

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

2 July 2017



Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your son.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

One of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality and love are the hallmarks of every true follower of Christ. At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street of a certain village people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight, and warmth poured into their homes. "Thank God for spring! Thank God for the sunshine!" they exclaimed. Just then a beggar man appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and the locks put back on the doors. The beggar man knocked on every door on the street, but not one door opened for him. Forlornly he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and the fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced. Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be loving and hospitable if we are serious about our discipleship. Nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the "old days" when nobody bothered to lock their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, alarms, guard dogs, etc. Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and openness. In today's world there is so much loneliness and there are lots of people who feel that they are the stranger, aliens and displaced. Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to the stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to the stranger, and there is a risk involved. Christ Jesus calls us to welcome strangers into our midst today. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

Christ calls us to reach out of our comfort zone and welcome the stranger. The rewards are enormous. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water to someone in need, would not go unrewarded. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones – the growth of understanding, friendliness, love and cooperation, are things our neighbourhoods are crying out for. This is the kind of "spring" we ourselves can help establish in our homes and in our Parish communities – a "spring" which can banish from our lives the "winter" of mistrust, fear and hostility. For the followers of Christ, hospitality is not an optional extra. It is at the very heart of the Gospel. And the ultimate motivation is clear – to welcome the stranger is to welcome Christ Jesus himself.

LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

**St. Joseph,
Sacred Heart,
Twelve Apostles,
and
Our Lady of the
Rosary
churches**



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

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MASSES

Margaret Aitchison, Fred Cooper, Alan & Alicia Cox (nee Porter) Catherine Curran & Harry O'Hara, Bernadette Higgins, John Lee, Alexandria Makinson, Sheila McGinty, Josephine Nooney, Mary Ellen Winstanley

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 9th July 2017

The Fair starts at 11.30am - 2.30pm at St Joseph's Primary School. Please join us for the usual fun to raise money for the school. Includes Tombola, spin the wheel, bouncy castle and games. Refreshments available.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning after Mass has been cancelled this week, due to holidays.

TWELVE APOSTLES

TWELVE APOSTLES SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Twelve Apostles RCPS are looking for a Foundation Governor to start in September. This is a voluntary role and you don't need any qualifications or expertise just a commitment to making a difference to our young children's future. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more about the role please contact Father Kieran or Mrs Newton the Headteacher on 01942 674312 for an informal chat.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

June 29 - May we entrust ourselves to the intercession of Sts Peter and Paul in order to give witness to God's liberating action on us.

June 28 - God looks with love upon every one of us.

June 27 - Sharpen your gaze in order to see the signs God shows us in reality.

June 26 - I repeat the firm condemnation of every form of torture and call on everyone to work for its abolishment and support victims and families.

June 25 - Each one of us is precious; each one of us is irreplaceable in God's eyes.

June 24 - Mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation.

June 23 - Go forth and reach out to all people at the margins of society! Go there and be the Church, with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Reflect:

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said "We can't do great things, but we can do small things with great love". Love transforms us, and in being transformed, we have the power to transform the lives of others too, because where there is love, there is God.

Pray:

Prayer of Generosity, St Ignatius Loyola

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.
Amen.

Act:

What small things can you do, with love, in your life this week?

Challenge:

Re-assess your relationship with God. Where is He your life? What sort of attention do you give Him? Spend some thoughtful, quiet, and reflective time during which you can pay attention to God and what He has to say to you. Ask yourself what's important in your life and how important God is to you in your life. After all, He made you to know Him, love Him and serve Him, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

What, after all, is your life really all about?

(adapted from an article by Fr Charles Irvin)

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department will be hosting a conference on 8th July at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA between 9.00 and 13.00. The event is open to all who volunteer in the Parish and will focus on the role played within the Archdiocese by the Safeguarding Commission and its partner agencies. There will be several workshops, which will focus on various aspects of Safeguarding and will be facilitated by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commission.

