

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 3 September 2017



Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

Very often people wonder why there is suffering in the world. The question is often put to God himself – why, if he is a loving God, does he allow suffering? It's not an easy question to answer in one sentence. It could perhaps take a lifetime of finding out. The quick answer is to say that suffering is part of life – we perhaps cannot escape it completely. So Jesus suffered to make sense of our suffering, to bring us hope that suffering does and will come to an end. He went there before us on the Cross. The readings this weekend remind us that Jesus knew he had to suffer. Also Jeremiah spoke of the approaching suffering of Jerusalem and his own troubled relationship with God. In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for his approaching ordeal in Jerusalem. He speaks of it as if it is necessary – not a necessity that lies in nature, not some tragic fate, but the will of God made known through the prophets. Like Jeremiah, Jesus has to face the stark truth that his relationship with God involves personal anguish, suffering and rejection. More than that, it will lead to a violent death. Peter is appalled at this prospect and tries to deflect Jesus from the path that lies ahead. After having declared Jesus to be the Christ – in last week's Gospel – Peter now denies that Jesus must suffer. Peter wants to banish suffering from the agenda, but Jesus brings it to the forefront of the conversation.

To understand Jesus means to understand the Cross. This is the essence of his teaching and this is why Peter is denounced so strongly – Jesus actually refers to him as "Satan". Peter is seen as the Tempter. His ambitions and desires, Jesus says, belong to the realm of Satan. Peter wants Jesus to be immune from frustration, suffering and agony. The Christ of his dreams is all glory and prestige, untouched by vulnerable humanity. It is a world away from the Christ that Jesus has grown into, a future of suffering which he is about to enter. The way of the Cross that Jesus accepted is one that could be conquered only if it was accepted. Jesus' Way of the Cross passed through streets and markets, passed by houses and palaces, near people's windows and doors. While it happened people went about their daily business. Some people would not have even noticed him. As Christians we live in the assurance that our way of the cross does not go unnoticed. Jesus is our suffering companion. He is our strength and his power is mighty in our weakness. If the Cross is the price to be paid for love, then carrying it is love's proof in action.

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

MASSES

Carolyn Burke, Teresa Higgins, Christine Newport, Veronica Worrall.

CRIB

We are in desperate need of a new crib. We have had this crib for many many years and over the last few years several repairs have taken place, The baby Jesus and Our Lady being the most damaged and now beyond repair. Unfortunately, new crib figures are expensive, so if any anyone has any good fundraising ideas, can you please let Fr Colin know

FIRST COMMUNION

The first meeting for children at Saint Joseph's in Y4 and their parents is on Thursday 14th September in church at 3.30pm. If you have a child in Year 4 and have not already enrolled them on the course, please contact the parish office.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL WELCOME MASS

Sunday 17th September at the 10.30am Mass we will be welcoming the children in the Reception Class.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Aug 31 - If you pay attention to the heart, you will find you are close to the Lord and to others.

Aug 30 - The Gospel invites us to answer first and foremost to God who loves us and saves us, recognising Him in our neighbour.

Aug 28 - "You made us unto Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you". (St Augustine's "Confessions")

Aug 27 - Today how many mothers shed tears, like St Monica, so that their children will return to Christ! Do not lose hope in God's grace!

Aug 26 - May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace to be enlivened by the Holy Spirit, so we can witness to Christ with evangelical honesty.

Aug 25 - Being men and women of the Church means being men and women of communion.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office, or speak to one of the priests after Mass. Instruction meetings will be starting in September.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

A meeting to discuss the Christmas Fair will be held at St Joseph's on Wednesday 20th September at 7.00pm in the Green Room.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of our Pastoral Area J & P group has been arranged for Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm in Saint Richard's House.

The logo for 'Live simply' features a stylized cross inside a circle, followed by the words 'live simply' in a lowercase, handwritten-style font.

Reflect:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus rebukes Peter as a stumbling block to him as Peter tries to divert Jesus from his path of salvation to all. What are the stumbling paths on our road as we try to follow in the footsteps of the Lord? Is it something material which we feel we cannot do without? Is it a mental block where we are more concerned about other peoples perception of ourselves rather than being true to ourselves? Is it a physical block, where we generate excuses preventing us from doing something in the best interests of others? Each of us has a particular area in our lives which is a challenge for us. How can we deal with these challenges so that we may live a life more fully in the Lord?

Pray:

God of love, you call us
To transform your world
So that all might flourish –
To act justly and with hope
So that all might live in peace.
May we answer your call.

