

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

12 March 2017



Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

REFLECTION

In the story of Jesus' transfiguration, Peter, James and John have an experience of seeing Jesus as being truly amazing. They are able to recognize that he is amazing, for they see him as he really is. On the mountain, Jesus shines as the true source of light that he is, and the Father affirms his delight in him and the trust he has placed in him. Naturally, recognizing that they are in the presence of God, the disciples are frightened and they fall on their faces, but they want to stay in that presence. "Lord," Peter says, "it is wonderful for us to be here." Through Jesus' transfiguration, the disciples see the true face of Jesus, and there is nothing that they would want to change, for suddenly they see how truly amazing he is – that is to say, fully human and fully divine. The revelation of Jesus as the Son of God in the transfiguration is a major encouragement to the disciples, and no less so for Jesus himself. The revelation of Jesus as the fulfilment of the law and the prophets, as seen through the appearance of Moses and Elijah, and the confirmation of who he is as the beloved Son of God, puts fresh heart into Jesus' followers and encourages Jesus to go on just as the Cross will loom large as a threat in his life. In time, following Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the disciples will be able to look back, with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and recall the truth of this incredible encounter. What happened on Mount Tabor will be an inspiration for countless generations to come.

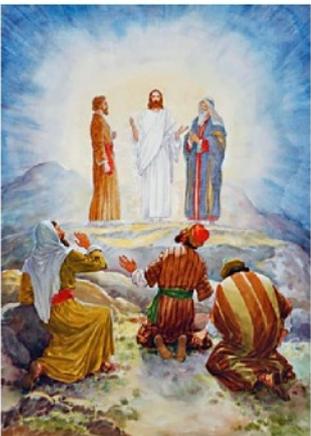
Reflecting on today's Gospel at this point in Lent is also an encouragement for us today to see who we really are as God's children. The manifestation of God's glory in Jesus is a gift to us to help us to see something that we very often find difficult to acknowledge – that through Jesus we too are beloved sons and daughters of God. After all, if we are honest with ourselves, few people see the real "us". We sometimes wear masks for different people and places, mainly to protect ourselves and hide our true feelings. Many of us are terrified of criticism and rejection. We want to be in control, to be loved, to gain approval and affirmation. However, when we venture deep inside ourselves, we catch a glimpse of the person we really are and we don't always like what we see. However God is our Father and he sees us in a very different way, just as the disciples saw Jesus at the transfiguration. We are God's children, beautifully made as God's unique creation, wonderfully designed to live a joyful life growing in the fullness of God's love. Saint Paul writes in his letter to Timothy about the "Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus", in whom we have been given grace from the beginning of time. We have been chosen. Just as Abraham was singled out for great blessings, so too are we. Lent is the perfect time to look beyond the surface and get in touch with our uniquely fashioned selves. We too, like Jesus, need to hear those words of God the Father, "You are my son/daughter – my favour rests on you."

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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

Carolyn Burke, Francis Gallagher, Colin Hutton, Lucy Jones, Kathleen & John Keavney, Winifred Langford, Marion Murray, Pat Montegue, Marlene O'Neill, Ellen Squires, Eileen & John Tyrer, James Winstanley

FLOWERS

Although there will not be any flowers in church during Lent, we desperately need more help for Easter. Please contact the parish office if you feel you can help, 01942 673517. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST

On Friday 17th March at 9.00am, there will be a Mass in church with St Joseph's School to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day (on 19th). All welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

EASTER RAFFLE

We are now asking for donations for our Easter Raffle, and would appreciate chocolates, Easter Eggs, bottles and Gifts.

SACRED HEART

The second Sunday of the month is our regular time for tea and coffee after Mass. Please stay after Mass today and greet friends old and new.

LENT REFLECTIONS

Care of our common home

Fridays 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March & 7th April, 12.30- 1.30pm. Meet in the Green Room in St Joseph's house after Mass. Are the Sunday readings relevant? What does the Pope say?



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Mar 5 - I ask, please, for your prayers for me and my collaborators, who until Friday will be on retreat.

Mar 5 - Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return.

Mar 4 - Lent urgently calls us to conversion. We are called to return to God with all our heart.

Mar 3 - Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry.

FAIRTRADE

Let's make trade work for the common good
Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference by thinking carefully about our everyday choices. It's about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for small-scale farmers.

Fairtrade facts

More than 1.65 million farmers and workers in 74 countries now get a better deal from Fairtrade

Over 500 Catholic parishes across England and Wales are certified Fairtrade

One in every three bananas sold in the UK is Fairtrade

Farmers and producers in the developing world – and some closer to home – are often the ones who bear the costs and risks of trade, while global companies make the profits.

Fairtrade products such as cocoa, sugar, fruit, cotton and thousands of other top quality goods have been bought by companies for sustainable prices. This ensures that the world's poorest growers and producers are able to earn a decent living and have a little extra to put back into their communities.

One of the results of Britain leaving the EU is that we will be responsible for setting our own trade policy. This is an opportunity for the government to embed poverty elimination into our global trading. The principles and values that govern our new trade policy must secure our own future prosperity while also working for the benefit of all.

Please email your MP to ask International Trade Secretary Liam Fox to make sure that the UK uses its trade policy to benefit the world's poorest people.

CAFOD founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992 along with Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft, the World Development Movement and the National Federation of Women's Institutes. We believe we are all part of the global food system - which means we have the power to change it. Changing the food we buy and choosing products from Fairtrade companies is one of the ways we can help tackle poverty.

