

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 13 August 2017



Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Many people have argued that there are two forms of verbal communication, all other forms being modifications of these two. The first is loud and harsh. It consists of the shout. Many people put their faith in this method. It is usually used for giving out commands. You hear it a lot on parade grounds and football touchlines, and it is widely used in radio and TV commercials. While shouting perhaps has some uses, it is often counter-productive. Loud sounds can deafen. They force us to close our ears, or to switch off altogether, as in the case of many TV commercials. Besides, we don't like it when people shout at us or take over the attention of everyone in their company. The second method is soft and gentle. It consists of the whisper. Sometimes a whisper can be more effective than a shout. It is very personal, very individual. A whisper disarms us because we don't feel under threat. It doesn't break down the door and force itself upon us. By adopting such a gentle approach we know the person is a gentle person themselves. They are non-threatening. Thus we are perhaps more open to hear what they have to say. But a whisper is a very fragile thing. We have to really concentrate to hear it. It can easily be ignored, and it doesn't take much to drown it out.

God's voice is more like a whisper than a shout. In fact, God's voice is the quietest, gentlest voice of all. God's voice is a voice of love. God did not make himself heard to Elijah, in today's First Reading, in the sound of a mighty wind or an earthquake, but in the whisper of a gentle breeze. God speaks to us in the most hidden parts of our being and in the promptings of our conscience. Since we live in a very noisy world, if we want to hear the voice of God we need to create some stillness and quietness in our lives. In today's First Reading Elijah had to go to a cave to hear God's voice. Many other voices clamour for our attention, voices that are loud and deafening and sometimes misleading. Yet, for those who know how to listen, God's gentle voice can make itself heard even in the midst of a storm. Over the roar of wind and waves, the disciples heard the gentle voice of Jesus saying to them, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

To live by faith means to trust in God and to rely on his power. God won't necessarily carry us, but he will uphold us if we let go. We have to take the risk and put our faith in him, only then can God help us. So let us get rid of the noise in our homes and in our lives and listen instead to the gentle voice of God telling us to follow him and to not be afraid.

**LEIGH
PASTORAL AREA**

www.leighdeanery.co.uk

**St. Edmund
Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Mary Connor, Molly Griffiths, Tony & Christine Hayworth, Betty Moore, Kevin Quinn, Ellen Squires, Baby Clara May Travers.

THANK YOU

Gwenda Byers wants to say a big thank you for all the good wishes that were expressed to her on her return to Sunday Mass at St Joseph's last weekend. Gwenda was overwhelmed by the messages of support, so a big thank you to all concerned.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

GARDENING DAY

Many thanks to the few who have helped with the gardening. If you wish to help, please come along, even if you can only spare an hour: we need more helpers, on Tuesday 10.00am, weather permitting.

RAFFLE

We are hosting a raffle: tickets will be on sale at the back of church, 50p per strip.

SACRED HEART

COFFEE MORNING

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



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Aug 10 - Jesus does not leave us alone because we are precious to Him.

Aug 9 - In witnessing to the faith what counts is not success, but fidelity to Christ.

Aug 8 - Today we give glory to God for the work of Saint Dominic in the service of the Gospel which he preached with his words and his life.

Aug 7 - Forgiveness sets our hearts free and allows us to start anew. Forgiveness gives hope. Without forgiveness, the Church is not built up.

Aug 6 - Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, but is able to see a tomorrow.

Aug 5 - Other people are gifts to be received with respect, especially if they are weak and frail, because Christ comes to meet us in them.

Aug 4 - In the name of Jesus we can make known, through our witness, that peace is possible!

DIRECTORIES

We will be ordering directories for next year in a few weeks so, if you would like a directory, can you please let the parish office know by 31st August, then we can order the correct amount and not have a lot of directories left. The price is £3.50.

