

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5 February 2017



Responsorial Psalm

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us, his disciples today, to be salt of the earth and the light of the world. It doesn't mean that we have to leave our jobs or our usual way of living and get involved in a whirlwind of good works. It simply means that we are called to practice our faith, our Christianity, not just in Church, but out in the world in whatever situation we happen to find ourselves in. In a world of darkness we need people to be our light. In a world of darkness we are called to be God's light for others. At our baptisms we were given a light in the hope that it would continue to burn as a beacon of faith. At the end of every Mass the priest or deacon calls us to go out from Church and not only share the Good News but BE the Good News of God to others.

So, if we are teachers, we are called to teach well and bring light into the lives of all the children. If we are a judge, we should always seek true justice for everyone. If we are politicians, then we should work for the good of the whole country, especially the poorest members of society, and bring light into their lives in this way. If we are doctors, then we should treat everyone alike and work endlessly to bring healing and wholeness into people's lives. If we work for the police, we should never break the law ourselves, but uphold it by our example and enforce it fairly. If we are employers we should pay fair wages and create decent working conditions for our employees. If we are workers then we should try our best to know our job and to do it to the best of our ability. If we are reporters then we should deal in fact and not in half-truths or lies and write about important issues rather than trivialities and sensationalism. If we are in business then we should never overcharge but give value for money. If we are parents then we should always be there for our children and put them before everything else. If we are priests then we should always try to practice what we preach and live out the Gospel message along with our parishioners.

We could multiply these examples and still not cover everything. Each of us must look at our own situation and ask ourselves how can we practice our Christianity and live out our faith to the full in every situation of our lives. How can we be "salt" and "light" among the people we meet every day and in the everyday situations we find ourselves in? We may not always be able to be a "beacon" of light, but we can at least be a humble candle and bring a little light into the lives of others. Today's Gospel is a call to live lives of goodness and love. It is a challenge to think about our faith before every decision we make and everything we do.

If we were accused of being a follower of Jesus would there be enough evidence to convict us?

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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

John & Agnes Coan, Christine & Billy Cole, William Fairclough, Norman Fletcher, Kathleen Greensmith, Suzannah Michelle Greensmith, Mary Heneghan, Thanksgiving St Rita,

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held on Tuesday 7th February, 7.30pm at St. Josephs.
All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

This week Coffee Morning will be in the Mather Room.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today Sunday, February 5th.

SACRED HEART

REPOSITORY

Our range of cards now includes First Communion cards, ready for the forthcoming celebrations.

COFFEE TIME

Tea and coffee will be available after 9.30am Mass next Sunday in Sacred Heart church - just a chance to have a chat after Mass with a hot drink. This is a regular event on the second Sunday of every month.



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 continue today 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.



LOST & FOUND

A Divine Mercy Rosary has been handed in to Westleigh Lodge Nursing Home, Nel Pan Lane. If you have visited there and lost your Rosary, please give them a ring - 01942 262521.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Feb 2 - Consecrated life is a great gift of God: a gift of God to the Church, a gift of God to His People.

Feb 1 - God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity.

Jan 31 - Let us imitate the attitude of Jesus toward the sick: he takes care of everyone, He shares their suffering and opens their hearts to hope.

Jan 30 - Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace.

Jan 29 - Lord, God of peace, hear our prayer and grant us peace in the Holy Land. Shalom, salaam, peace!

Jan 28 - The Kingdom of God is already in our midst like a hidden seed. Anyone with pure eyes can see it blossom.

Jan 27 - Today I want to remember in my heart all the victims of the Holocaust. May their sufferings and their tears never be forgotten.

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 today, 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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

The gift of the Philippines

St Paul's church, Westleigh Lane, Leigh, WN7 5NW. will host this service for all our Leigh area on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm. All most welcome. All persons of any age who enjoy singing are invited to the singers' practices on Mondays 20th and 27th February, 7.30 to 8.30pm in St Paul's church. If items from the Philippines could be loaned for a display in the church, they would be cared for and returned to you promptly after the service. A Scales of Justice, wood/brass, is required. Please ask your friends. Please ring 01942 676962.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL

£1,716.98

Thank you for your generosity.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Joan Ganley, Mary Heneghan, Arthur Lowe, Mary Sutton, Edna McLoughlin (née Higgins)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alice Lawrence, Angela McMullen, Eileen Agnes Pilling, Kevin Sutton.

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



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.

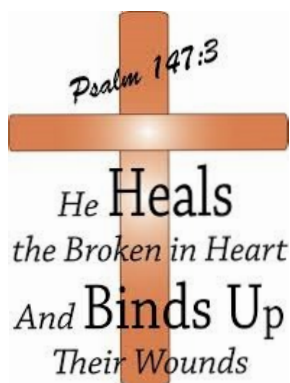
Small confidential groups. No charge, but booking is essential. Meetings include:-

- 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



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.

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.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, next Sunday 12th February 2017 at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend, refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12 noon Saturday 11th February 2017

Main Celebrant Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Christ the King church, Queens Drive, Wavertree, L15 6YQ. All welcome.



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.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS
WITH THE BRILLIANT AND POPULAR
GEORGE FORMBY TRIBUTE BAND
St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St. Leigh WN7 2PR
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(Fancy Dress Optional (war time theme))
Friday 24th February doors open at 12-15pm
Tickets £6 including Hot-pot
Available from Pensioners Link Office 01942 261753
Or Pauline on 01942 604603
BAR, TOMBOLA, (Fund raising event)

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 4 February

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Julie Costello, family & John McAnn

Sun 5 February

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

StJ 8.30am MASS Florence & Ronald Pierce RIP
SH 9.30am MASS Kathleen Ruane (special intention)
StJ 10.30am MASS Ernest Clarke Birthday Memorial
OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 6 February

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS

Tue 7 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 5)

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Angela McMullen
SH 12.00noon MASS Tony Sutton L.D.

Wed 8 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
OLR NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS Phillip John Aldred Anni

Thu 9 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ NO MASS
SH 12.00noon MASS Tom Slater L.D.
SH 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Kevin Sutton

Fri 10 February

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE Alice Lawrence
SH NO MASS
StJ 12.00noon MASS James Clegg RIP
StJ 2.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE Eileen Agnes Pilling

Sat 11 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
OLR 12.00noon MASS Robert McKeown
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson

Sun 12 February

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Racial Justice Day

StJ 8.30am MASS Maurice Gallagher RIP
SH 9.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
StJ 10.30am MASS Dcn. Alan Mee Anni
OLR 11.00am MASS Eileen & Les Peacock
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 27th January were 2, 12, 16. There was one lucky winner of £413! Last week's jackpot was estimated at £35.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 311 m Roach, £5 No. 489 2 Betty's, £3 No. K Wilkinson, £2 No. 194 C Barker

Bonus Ball No.

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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