAFOD's gap year programme, is an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit an international CAFOD partner.

Apply for Step into the Gap

As a participant you will live and work in one of our UK placements for an academic year, learning more about yourself, your faith and the world we live in while inspiring others to make a difference. There are eight opportunities available across five placements.

The deadline for applications is **13th March 2017**

For more information visit www.Cafod.org.uk

ORDINARY TIME WINTER

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

Peace Day	Sunday 15 th January
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18 th - 25 th January
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 12 th Feb
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Wednesday 8 th Feb
World Day for the Sick	Saturday 11 th Feb
Day of the Unemployed	Sunday 26 th Feb

Ash Wednesday will be on 1st March this year and the First Sunday of Lent will be on 5th March.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT AT SACRED HEART CLUB, HINDSFORD

There will be an evening of Irish and Country songs at Sacred Heart Club, Hindsford to help the Parish celebrate St Patrick's Day on **Friday 17th March**, from 8.00pm till closing time. Live music from *The Cambridge Crew* plus guest singers/guitarists from the local *Streetlifers* group. Admission free.

St Joseph's Players
ROBINSON CRUSOE
18th January to 28th January

Evenings Comm. at 7-15pm Matinees 21st 22nd & 27 January Comm. 2pm
SPECIAL OFFER 18th & 19th ALL TICKETS £4
Tickets available from our **BOX OFFICE Stones Carpets**
Chapel St. Leigh (Opposite Church)

Opening Times: **MONDAY to SATURDAY 9am to 5pm.**
and **SUNDAYS 11am to 4pm**

BOX OFFICE CLOSED FROM 22nd DEC TO 2nd JAN

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 21 January

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Honora Pemberton L.D.

Sun 22 January

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

StJ 8.30am MASS The Gainer Family
SH 9.30am MASS B&S Fletcher S.I.
StJ 10.30am MASS Robert Farrimond Anni
OLR 11.00am MASS Anne Devlin
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 23 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 3)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Tom Kennedy Anni

Tue 24 January

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Marion Daven Special Intention

Wed 25 January

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR 10.15am MASS Margaret Farrimond
StJ 12.00noon MASS Andrea Southern Anni

Thu 26 January

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Avila Claudio, Corazonavia & Teo Dorica Avila
SH NO MASS
12A 10.30am FUNERAL MASS Robert Shuttleworth

Fri 27 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS Maurice Gallagher
12A 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Norman Fletcher

Sat 28 January

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OLR 12.00noon MASS Maureen Sweeney
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Patrick & Deidre Costello

Sun 29 January

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

StJ 8.30am MASS Marie Fitzsimons RIP
SH 9.30am MASS Bernard Timperley L.D.
StJ 10.30am MASS James Clegg RIP
OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 13th January were 2, 8, 19. There was no winner of £331. Last week's jackpot was estimated at £365.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 239 J Flannery, £5 No. 359 M Moore, £3 No. 050 D Hindley, £2 No. 230 A Simpson

Bonus Ball 33 C. Ellis

We have spare Numbers on our Lotto Bonus Ball. Anyone wishing to take one up please see Margaret at the back of Our Lady of the Rosary church. Thank you.

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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