

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

4 March 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## REFLECTION

Some thirty years before Saint John wrote today's Gospel, the huge Temple in Jerusalem had been completely destroyed by the Roman army. Once it had been among the wonders of the ancient world, the most sacred place on earth for the Jewish people, the place where God dwelt among God's people. Now it was little more than a heap of ruins. Yet for John it was so much more than an ancient site. He had seen it in its glory days. Now he was old, but as a young man he had actually visited it with Jesus. It was Passover time and John had witnessed the huge influx of Jews, coming from all parts of the Mediterranean world; he had seen the Temple courts being turned into a kind of bazaar, with the transactions of money changers, the noisy haggling of buyers and sellers, the bleating of sheep and the selling of pigeons.

John could see that Jesus was distressed, even angry. The next moment, whip in hand, he was clearing them out of the Temple – men and beasts and birds. He was tipping over the tables of the money changers so that the coins went jangling across the stone pavement. He explained to them angrily, "Stop turning my Father's house into a market". Of course, people did have to make preparations for the Passover – animals had to be bought and the correct coinage had to be acquired – but there was no need for them to turn his Father's house of worship into a marketplace. Jesus' reaction reminded John and his friends of the prophetic words, "Zeal for your house will devour me."

The Jewish authorities were not pleased. Who did this young rabbi from Nazareth think he was? What sign could he offer to show what it all meant? Jesus' reply must have left them bewildered: "Destroy this sanctuary", a sanctuary already forty-six years in the building, "and in three days I will raise it up." But they were not the only bewildered ones. John admits that it was only after Jesus' death and resurrection that he realized what Jesus really meant. It was then that the pieces fell into place. It was as if, on that day in the Temple, Jesus had put his hand on his own heart and declared himself to be the living Temple of God, destroyed on Good Friday, and risen again on Easter Morning.

In the next few weeks we shall be celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the Risen Jesus we have the new, indestructible Temple of God. This Temple is not made of stones but of the glorified flesh of the Victorious Christ. This is where God is to be found and where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth. Perhaps the most extraordinary feature of this new Temple is that it is built of living stones – and the living stones are all of us, God's people here on earth. Together with Christ as our head, we make one body, one Temple to the glory of God.

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Twelve Apostles,  
and  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Violet Brown, Sydney Butterworth, John Garvey, Joseph Garvey, Edith Smith,

### SACRED HEART MESSENGER

There are some past copies at the back of church. If you would like to subscribe to this interesting family magazine, please telephone Anne on 01942 517811 for more details.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated money in memory of Mary Sutton: £220 was received, which has been split equally between St Joseph's church and CAFOD.

### ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

Thank you to St Joseph's Players for their donation of £2,500 towards the upkeep of The Hall.

### THANK YOU

Doug Wakefield would like to thank everyone who remembered him in their prayers during his illness, especially some people from St Joseph's and their special prayers.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

### EASTER RAFFLE

We are having our usual Easter Raffle. Donations of Easter eggs, chocolates and gifts will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Alice Sharkie, on your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. From all your friends and parishioners at Our Lady's, God bless.

### EASTER LILIES

Our Altar will be decorated with lilies at Easter in memory of our loved ones. If you would like a lily, they are £1.50 each. Please put your donation and the names of your loved ones in the envelopes provided and put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

### CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning our church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in preparation for Easter. If you can spare an hour, please come along at 10.00am. Thank you.

### TEA & COFFEE

Tea and coffee will be served after Sunday Mass today.

### EASTER CARDS

Easter cards are now on sale.

### SACRED HEART

Easter cards are now available in the little shop and on the table at the back of church.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP M<sup>C</sup>MAHON

... next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am in the Metropolitan Cathedral. *Would you like to be involved in the Mass? Do you have a significant anniversary to celebrate?* Please contact Maureen Knight 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

### LIVERPOOL SYNOD 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese is embarking on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we will be holding a number of Holy Hours very soon as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will be leading some of these Holy Hours in the

different area of the Archdiocese. So, an early notice that Archbishop Malcolm will be leading a Holy Hour in St. Joseph's church, Leigh, on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. All welcome. More details nearer the time.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS LIVERPOOL

Many of you may be aware that Liverpool Archdiocese are hosting the National Eucharistic Congress in September this year. Since this is a national event tickets for the Congress are strictly limited. The Congress takes place between September 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in different venues in Liverpool city centre. Anyone who wishes to go does not have to attend the whole weekend. In fact, this would be rather difficult due to ticket availability. Each Deanery has been allocated just five tickets for the Friday event. We have been allocated 36 tickets for the Saturday – this includes tickets for priests and deacons. Sunday is a celebration of two Masses at the Cathedral (see below) so this is a little more flexible, although you will still need tickets for this event too. Venues and approximate times are as follows:-

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> – ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool between 10am-5.45pm.**

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> – ACC Echo Arena, Liverpool between 9.30am-5pm.**

**Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> – Mass in Liverpool Cathedral at 9.30am & 11.30am.**

**Outdoor Eucharistic Procession at 1.00pm.**

If you would like to volunteer to represent the Deanery at the National Eucharistic Congress then please contact Fr Paul (the Elder) as soon as possible. You will be provided with a booking form which you will need to fill in as part of your booking. First come, first served.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Mar 1 - God in His providence offers us the season of Lent each year as a chance to return to Him with all our hearts and in every aspect of our lives.

