

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

16 July 2017



Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Amadeus (Not Mozart!) was a famous violin teacher. He knew his music and had a gift for being able to bring out the best in his pupils. At one time four pupils were sent to him. He saw that each one of them had great talent and this excited him. He wanted to make them even better. It was a great opportunity for them.

The first pupil was called Mary. She had only just started her music lessons when her friends began to pester her. They would come knocking at her door, begging her to come out and play. After a while, she gave in, and that was the end of her music lessons. Amadeus was sorry to see her go.

The second pupil was called John. The idea to take music lessons had come from his parents. He felt forced into it and so, his heart was not in it. Still, for a while, it was exciting to hear the sound of the violin. But soon the novelty wore off. It was just too much hard work and so he gave up. And Amadeus was sorry to see him go.

The third pupil was called James. He was multi-talented. He particularly liked athletics and football but was anxious to cultivate all his interests. For a while he succeeded. But eventually something had to suffer. It was the music lessons. First he began to fall behind, then to neglect them, and finally he dropped them altogether. Amadeus was sad to see another of his pupils go.

The fourth pupil was Anne. She was by no means the best of the four, but she really wanted to succeed. Right from the start, she put her heart and soul into all the lessons. Even so, there were times when practicing got boring, and she would have preferred to be out playing with her friends. But she stuck to her lessons, and in the end graduated with first class honours. Amadeus was delighted for her.

Does this story remind us of anything? Hopefully it will remind us of today's Gospel. The Word of God is symbolized by the seed being sown on the land. It needed a good gardener – like Amadeus in the story – to help it to grow. But it also needed people who were prepared to persevere and allow it to grow inside them and bear fruit for God. All of us have been blessed with hearing the Word of God. But do we really listen to its message? Do we allow the Good News to grow within us? None of us can claim that we know Jesus unless we listen to his Word and unless we allow his Word to take root in our lives each day. In nature the seed has only a short growing season in the early part of the year. This isn't so with the seed that is God's Word. It can grow at any stage in a person's life. Some grains of wheat were found in the tomb of one of the kings of ancient Egypt. Someone planted and watered them. To the amazement of everyone, the grains came to life and began to grow, after 5000 years of lying in a tomb. The seed of God's Word, once sown into the human heart, never dies. And it is never too late to act on the Word of God.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S



MASSES

Monica Davies, Annie Leather, Louis Manfredi, Francis Moore, Edward Unsworth, Sick Person

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

St Joseph's School Summer Fair raised a magnificent £2,813! The school has also been given a donation from the Wigan Brighter Borough of £500. Well done everyone and thank you to all those who supported the Fair.

COFFEE MORNING

This week coffee morning will be in the main hall. Next week, Sunday 23rd July, there is a car boot sale in the Mather Room car park, in aid of Pensioners Link and refreshments will be on sale, so the Coffee Morning will be cancelled. Please feel free to go along and give them your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child who will be in Year 4 next term and you would like them to make their First Communion next year and they do not go to a Catholic school, please call into the presbytery any weekday between 9.00am and 4.00pm or after Mass on Sunday to complete an application form.

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.

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

Jul 11 - Europe has a unique patrimony of ideals and spiritual values, one that deserves to be proposed again with passion and renewed vigour.

Jul 9 - I entrust sailors, fishermen, and all those in difficulty on the seas faraway from home, to the motherly protection of Mary, Star of the Sea

Jul 8 - Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, and war.

Reflect:

In today's Gospel we consider how we receive the Word of God in our lives. Do we try to take in and live the Word of God? Do we act on what we hear at Sunday mass so that our actions throughout the week are lived in the light of the Gospel or do we forget about it once we have left church? How can we ensure that the Word of God is planted deeply in our hearts and is with us on a daily basis, becoming our way of living and a real part of who we are?

Pray:

I pray for the ones who help me.

I pray that the word of God will spread and live long.

I pray for rain and food

because there are so many people who have neither.

I pray for more justice and peace in this world.

By Mana, Ethiopia from 'LiveSimply' Cafod ed. Annabel Shilson-Thomas

Act:

It's not too late to grow some of your own vegetables and enjoy chemical & package free, fresh crops. The only distance they will travel is from your garden to your door, so you'll be saving on food miles too!

5 of the easiest and most rewarding veg to grow are salad leaves, courgettes, beans, tomatoes and potatoes.

Challenge:

How can you nurture and grow the Kingdom of God in your daily life?

Take time out with God to pray; to listen to him, to integrate His word into our daily life.

Take time to act - for others in the world, the poor, the homeless, the needy, the sick.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

The Prayer Area is a large square, bordered by leafy trees in northern and southern sides and outlined in eastern and western sides by the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and the Basilica of the Holy Trinity, respectively. It is a place that invites us to interiority and prayer and brings together large assemblies during celebrations.



On the first morning in Fatima, our group approaches the prayer area from the Holy Trinity entrance. We were astounded by the giant white Rosary beads suspended above us.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,626.85
Apostleship of the Sea £ details not yet received

Please welcome and be generous to Sr. Kevina today: she will be making an appeal on behalf of the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, with Missions in Kenya, Uganda, and Ecuador.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Gwenda Byers, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Haisley, Mary Heneghan, Alan & Do-reen Lowe, Arthur Lowe, Josie Newill, Stephen Peak.

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Matthew James Davies, Hanna Batruch

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Craig William Alexander Lilly and Jodie Maria Carroll who were married at Twelve Apostles church on 8th July 2017.

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

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.



*May we wish all the children,
teachers and staff in all our schools
a very happy
and relaxing summer holiday!*



**LIVERPOOL
LOURDES
PILGRIMAGE**

Departure Mass for the Lourdes Pilgrimage
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
16th July 2017 5pm

Everyone welcome

If you would like to join in Spiritually with the Pilgrimage, copies of the Novena of Prayer are available at the back of church, please feel free to take one.

A blooming great tea party

*To raise funds in aid of Marie Curie
Tuesday 18th July 2017
between 10am and 12 noon
in St Richard's Jubilee Hall.
Crab Tree Lane Atherton.*

*Please come along and enjoy some
tea, coffee and cakes with the Leigh
and Atherton fundraising group.*

The Bridge at Leigh Community Cafe

Old Methodist School King St Leigh

Schools-Out

Holiday Breakfast Cafe

**Bring your children to our
holiday breakfast cafe,
For a free breakfast**

24th July - 1st August

Monday to Friday 10am - 11.30am

**Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, beans on toast
Children must be with an adult**

The Bridge at Leigh Community Cafe, Food Market, Charity Boutique & Furniture

Volunteers needed, can you help?

If you can spare a few hours please call into the Bridge, more details on the poster at the back of church



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 15 July

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

Sun 16 July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Fred Cooper (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Marie Daven (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS John Carney L.D.

OLR 11.00am MASS Joe Devlin L.D.

There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the pastoral area until "after the summer".

Mon 17 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 15)

StJ 9.00am MASS Joseph Higgins (birthday memorial)

OLR 10.00am MASS Dennis Appleton

Tue 18 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 7.00pm MASS James Flanagan R.I.P.

Wed 19 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 9.00am MASS for Year 6 school leavers (all welcome)

StJ 12.00noon MASS Kath Trundle (anniv.)

SH 4.00pm MASS for Year 6 school leavers (all welcome)

Thu 20 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am MASS Robert & Lily Farrimond (anniv.)

SH 12.00noon MASS Dutchman-Smith family

Fri 21 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon MASS Mary Fox (anniv.)

Sat 22 July

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

11.00am NO Exposition & Reconciliation

12.00noon NO MASS

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Mary Ann Wilson

Sun 23 July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Deceased members of the Hallinan Family

SH 9.30am MASS Clifford Evans (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am MASS Margaret Aitchison (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS Aidan Newill L.D.

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Sacred Heart Lottery The numbers drawn on 7th July were 3, 7, 24. There was no winner of £100. The estimate for the 14th July jackpot was £130. 21st July will be the last day of school term and the last lottery draw day until 8th September.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 456 Josh, £5 No. 267 C & T Ellis, £3 No. 142 C Ellis, £2 No. 190 C & T Ellis
Bonus Ball No. 25 U Lightford



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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