The workshops are:

- Catch 22 - Criminal and sexual exploitation of young people
- Dementia friends - Creating a dementia friendly church
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue
- Merseyside Police - Managing allegations
- Papyrus - Prevention of young suicide

To book a place on this event please ring the Safeguarding Department on:-

0151 522 1043 or Email: safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

Please indicate in order of preference three workshops of your choice that you would like to participate in. Workshops are scheduled to last 30 minutes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Just a reminder that if you would like a Mass Intention to be celebrated on a particular date, especially at one of the Sunday Masses, could you please try and give a couple of months notice rather than just a couple of weeks, this is in your behalf to avoid disappointment.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Our group of thirty-something pilgrims from the pastoral area have all returned safely from Portugal. New friends were made and old friendships renewed as, in the holy surroundings, we learned the Fatima story of the young shepherds and the apparitions of Our Lady exactly one hundred years ago. Be assured that you were in our prayers and intentions at our Masses. We hope to bring you more details and photographs in the coming weeks.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,716.09

The retiring collections at all our churches next weekend will be in aid of the *Apostleship of the Sea*.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Gwenda Byers, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Mary Heneghan, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill.

LATELY DEAD

Bernadette Higgins (formerly of St Joseph's, now in USA)
John Carney.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Charlotte Mary Arabella Thompson,

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

COME CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The annual Family Celebration Mass, "Come Celebrate The Child", takes place at St. Anne's church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, today, **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.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

Saturday, 24th June at Bedford Methodist Church raised £625 for charities, including CAFOD. Thanks to all who supported in any way.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED PORTRAITS OF FAITH

Christian families remaining in Syria are in great need of our prayers and support. Our Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition, organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*, to raise awareness of their plight. The works of art are inspired by the Syrian conflict and feature paintings by Syrian artist, Farid Georges, drawings from the *Peace for the Children of Syria* campaign and needlework by Christian women living in Aleppo. The exhibition is on at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Saturday 22nd July & Sunday 23rd July 10am - 4pm. Entrance free, all welcome. ACN gifts and literature available, all donations will go towards ACN's emergency support for families in Syria.

JAFFA 2017 MANCHESTER JEWISH ARTS FESTIVAL FOR ALL

Sunday 2nd July 2017, 11am to 5pm

Food Wine & Art Day

Manchester Jewish Museum

190 Cheetham Hill, Manchester M8 8LW

Adults £10, 16 & under £5



"We would like to cordially invite you to our non-political Arts Festival on Sunday 2nd July. This last month has seen a huge increase in racial tension which has shocked us all. As members of a community, we each have a part to play to enable our fellow citizens to learn about, educate and socialise with each other, and to live in harmony. Manchester has a proud history of welcoming so many diverse religions and people from so many different cultural backgrounds. All surplus funds will be donated to the Manchester Victims Fund."

We have four complimentary tickets: if you would like to go, please contact the parish office.

FEAST DAYS ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

Thomas the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles. He is informally called doubting Thomas because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told, followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Tamilakam which are the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in present-day India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in the state of Kerala, India) in AD 52 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Mar-Thoma Nazranis. After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India.



**Apostleship
of the Sea**

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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 1 July

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Caitlin Bradbury (LD)

Sun 2 July

StJ 8.30am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SH 9.30am

MASS Alan Hargreaves R.I.P.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Margaret Aitcheson

OLR 11.00am

MASS Marlene O'Neill R.I.P.

MASS In thanksgiving for Ordination

Mon 3 July

FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 9.00am

MASS John Griffin (Birthday Memorial)

Tue 4 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 13)

SH

No Mass

Wed 5 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Canon Cowell (anniv.)

Thu 6 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

SH 12.00noon

MASS Edward Ford L.D.

Fri 7 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 8.30am

Morning Prayer

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Ted O'Connor (Birthday)

Sat 8 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Special Intention (T.C.)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Allen & Agnes Newton

Sun 9 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sea Sunday

StJ 8.30am

MASS Fred Cooper (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Joseph & Tony Shovelton (RIP)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Austin Woods

Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 24th June were 3, 7, 22. There was no winner of £48. The tickets left at school were not received in time and are to be included in the 30th June draw, **estimated** jackpot £72.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £50 No. 274 D Quinn, £10 No. 150 B Welding, £5 No. 330 M & D Flannery, £3 No. 443 C Ellis, £2 No. 281 K Jones

Bonus Ball No. 24 N 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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