Feb 28 - We can support one another, and face every kind of challenge with courage and hope, when we draw our strength from Jesus.

Feb 27 - We are all called to live the joy that comes from the encounter with Jesus, to overcome our selfishness, and to move beyond our comfort zone.

Feb 26 - If we want a future of prosperity for all, we need to keep our compass pointing toward "true North", in the direction of authentic values.

Feb 25 - Let us invoke the gift of peace for the whole world, especially for those people who are suffering most because of ongoing conflicts.

Feb 24 - We offer a gift pleasing to Jesus when we spend time with a person who has difficulties or we help someone for the sake of helping.

Feb 23 - Our Heavenly Father always listens to His children when they cry out to Him in their pain. Today let us offer the Lord a Day of prayer and fasting for peace.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,675.15  
S.V.P. Collection £ 552-39, thank you for your continued support.  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Kitty Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Mary Marsh

## DECEASED

Violet Brown  
Eternal rest grant unto her .....

## NUGENT

There will be an appeal on behalf of Nugent on the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March..  
"Our appeal this year "In Your Name" focuses on our core Caritas projects serving children and adults with learning disabilities and children who can no longer live at home and are in our care. These services receive little or no statutory funding and are entirely reliant on the good will and generosity of our supporters.  
As well as your generosity your prayerful support this Nugent Sunday is of tremendous value to our staff, volunteers and the people we serve.



### Reflect:

'He never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him' – What does each of us reveal to others? Are we the face of Christ? Or are we faces of greed, of hate, of injustice?

### Pray:

The liveSimply Prayer  
Compassionate and loving God,  
you created the world for us all to share,  
a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God,  
You gave us responsibility for the earth,  
a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,  
so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice,  
You give us the capacity to change,  
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.  
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,  
so that the pillars of injustice crumble  
and those now crushed are set free.  
Amen.  
Linda Jones / CAFOD

### Act:

Think about the impression you have on other people. Make their experience of you a positive one.

### Challenge:

Spring Cleaning? Help protect the environment by using environmentally friendly products. Lemon juice, white vinegar and baking soda can work wonders!

## LENT

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:-  
Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.  
Candidates for the Sacraments especially on Sundays  
Lent Fast Day Friday 23 February  
Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2 March  
**Stations of the Cross**  
St Joseph's church Wednesdays in Lent 7.00pm  
Sacred Heart church Thursdays in Lent following a noon Mass

## THE PRIESTS LIVE IN CONCERT

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Tickets from £16 available from Liverpool Philharmonic Hall Box Office 0151 709 3789  
The proceeds of the concert will be split between Nugent Care and Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool

## LOURDES

A Place for All  
ONE ARCHDIOCESE  
ONE PILGRIMAGE

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Each year our dedicated team of healthcare professionals and Hospitalité team of volunteers help people to realise their hope of time spent at Our Lady's Shrine.  
If you are interested in travelling to Lourdes contact us in total confidence via our website [Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk](http://Liverpool-lourdes.org.uk) or call 07484 911 623

## Lent prayer

Lord, our God, Creator of all that is, create in our hearts a desire to know you and your ways, your blessing of time in the Sabbath rest. So from that stillness we can deepen our love for you, and learn to listen to your voice in each other and in every created being on earth, spoken like a whisper in each Eucharist. Amen.  
(Celia Deane-Drummond)

The CAFOD appeal will be open throughout Lent, please be as generous as you can. The UK Government will double all money raised during Lent up to the value of £5 million



**Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link  
30 year Anniversary**

**Ashton-on-Mersey Showband**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Curtain up 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh

Tickets £8 including buffet

Available from Pensioners Link Office

or Spectrum Blinds, Chapel St Leigh

Email : [polly.link1@gmail.com](mailto:polly.link1@gmail.com)

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

12A = Twelve Apostles, StJ = Saint Joseph, SH = Sacred Heart, OLR = Our Lady of the Rosary

### Sat 3 March

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Winifred Robinson

### Sun 4 March

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

StJ 8.30am

MASS Phillip John Aldred (Anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Catherine Hoy L.D.

StJ 10.30am

MASS Kitty Clarke (Anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Joe Devlin R.I.P.

### Mon 5 March

#### Weekday of Lent

StJ 9.00am

MASS Janet Heart (R.I.P.)

### Tue 6 March

#### Weekday of Lent

SH 12.00noon

MASS Julia Gallagher R.I.P.

### Wed 7 March

#### Weekday of Lent

12A 10.00am

MASS John Robinson

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Deceased members of the Boon & Campbell Families

StJ 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross

### Thu 8 March

#### Weekday of Lent

StJ 9.00am

MASS Declan Finn (R.I.P.)

SH 12.00noon

MASS Brian Wilfred Ogden L.D.

followed by Stations of the Cross

### Fri 9 March

#### Weekday of Lent

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Julie Lock (Birthday memorial)

### Sat 10 March

#### Weekday of Lent

OLR 11.00am

Exposition & Reconciliation \*

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Karen Ellis L.D.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS of SUNDAY Caroline Sutton

### Sun 11 March

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

StJ 8.30am

MASS Thomas & Kathleen Jones (Anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

StJ 10.30am

MASS Joni Horton (R.I.P.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Tom Monaghan

\*Please note, confessions finish at 11.45am

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 444 Aimee, £5 No. 262 F Rasburn, £3 No. 461 K Jones, £2 No. 350 M Houghton

**Bonus Ball** No. 7 Luke



### 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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