

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

6 May 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

We will never know how many lives have been transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit. God has done remarkable things in the lives of many people down through the ages, starting with the disciples at Pentecost. We think of the experience of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Ignatius of Loyola, both wealthy young men who dreamed of glory on the field of battle. Instead the Holy Spirit helped them discover their true vocation in the service of Christ, to rebuild and renew the Church. Their lives had been formed by the expectations of the time to find happiness through the things that their money could buy. But God had different plans. Mother Teresa – Saint Teresa of Calcutta – had another experience. She thought that she could do God's will as a teaching sister in Loreto until she experienced the poor people dying on the streets of the city outside the safe confines of the convent walls. Again God had other ideas for her as she left the security of her religious house to establish the Missionaries of Charity, devoted to the care of the poorest of the poor.

In these weeks after Easter, the readings remind us of the changing fortunes of the disciples, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. We see their growing awareness of how the Risen Lord continued to be with them and how he shared the Holy Spirit with them to help them understand all that Jesus had taught them. We discover with them that Jesus calls us in our turn to be his friends and to know his love for us. He wants us to continue his mission by bringing his love and peace to the people of our own lives today. The disciples' old ideas had to change. They had to let go of their own prejudices and fears and allow God to use them to build the Church, a community of love and service for all people, especially the poor. So it is with us. We are ordinary people, sometimes struggling with our own lives, our fears, our weaknesses. But we believe that Jesus is risen from the dead. We believe that he continues to be present in our world in us. We believe that he uses us to bring his mercy and love to the world.

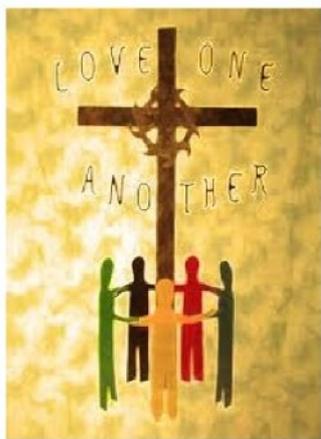
If the Holy Spirit can transform Peter and the rest of the disciples into a group of people who evangelised so many thousands, then we must believe that God's Spirit can transform and renew us too into the people he longs for us to be, and help spread the Good News to all those that we meet.

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and  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
churches**



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Teresa Burton, Brian Crawley, Thomas Farrington, Peggy Heavey, Eleanor Heaton, Eileen Boardman, Len Pritchard, Joyce Tuttle, Eileen Wright,

### FIRST COMMUNION

Please keep our Year 4 children and their families in your prayers, as they celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### MAY PROCESSION

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am we will be holding our May Procession in honour of our Lady. Please come along and support the Year 4 children who will be leading the procession.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

First Holy Communion gifts are on sale at the back of church.

### COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass this week, come along and have a chat

### GARDENING

We have started our gardening again, if you can spare an hour, please come along on Tuesdays at 10.00am.

### SACRED HEART

We extend a welcome to the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next. Please show their families how welcoming a community we are.



May 3 - In the Cross, Jesus showed us the greatness of His love and the power of His mercy.

May 2 - Today, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love, as we recite the Rosary, we pray especially for peace in Syria and throughout the world. I invite you to pray the Rosary for peace during the entire month of May.

May 1 - We celebrate St Joseph the Worker, never forgetting that work is a fundamental aspect of human dignity.

Apr 30 - Be one with Christ when you pray, take care of your most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and work for peace.

Apr 29 - Do we really want peace? Then let's ban all weapons so we don't have to live in fear of war.

Apr 28 - I am deeply moved by the death of little Alfie. Today I pray especially for his parents, as God the Father receives him in his tender embrace.

Apr 28 - The Lord Jesus communicates His love for us, so that we can love God and our neighbour as He has loved us, by giving His life for us.

Apr 27 - When we are open to God's grace, even the impossible becomes possible.

### GIFT ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid Envelopes are now available, please collect your envelopes after Mass today. If you are a tax payer and are not currently signed up to Gift Aid, please consider doing so. It costs you nothing and the church receives an extra 25p from the government for every pound you give.

## 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 areas 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. Additional Holy Hours in our Pastoral Area will take place on **Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and on **Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church, Leigh.



#### Reflect:

Today's reading follows on from last week's Gospel and describes the kind of service that Christians are called to offer to others. Those who know Jesus well, will love one another. Knowledge of God leads to love, which in turn leads to action - actions for others which embody Jesus's love for us.

#### Pray:

Lord, open my heart and mind to the unconditional love you have for me. May knowledge of your love give me the strength and courage to express that love to those I meet on my life journey.

#### Act:

Take time this week to discover and explore the many ways in which God reveals his love to you.

#### Challenge:

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that we might live... How could you and your community express this love in a society that seems to have forgotten the true meaning of love?

