

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A) 11 June 2017



Responsorial Psalm

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

One day two learned men were walking along the seashore, discussing the mystery of God. However, they weren't making very much progress. Suddenly they saw a small boy playing on the beach. He had dug a hole in the sand and kept running down to the sea, dipping his toy bucket into the water, and running back up the beach to empty the water into the hole. The two men watched him for a while as he ran back and forth filling and emptying his bucket. They found the scene very amusing. They asked the boy what he was doing. Very seriously the boy told them that he was emptying the ocean into the hole he had dug in the sand. The two smiled and walked on, resuming their discussion about God. After a while, one of them stopped and said to the other, "You know, we were amused just now when that child told us what he was trying to do. Yet what we have been trying to do in our discussion about God is just the same. It is just as impossible for us to understand the mystery of God as it is for that child to put the water of the ocean into that hole on the beach. Our minds are but tiny thimbles, whereas the reality of God is as great as the ocean."

As the story suggests, it is impossible for us to understand God completely. God is a mystery. But a mystery is not something we can know nothing about. A mystery is something which is so full of meaning that, no matter how hard we try, we will never get to the bottom of it. Therefore, the story must not stop us from trying to understand God in whatever way we can. It's possible to know of the existence of God by our own reasoning. But we would know very little about God if he hadn't revealed himself to us. It is especially in the Scriptures that we know God. From the Scriptures we can learn that God is Father, Son and Spirit.

And from the Scriptures we learn what God is like. For instance, today's First Reading says that God is "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." And the Gospel says, "God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son." Both readings have the same message: God is a God of love. This message is so very important to us. God loves us, not because we are good, but because God is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity this weekend, let us pray that our response may echo Paul's message to the Corinthians, "Help one another, be united, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
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JOHN 3:16

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Mary Hollinshead, Albert Hollinshead.

HYMN BOOKS

If you need to borrow a hymn book for any reason, would you please ask at the parish office to borrow one of the spare books and not take a dedicated hymn book. Thank you.

SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the support group on Wednesday, 14 June, 7.00pm at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Gardening on Tuesday 10.00am, weather permitting. Please come along even if you can only spare an hour: we need more helpers.

SACRED HEART

COFFEE MORNING

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

IN HOSPITAL?

When Parishioners are admitted to Hospital, the Catholic Chaplains attached to the hospital are responsible for providing pastoral visits and sacramental care. However, NHS procedures mean the patient or their family must tell nursing staff that they want the Catholic Chaplain to be informed and wish to have their names put on the Chaplain's list for Holy Communion visits. If the patient or family want to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) or for any urgent needs, the nursing staff should be told to contact the 'Catholic Chaplain on call'. If you are in hospital and you want a visit by a Hospital Chaplain, you must ask the nursing staff. Please tell your family and friends about this.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

June 8 - Humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak, but of the strong.

June 7 - The Church needs everyday saints, those of ordinary life carried out with coherence.

June 6 - Let's always remember that our faith is concrete: the Word became flesh, not an idea!

June 5 - We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone.

June 4 - Let us allow ourselves to be humbly led by the Holy Spirit in order to avoid taking the wrong road and closing our hearts.

June 3 - Let us promote with courage all necessary means to protect the lives of our children.

June 2 - Through the darkness of today's conflicts, every one of us can become a bright candle, a reminder that light will overcome darkness.

Or lives simply

The Trinity is an unfathomable mystery to us. God is one and yet God is three. There is only one God but that one God consists of three persons. God is therefore a communion of persons. The Trinity speaks to us of community, communion, union, relationship and love. Towards the end of his Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate—*Laudato Si'*—Pope Francis draws our attention to the Trinitarian nature of creation. The Holy Trinity consisting of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the source of all creation and Pope Francis reminds us that 'all things speak' of the Triune God. He quotes St John Paul II who said, 'when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity.' A persistent theme in *Laudato Si'* is that this earth is our common home and we are all therefore responsible for it, and for each other. Just as our God is a communion of persons, we too are called to enter into communion with each other and with creation. In fact, Pope Francis asserts, it is vital that we have this communion in order to properly care for creation and to reach our own fulfilment: 'The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.' Our very nature as human beings reflects the Triune God: 'In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created.' Fostering genuine relationships and living in communion with God, with each other and with creation, helps us to understand that everything in creation is connected and recognition of this must lead to greater reverence and care for our world. As Pope Francis states: 'Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.'

Adapted from an article by Catherine Sheehan on www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Pray

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Challenges

This week ...

Live in communion with God - set aside time each day to listen to the Lord.

Live in communion with each other - show your support for others by donating to a local food bank or offering practical help to someone.

Live in communion with creation - appreciate creation, plant seeds, conserve your energy usage.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £ tba

This weekend there will be a retiring collection in all our churches for Provision for Priests in Retirement. Next week-end it will be for Day for Life.

DAY FOR LIFE

... is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on 31 May in Scotland, 18 June in England and Wales and Sunday 1 October in Ireland. Read more in our 'About' section. <http://www.dayforlife.org/>

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Sr. Teresa Frost, Mary Heneghan, Bernadette Higgins, Kitty Jones, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Amelia Georgia Hall and Lexie Rose Whittle.

ARC Renewal Conference/Gathering

5th –12th August 2017
Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire HG3 5JB

"I realise now how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right"
Acts 10:34-35

A relaxed conference catering for all
Established for 34 years, we offer; daily talks, children's groups, Youth groups, Mass, worship and many opportunities to share in community life.
Excellent facilities on site - low cost camping and residential (some en suite) disabled (en suite) places available.

Contact Caroline Shevelan or Chris Rolfe-Moore
07769680259 crolfemoore@hotmail.co

NORTHERN SAINTS PILGRIMAGE

Visiting Lindisfarne, Seahouses and Durham, Monday 18th to Thursday 21st September 2017, led by Fr Ron Johnson. £295 per person. Please call 0151 733 5492 for further information.

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Sunday 18th June 2017, 10.30am to 4.00pm is for boys in Years 2 and 4,
Sunday 25th June 2017 10.30am - 4.00pm is for girls in Year 5

Be a Chorister for a Day is for children who like like singing, hard work and having fun.
Spend the day at the Metropolitan Cathedral with the choristers singing, playing, eating and exploring. This is an opportunity to find out what being a chorister is all about. For more details and to register your place, contact the Cathedral Music Office 0151 708 7283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

COME CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Family Celebration Mass, "Come Celebrate The Child", takes place at St. Anne's church, Prescot Road, Ormskirk, on **Sunday 2nd July** at 3.00pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm. The theme of the Mass is "Welcome The Cross". Activities to prepare for the Mass will begin at 1.00pm. Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the church grounds after Mass.

For more information please contact the Safeguarding Office on 0151-522-1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

NUGENT CARE LIVING FULLY

...enabling every child and adult with a disability to encounter Jesus in the life of the Church today.

A day of study, worship and workshops exploring how all life is a gift from God and how every person has a valuable and dignified place within the Body of Christ.

Saturday 23rd September 2017 10am - 4pm at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Dr, Liverpool, L17 1AA

Cost £10 for more information or to book a place please visit formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040



STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

Saturday, 24th June, from 2.00pm
at Bedford Methodist church
Breaston Avenue, off Warrington Road, Leigh
WN7 3DJ.

£3.50 ticket or pay at the door

For charities, including CAFOD. Ample parking.
Tombola. All most welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE HINDSFORD

The Sacred Heart Parish Centre in Hindsford has been temporarily closed, following staff retirement, while a full business review is being considered by the Archdiocesan Board. A decision has not yet been made about its trading future. Once a decision has been made it will be communicated. In the meantime, the diocese will also assist anyone still needing to make alternative arrangements.

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

Sat 10 June

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Thompson

Sun 11 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS Anna Tesmer (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Carolyn Burke RIP

OLR 11.00am MASS Kathleen Rowson

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 12 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 10)*

StJ 9.00am MASS

Tue 13 June

Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

SH 12.00noon MASS Alojzy Tesmer (anniv.)

Wed 14 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12A 10.15am MASS Michael Robinson (sick)

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Thu 15 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 9.00am MASS

SH 12.00noon MASS Frances Shortis L.D.

Fri 16 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

OLR 10.00am MASS William Fairclough

StJ 12.00noon MASS

Sat 17 June *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Vinny Johnson

Sun 18 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Day for Life

StJ 8.30am MASS

SH 9.30am MASS Caitlin Bradbury L.D.

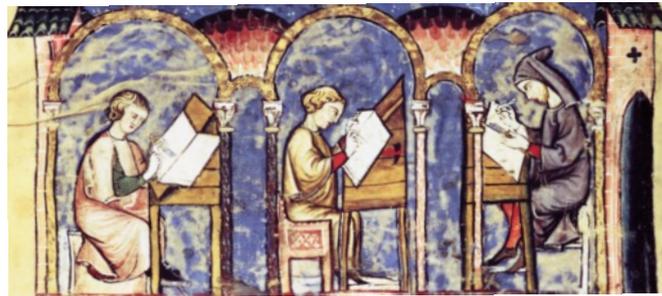
StJ 10.30am MASS

OLR 11.00am MASS Thanksgiving (UL)

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery There was no draw on 2nd June on account of school's half-term holiday. Results for 9th June draw are now on the notice board and will be published here next week.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10, 265, C&T Ellis; £5, 262, F Rasburn; £3, 420, £2, 360, both M&D Flannery
Bonus Ball 48, Mrs T 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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