Lord of hope, you call us
To care for the earth and its people
So that all might flourish –
To love tenderly and generously
So that all might have enough.
May we answer your call
(Creation Time Week 1 prayer CAFOD)

Act:

Having identified your individual stumbling blocks, take action this week to try to remove them from your life.

Challenge:

Try to live by the saying 'less is more' this week. An example of how you might do this is by cutting down on the amount of meat you eat. Can you introduce a 'meat free Monday' into your life?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,821.84

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The retiring collection next weekend will be for the support of the Catholic Education Service.

S.V.P.

Last week's S.V.P. Collection raised £408.00. Thank you for your generosity.

SICK

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome into our parish through baptism to:-
Lucas James Cunliffe, Emily Bateson, Myah Honora Buckley

RECENTLY DECEASED

David Brown, Hilary Cheetham, Paraska Haladij
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

FEAST DAY MASS

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

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'*.

Reflection sessions will be held in the Green Room at Saint Joseph's, every Friday during September, beginning at 12.30pm after 12.00noon Mass.

Sessions are also being held at:-

Saint Ambrose Barlow's Hall, every Tuesday during September and the first Tuesday in October at 11.00am followed by a shared lunch.

St Richard's House every Wednesday during September and the first Wednesday in October at 10.00am, following Exposition.

Please come along to whichever of the above is most convenient for you. You will be most welcome.

RETRouvaille

A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down?

Does talking only make it worse?

Hope is a phone call away..

All enquiries confidential and without obligation

Text or call 07887 296983

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A SEED OF LOVE

Sunday 1st October 2017, 3.00pm

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ The King
A celebration Mass for people living with a disability
Principal Celebrant Archbishop Malcolm McMahon
All welcome

For more information contact Mary Beatham:
07341 864180 Mary.beatham@nugentcare.org

St Joseph's Players Present

TIME, MURDERER, PLEASE

By Charles Dyer

Produced by Doreen Johnson

Tuesday 12th September to

Saturday 16th September

Comedy Thriller

St Joseph's Hall

Tickets adults £8, 16yrs and under £4

Bar Raffle & Refreshments Available

Leigh Model Railway Exhibition 2017

2nd & 3rd September

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh WN7 2DA

Admission £5 under 15s free when

accompanied by an adult

12 working layouts

10 trade stands

2 show you how's + displays



Every child has the power in them to achieve great things. But with one in six people still living without electricity, the hopes of millions of the world's children are all too often a distant dream.

Renewable energy can transform lives for children – so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources.

The UK already spends money on energy access for the poorest communities through the World Bank - but currently less than 3% of World Bank energy spending supports the kind of energy that we know tackles poverty.

Petition to the World Bank

We're calling on Melanie Robinson, the UK's representative at the World Bank, to shift the balance to support renewable energy which tackles poverty, so everyone can have the chance to fulfil their God-given potential.

Please sign our petition today. Please visit www.cafod.org.uk
Thank 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 2 September

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

Sun 3 September

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Joseph Smith (Anniv.)
 SH 9.30am MASS Kevin & Elizabeth O'Rourke (anniv.)
 StJ 10.30am MASS Edward Unsworth (Anniv.)
 OLR 11.00am MASS Joe Moore
 StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Mon 4 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 22)

StJ 9.00am MASS Robert Woods (Anniv.)

Tue 5 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 7.00pm MASS Frances Shortis L.D.

Wed 6 September

Today, at evening Mass, Leigh Pastoral Area celebrates its Patrons, Saints Margaret Clitherow and Edmund Arrowsmith

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS David Brown

OLR 7.00pm MASS for the Pastoral Area

Thu 7 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Paraska Haladij
 SH 12.00noon MASS In Memory of Edel Quinn

Fri 8 September

FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(OLR) 10.00am MASS at MOSS BANK COURT Mary Taylor
 StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Hilary Cheetham

Sat 9 September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

OLR 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation
 OLR 12.00noon MASS Ian Scholes L.D.
 12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Pat Atherton

Sun 10 September

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

StJ 8.30am MASS Christine & Tony Haworth (Golden Wedding)
 SH 9.30am MASS Naill Dearnaley R.I.P.
 StJ 10.30am MASS Patricia Brandwood (Birthday memorial)
 OLR 11.00am MASS Catherine Shea
 StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Lottery The next draw will take place on 8th September. Tickets are now available.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10

Bonus Ball No.



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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