

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 10 September 2017



## Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

The Gospel today raises a very practical issue for us: how do we act when someone close to us is treating us badly? Obviously these kinds of problems occurred in the early Church. Today's Gospel gives us a way of tackling a problem like this. Matthew gives a setting for addressing issues and problems like this which can arise in any community or family, especially in the early Church. He is writing at a time when Jesus is present, NOT in the flesh, but in the Spirit, wherever two or three are gathered in his name. The theme is the relationship of members of the Church, "sisters" and "brothers" to one another, in an offence that violates the bond of unity between them. Matthew writes this instruction in the setting of an address given by Jesus to his disciples. The advice is straightforward: "If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with them alone, between your two selves."

The Gospel says that the offended party, NOT the offending one, should first seek reconciliation. Matthew suggests personal intervention and honest confrontation. He encourages members of the Christian Community to straighten everything out with each other privately, if this is possible. Christians are to deal with each other gently but directly – no anonymous complaints to the authorities, no whispering campaigns. The purpose of confronting someone who has done wrong is not to humiliate them, but to be reconciled with them. If private reconciliation fails, another attempt must be made by asking the help of one or two others, who are to try to settle the matter before it goes public. Only when this fails should the offended party bring the matter to the attention of the whole community.

All the practical advice in the Gospel centres on Christians taking responsibility for each other. Belonging to a community implies being involved with the life of its members. It is a procedure for any caring community to grow. It is a way of handling wrongdoing and hurt. Sometimes confrontation is the only language of love. As Saint Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, "Love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour." If love faces the real, it cannot avoid facing conflict. Where silence would permit greater division in the community, love must do something. As one Edmund Burke once wrote, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing." And doing nothing in the face of wrongdoing and hurt is precisely what the Gospel opposes. So let us pray for unity and peace in all our Church Communities. But let us pray too that we may always act out of love when division does occur, for, according to Jesus himself, love is the only thing that can bring us unity and peace.

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Sacred Heart,  
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Our Lady of the  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Stephen Aspden, David Brown, John Buckley, Vernon Byrne, Ruby Doyle, Frank Evans, William Fairclough, Annie Garvey, Joyce & Danny Harrison, Kathleen Heavey, Glynis & Philip Hindley, Joe Roberts, Get Well, Successful Operation.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers' Prayers will be held at St. Joseph's at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. All mothers and grandmothers welcome.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September at the 10.30am Mass we will be welcoming the children in the Reception Class.

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MASS

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am

to welcome the new Head and Deputy Head of our School.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes. Please check your ticket with the list at the back of church.

### SACRED HEART & TWELVE APOSTLES

The 'With You Always' sacramental preparation programme for First Communion begins this month for baptised children in Year 4. There will be an introductory session for parents/guardians on the following days:-

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 4.30pm            12 Apostles School Hall  
Thur. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 4.30pm            Sacred Heart Church Hall

The first session 'Come to the Water' will take place at the following times:-

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 4.30pm            12 Apostles church  
Thur. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 4.30pm            Sacred Heart church

If your child is in Year 4 and does not attend Twelve Apostles or Sacred Heart schools, has been baptised (proof needed) and wishes to make their first Confession and Holy Communion, or if your child has not been baptised please contact Fr Kieran on 01942 731679.

### 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.

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP MEETING

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



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Sep 5 - Dear Friends, please pray for me and all of Colombia, where I will be travelling for a journey dedicated to reconciliation and peace.

Sep 5 - Like Mother Teresa, may we open up opportunities of joy and hope for the many who are discouraged and need understanding and tenderness.

Sep 4 - Jesus is present in so many of our brothers and sisters who suffer today like He did.

Sep 3 - It is much more important to realize how much God loves us, than how much we ourselves love Him.

Sep 2 - Jesus is always there with an open heart. He throws open the mercy that he has in his heart. He forgives, embraces, and understands.

Sep 1 - Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of creation and reawaken our gratitude and sense of responsibility.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Green Room.