### *Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020*

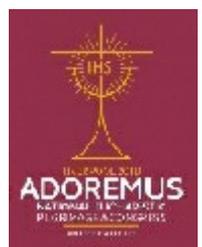
We thank you Father  
For the love you have shown us  
In the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
Keep us grateful each day  
For the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,  
So now send us out  
To share what we have received  
With our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church  
That you are calling us to be:  
A community that listens, that trusts,  
That lives with courage  
And that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts  
Be a source of healing, of new life  
And a deeper trust in you.  
We ask this in faith  
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,924.36

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The retiring collection at all our churches next weekend will be in support of Catholic Communications Network of the bishops' conference.

### SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Eileen Boardman, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Kitty Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Mary Marsh.

### DECEASED

Mary Eileen Wright, Celia Grogan,

Eternal rest grant unto them ...



LIVERPOOL  
LOURDES  
PILGRIMAGE

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 911623

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, based at Sacred Heart Hindley Green is planning a series of 5 CaFE courses on Our Lady, called *Let it be done unto me according to Your Word*. These will start on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May and run until 23<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive, in Sacred Heart Club, Swan Lane, Hindley Green, 2.00 - 3.30pm. Refreshments provided. We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who might like to join us. Each participant will receive a book so we would like to sign up for the course so we know how many to order. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend

### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

Pentecost Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 3.00pm  
Holy Rosary Parish Church, Altway, Aintree, L10 2LG  
Everyone is invited to celebrate Dementia Action Week 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May, especially those people living with dementia, their carers, family, friends and parishioners from all churches. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### BOOKMARK PRAYER CARDS

This is the second prayer card to help us in preparation for Adoremus: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress as well as for Synod 2020 in our own Archdiocese. Archbishop Malcolm requests that all parishes pray this prayer at each Mass between Ascension and Pentecost (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May). This period is the origin of the novena prayer, so it is important that the whole Archdiocese is united in one great act of prayer at this time. Please take a prayer card from the back of church. Thank you.

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

In his message for World Communication Day 2018, Pope Francis speaks of journalists as "the protectors of news". Their task is "not just a job; it is a mission". He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others; "That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and promoting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust and opening the way to communion and peace." On this World Communication Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the bishop's Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world.

The Three Towns Operatic Society  
proudly present

### Orpheus in the Underworld

Music by Offenbach

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm  
St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh. WN7 2PR

Tickets: £11 & £13 Concessions available.

Contact 01942 676594, 01942 605369

or call in at The Baby Centre, 15 Queen Street, Leigh  
01942 665615

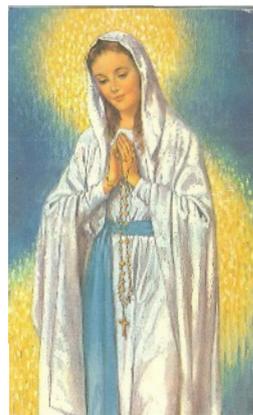
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Enjoy the famous Can-Can and other lively, foot-tapping melodies.

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just one world

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD **until 12 May** will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent)



## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 5 May

12A 5.30pm

### Sun 6 May

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OLR **11.15am**

### Mon 7 May

StJ 9.00am

SH 12.00noon

### Tue 8 May

SH 12.00noon

StJ 1.00pm

### Wed 9 May

StJ 12.00noon

OLR 7.00pm

### Thu 10 May

StJ 9.15am

SH 9.15am

SH 12.00noon

(12A) 2.15pm

### Fri 11 May

SH 10.00am

StJ 12.00noon

### Sat 12 May

StJ 10.00am

12A 5.30pm

### Sun 13 May

StJ 8.30am

SH 9.30am

StJ 10.30am

OLR **11.15am**

### *Weekday of Easter*

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)**

MASS Deceased Members of the Gainer Family

MASS Julia Gallagher R.I.P.

MASS Eddie Trumble anniv.

MASS Ted Taylor L.D.

### *Weekday of Easter*

MASS Joni Horton R.I.P.

MASS Frances Shortis (anniv.)

### *Weekday of Easter*

MASS Brian Wilfred Ogden L.D.

FUNERAL SERVICE Mary Eileen Wright

### *Weekday of Easter*

FUNERAL MASS Celia Grogan

FIRST MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY Alan & Eileen Hogan R.I.P.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

#### *Holy Day of Obligation*

MASS Elizabeth Frost Anniv.

MASS Sacred Heart School (in church)

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

MASS Twelve Apostles School (in school)

### *Weekday of Easter*

MASS Theresa & John Pilkington L.D.

MASS Margaret Fleming Anniv.

### *Weekday of Easter*

No Exposition and Reconciliation today

First Communion Mass

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Robinson

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)**

MASS Terry & John Donohue Anniv.

MASS Philomena Gaughan

MASS Tom & Betty Kennedy Birthday Memorials

MASS Joe Devlin R.I.P.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 308 N Flynn, £5 No. 290 M Roach, £3 No. 487 J Flannery, £2 No. 353 C & T Ellis

**Bonus Ball** No. 20 K Jones



### 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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