For more information please visit www.cafod.org.uk



Reflect:

'Water, land, air and climate are the commons, but the common good is about the direction in which those commons need to be treated. We can't share resources and see them as simply resources – they're about the interrelationship between ourselves and the natural environment and how we need to understand ourselves as deeply interwoven – both between one another socially but also interconnected with the natural environment. Just as the common good is the good for all and the good for each, conversion also is about changing individuals and changing communities so ecological conversion is a community event as well as an individual event. An ecological conversion isn't just about turning to the natural environment, it's also about turning to Christ and this is, I think, very commonly misunderstood that just as Francis of Assisi believed that our attention to the natural world was part of our commitment to Christ as Lord, so Pope Francis believes that ecological conversion is a deeply Christological and theological...'

Celia Deane-Drummond CAFOD climate change reflections: One Climate, One World cafod.org.uk/campaign Published Aug 6, 2015

Pray:

God of life, help us to see your gifts are meant to be shared by all, not just exploited by a few. Lead us to take action to make a change not just for ourselves, but for all creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Act:

Make an extra effort to recycle this week. Add something to each of your recycling bins everyday.

Challenge:

Consider the amount of food you eat each day. Many people survive on only one meal a day. Where can you cut back on the amount of food you consume this week? Place the money you save in a Family Fast Day envelope.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,846.28

Thank you for your generosity.

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH'S S.V.P.

At all masses on the weekend of 18th/19th March 2017 the SVP will be having its quarterly collection. The monies we collect will be used to support parishioners of all ages who might struggle during the upcoming months. Please continue to be generous, our collection at Christmas was over £700, and any little helps us to continue our work in our parish community.

Thank you, the SVP.

SICK

Eileen Boardman, Carolyn Burke, Sr. Teresa Frost, Joan Ganley, Mary Heneghan, Kitty Jones, Arthur Lowe, Mary Sutton, Pat Windyk

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



LENT

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

Candidates for the Sacraments - especially on Sundays
Lent Fast Day - Friday 10th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

Tuesdays, 7.00pm at Saint Richard's,
Wednesdays, 7.00pm at Saint Joseph's
After 12.00noon Mass at Sacred Heart - Tuesday this week
Fridays 7.00pm at Saint Ambrose Barlow.

***Please note Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's are now at 7.00pm**

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

St Richard's church 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd March, Deanery Service of Reconciliation with private Confession.



UNWANTED READING GLASSES

(No cases wanted), please put in the box at the back of church by next Sunday, 19th March, to be sent by air to Afghan women refugees in Pakistan, who make a meagre living from sewing & embroidery.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

10th - 18th March

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from the 10th - 18th March 2017 at St Joseph's church, Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.

Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Rd Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com

CAFOD

LENT FAST DAY 10th MARCH 2017

We welcome Anne Hayes to St Joseph's today, who will talk to us about the important work of CAFOD and make an appeal on behalf of CAFOD.

CAFOD would also really like to encourage one or two people in each of the churches in the deanery to help every now and again to support its work here. Can you spare an hour or two and make a big difference helping with Fast Days, speaking in schools or parishes, liturgy sessions or fundraising? If you or friends would like to know more, please contact Ged Edwards 0151 228 4028 gedwards@cafod.org.uk.

GIFT AID

When you donate to CAFOD and fill in a Gift Aid form, you can increase the value of your gift by 25p for every £1 you give - at no extra cost to you. This extra 25 percent makes a big difference and means that we are able to support our partners with additional funding. Last year we raised over £2.6 million through Gift Aid Donations!

***God of Love, Maker of all,
transform my heart
through my Lenten journey
of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.***

***Help me to see the dignity
in all my sisters and brothers,
made in your image and likeness.***

***Inspire me to share the fruits of your creation
so that all your people can become artisans
of their own destiny.***

***Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.***

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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.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OLR = Our Lady of the Rosary
StR = St Richard, Atherton, StAB = Saint Ambrose Barlow, Astley, HF = Holy Family, Boothstown

Sat 11 March

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Margaret Taylor L.D.

Sun 12 March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

StJ 8.30am MASS Kathleen & Thomas Jones Anni
SH 9.30am MASS Freda Taylor (anniv.)
StJ 10.30am MASS Josephine Cora Oddie Anni
OLR 11.00am MASS Maureen Sweeney LD
StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 13 March

Weekday of Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS St Jude
SH 12.00noon MASS Philomena Gaughan R.I.P. birthday memory
SH 1.30pm FUNERAL SERVICE Rosalie Katherine Stevens

Tue 14 March

Weekday of Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
SH 12.00noon MASS Special Intention (BF)
followed by Stations of the Cross

Wed 15 March

Weekday of Lent

StAB 7.30am MASS
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
12A 10.00am MASS Winifred Robinson
StJ 12.00noon MASS Carolyn Burke (sick)
StJ 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Thu 16 March

Weekday of Lent

StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS Mary Tyrer (Anni)
OLR 10.00am MASS Special Intention (SJS)
SH NO MASS

Fri 17 March

FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND

HF 6.30am MASS
StJ 8.30am Morning Prayer
StJ 9.00am MASS with the School Tommy Rowley (R.I.P.)
StJ 12.00noon MASS Ashton & Moylan Families

Sat 18 March

Weekday of Lent

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
StJ 12.00noon MASS Kathleen & John Keavney (Diamond Wedding)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Margaret Grimes L.D.

Sun 19 March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

StJ 8.30am MASS Marie Fitzsimons (Birthday memorial)
SH 9.30am MASS Norah Heneghan
StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington (Anni)
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 3rd March were 10, 12, 24. There were no winners of £118. The jackpot for 10th March was estimated at £150.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, No. 411 M Moore, £5 No. 096 E West, £3 No. 304 Jessica Flannery, £2 No. 269 C& T Ellis

Bonus Ball No. 21 K Jones

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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