### MEETINGS FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS

The Autumn 2017 series starts on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Act:

Identify and support local producers and share information about them with others and so cut down on food miles as well as helping the local economy.

### Challenge:

Seek out Fairtrade goods and try to make them part of your weekly shop.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**PARISH TOTAL** £1,699.13

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The retiring collection this weekend will be for the support of the Catholic Education Service. Next weekend the collection will be for Home Missions.

## 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:-  
Isla Maria Peers,

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Stephen Aspden  
Eternal rest grant unto them ...

## CREATION TIME

**1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## A SEED OF LOVE

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Mary.beatham@nugentcare.org)

## St Joseph's Players Present **TIME, MURDERER, PLEASE**

By Charles Dyer

Produced by Doreen Johnson

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Comedy Thriller

St Joseph's Hall

Tickets adults £8, 16yrs and under £4

Bar Raffle & Refreshments Available



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](http://www.cafod.org.uk)  
Thank you.

### "FATIMA AT HOME" DAY.

A reminder that, after our recent pilgrimage to Fatima, we have decided to have a "Fatima At Home" Day in October, to celebrate the centenary of the last Apparition of Our Lady to the children.

- Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> – Holy Hour in St. Richard's church at 7.00pm.
- Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> – Mass of Anointing in St. Richard's church at 12.00 noon.

**We will have a planning meeting** on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Parish House at Saint Richard's, Atherton, to prepare for the occasion so please come along and join us. We need your help.

### EMBRACE LIVERPOOL

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 9.30am - 6.00pm**

Embrace is a one day, Catholic Youth Conference aimed at young people ages 14 - 25. It is a vibrant and exciting day of talks, workshops, praise and worship, times of prayer, Adoration and opportunity for reconciliation, with the day culminating with the celebration of Mass with Archbishop Malcolm, other bishops and priests.

For more information or to book a place, please visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk)

### SACRED SPACE WEBSITE

There is a website that is operated by the Irish Jesuits called "Sacred Space". It's a very good tool to use for prayer. There is a guided step-by-step and the focus is normally on the gospel of the day with a short reflection if needed. The website address: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

## 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 9 September

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Pat Atherton

### Sun 10 September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### *Education Day*

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

### Mon 11 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year I, Week 23)*

StJ 9.15am MASS St Joseph's School Mass of Welcome

### Tue 12 September *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

SH 12.00noon MASS Harry Darby L.D.

### Wed 13 September *Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Doctor*

12A 10.00am MASS John Robinson

StJ 12.00noon MASS Veronica Worrall (Anniv.)

### Thu 14 September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

StJ 12.15pm FUNERAL MASS Stephen Aspden

SH 12.30pm MASS Mary-Ellen Hayden L.D.

### Fri 15 September *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

OLR NO MASS

SH 10.00am FUNERAL SERVICE David Horrocks

StJ 12.00noon MASS Jack Parr (Birthday memorial)

### Sat 16 September *Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

StJ 11.00am Exposition & Reconciliation

StJ 12.00noon MASS Ellen Squires (Birthday Memorial)

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Joan Ingham

### Sun 17 September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### *Home Mission Day*

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area

SH 9.30am MASS Thom. Reaner L.D.

StJ 10.30am MASS Stephen Barlow (sick)

OLR 11.00am MASS Frances Ellis L.D.

StR 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS in our Pastoral Area

**Sacred Heart Lottery** 8<sup>th</sup> September draw results will be on the porch notice board and in here next week.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club 27<sup>th</sup> August** £10,157, 1 Betty; £5, 372, 1 Betty; £3, 106, N Jones; £2, D Vint.

**Bonus Ball** 58, A Jones. **3<sup>rd</sup> September** £10, 219, Mr Collins; £5, 328, K Jones; £3, 003, E Lee; £2, 356, M Houghton.

**Bonus Ball** 8, A Simpson.



### 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](mailto: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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