MEETINGS FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS

The Autumn 2017 series starts on 20th September. The series of six meetings runs weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Discussions include practical and emotional issues with information and advice on sources of help, rebuilding lives, the impact on children, legal issues, annulment and reassurance about the position of divorced Catholics in the Church.

Groups are small, informative, affirming and confidential. They are run by people who have experienced family breakdown. There is no charge but booking is essential.

There is a one day meeting on Sunday 16th September for those who would find that more convenient. Individual support is also available.

For further information or to make a booking, please contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195.



Reflect:

I am always struck by the words of today's reading 'After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray'. Jesus clearly found it was important to take time out from the day to day events of his life to speak to the Father; to refocus himself on the journey he was travelling to his eventual death on the cross.

Likewise, praying regularly keeps us in touch with the Lord and makes us aware of what is truly important in this life. It gives us the courage to place ourselves in God's hands, to let him lead us on our own journey of faith. For being out of touch with God leads to us doubting, stumbling and sinking in the waves of our fear.

Pray:

Psalm 8

Act:

Summer holidays offer the ideal time to reconfigure one's relationship with God. To reassess how we see and seek God in our lives. Let us take time to pray wherever we find ourselves, be it sitting on the beach, walking in the hills, travelling on a plane or boat, exploring a new environment, or sitting looking out of the window watching the rain.

Challenge

When we are visiting new places and meeting new people let us always show respect for their way of life and the environment they live in.

LEIGH & ATHERTON WRITERS

... invite you to celebrate the launch of their fourth anthology *Home is the Sailor*. This book is a dedication to Kevin Mulhearn who was a valued member, writer, sailor and friend of the writing group for over twenty years. He was also a well liked and constant presence at Sacred Heart church during many years. The book launch will take place at *As in Eden*, 14 Walmesley Road, Leigh on Saturday 2nd September at 6.00pm, Admission free, refreshments available.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,635.49

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

St Edmund Arrowsmith SVP

At all masses on the weekend of 19th-20th August 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, any little you donate helps us to continue our work in our parish community.

THANK YOU

The Franciscan Missionaries have written to us to say thank you very much for the very generous amount of money that their appeal raised. The sisters are most grateful and send their blessings.

SICK

Colette Allerston, Eileen Boardman, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Haisley, Mary Heneghan, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Arthur Lowe, Stephen Peak., Margaret Quinn

RECENTLY DECEASED

Doreen O'Donnell, Albert Edward Keegan
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

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.

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 e-mail formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040

FEAST DAY MASS

The annual Feast day to celebrate the lives of our patron saints, Edmund Arrowsmith & Margaret Clitherow, will take place on Wednesday September 6th at 7.00pm in Our Lady of the Rosary church.

"LOURDES AT HOME" DAY

A number of people have asked why we didn't have a "Lourdes At Home" Day this year. The reason is simply that we couldn't get a date when all four priests were available to help - don't forget that we would need all the priests for the Mass of Anointing. However, after our recent Pilgrimage to Fatima, we have decided to have a similar day in October, around the date of the centenary of the last Apparition of Our Lady to the children. So, an early warning that we will have a "Fatima At Home" event during October on the following dates:-

Friday October 13th - Holy Hour in St. Richard's church at 7.00pm.

Saturday October 14th - Mass of Anointing in St. Richard's church at 12noon.

In September we will start having planning meetings to prepare for the occasion so please watch this space for further details.

"BEING A CATECHIST" COURSE

This training course is for new catechists and those wanting an opportunity to refresh and/or reflect on their ministry.

The course will be led by Veronica Murphy and Eleanor Lalley from the Pastoral Formation Department and attendance at both sessions will qualify for the Archdiocesan Certificate.

Two courses will take place this year on:

Mondays 18th & 25th September 2017 at LACE Conference Centre Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA

or:

Mondays 9th & 16th October 2017 at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington WN6 9PA

Tea and coffee available from 7.00pm for a 7.15 start until 9.00pm.

COME AND DRINK FROM THE WATERS

A morning of reflection for Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 30th September 2017 9.30am - 1.00pm at LACE

Keynote address

Sacraments of healing

Workshops

The Scriptures for the sick and dying

Prayer in busy lives

Visiting the sick and vulnerable.

Booking is essential for both courses. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend.

CREATION TIME

1st September - 4th October 2017

Pope Francis has asked us to mark this period with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place upon it and so the Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission and CAFOD Liverpool have produced a resource for parishes called *Reflections During Creation Time: Praying with the Gospels, stories from our time and Laudato Si'*. Like the resource we used last year, this one can be used as a course or as a series of one-off sessions following each of the five Sundays and comprises the Sunday's Gospel, case studies, quotations from Laudato Si as well as opportunities for reflection, prayers and an invitation to action. Details of the times and venues of local sessions will be in the Newsletter over the coming weeks.

Leigh Community 10K, Sunday, 13th. August, 9:30am, to support our Wigan & Leigh Hospice. Our Parish is represented by 1 runner and 1 walker. Please consider supporting them to raise funds for our Hospice to continue and extend its invaluable work. Gift Aided donations increase your amount by 25%, at no cost to you. The Hospice needs £8,700 daily.

ST JOSEPH'S BROWNIES

Do you have a daughter age 7-10 years that may be interested in joining Brownies? St Joseph's Brownies will have a number of places available from the start of the new school term on 11th September. We meet in the Mather room, Mather lane (just behind St Joseph's church) on Monday evenings 6.00-7.30pm. Brownies do lots of different activities as well as serving the community. It's a great way to meet new friends. If interested please do the following.

- 1: Go online to: www.girlguiding.org.uk. and register your daughter on "join us". Then,
- 2: Please text your name and your daughter's name to our leader in charge: - Jayne Jones on: 07906 138961 who will then contact you.

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 12 August

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY John Robinson

Sun 13 August

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Tony Broster R.I.P.

SH 9.30am MASS Griffin family

StJ 10.30am MASS Mary Ellen Winstanley (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the pastoral area until September 3rd.

Mon 14 August

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

StJ 9.00am MASS Thanksgiving St Jude

SH 12.00noon MASS Frances Shortis L.D.

OLR 7.00pm MASS of Tuesday's Solemnity Christy Morris

Tue 15 August

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holyday of Obligation

StJ 9.00am MASS Betty Moore (sick)

SH 12.00noon MASS People of the Pastoral Area

12A 7.00pm MASS Winifred Robinson

Wed 16 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 19)

12A 10.00am MASS John Robinson

StJ NO MASS

Thu 17 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am MASS Molly Griffiths (anniv.)

OLR 10.00am MASS Flo & Teddy Gibson (anniv.)

SH NO MASS

Fri 18 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Doreen O'Donnell

Sat 19 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Francis Joseph Lappin (R.I.P.)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Mary Langan (decd.) & deceased family members.

Sun 20 August

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Alice Wilcock (anniv.)

SH 9.30am MASS Edith Thorne (90th birthday)

StJ 10.30am MASS Pauline & Katheen Reynolds (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am MASS Aiden Newill L.D.

There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the pastoral area until September 3rd.

Sacred Heart Lottery The next draw will take place on 8th September.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 337 B Ryan, £5 No. 105 T Jones, £3 No. 486 K Jones, £2 No. 108 T Jones

Bonus Ball No. 27 D Quinn



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.

PASTORAL AREA TEAM

Priest: Fr. Kieran O'Grady
Tel: 01942 673517/01942 731679

Email: kjmogrady@hotmail.com

Priest: Fr. Paul Grady

Tel: 0161 790 2390

Email: frpaulmgrady@hotmail.com

Deacons: Revv. Tony Arrowsmith, Robert Hewertson, Dennis Vint

Priest Fr. Colin Fealey

Tel: 01942 673517/ 01942 731280

Email: stjosephs@live.com

Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon

Tel: 01942 883395

Email: paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk

