

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B)

3 JUNE 2018



Responsorial Psalm

**The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

On a hill near Cape Town, South Africa, just below the famed Table Mountain, a gun is fired every day at noon. The hill is known as Signal Hill. The firing of the gun once served a wonderful purpose. It signalled that a ship, on its way to or from India, had arrived in the harbour with a cargo of goods, and was in need of food and fresh water. A beautiful exchange resulted. There was receiving and giving. But this was a long time ago. The purpose of the gun no longer exists, yet it still takes place every day. The firing of the gun has become an empty ritual. Now the meaning has gone out of it. Most of the local people ignore it. Visitors are told, "If you hear a loud bang at midday, don't worry. It's only the gun going off." However the ritual still has a positive message. Most people know the story behind it. If the story were to be lost, then the ritual would become poorer still.

The Eucharist celebrates a wonderful event – the gift which Jesus made of his life on our behalf. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we tell the story again. But like anything that is repeated over and over again, there is a danger that this too can become a mere ritual. In the Eucharist Jesus nourishes us with the Bread of Life. But it isn't meant to be a "one way" giving. Having received from Jesus we are called to give something in return – not necessarily to Jesus but to one another. As we receive the Body of Christ we are called to BECOME the Body of Christ in our world, in the way we love one another and care for one another. We share the bread and from the chalice, "This is my Body, given for you ... This is my Blood, poured out for you." Does this sharing affect us in our dealings with others? Does it remind us that we are called to pour ourselves out in the service of others? Do we still live self-centred lives even though we receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

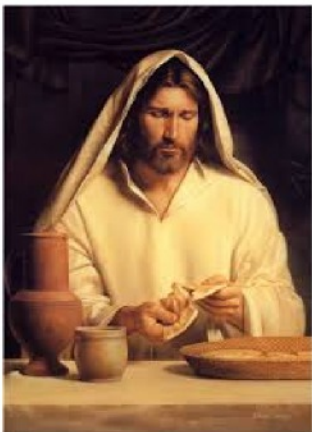
For the Hebrews, remembering was not merely recalling. It was the making present to each generation of the saving events of the past. Listen very carefully to the words of the Mass today, especially the Eucharistic Prayer when we recall the great events of the life of Jesus. The Eucharist is not just the making present of Christ's Body and Blood. It is a proclamation and a memorial of his life-giving death and resurrection. For us, as Christians today, the Eucharist is the heart of everything. But it can never be separated from the washing of feet, in other words, the call to serve and love others. The two realities are linked – being in communion with Jesus so that we can be in communion with others. It would be a great pity if the Eucharist became a mere ritual. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, so that we in our turn may give ourselves to others.

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PASTORAL AREA**

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Arrowsmith
Parish**

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Deceased Members of the Boone & Campbell Families, David Grimbsy, Kath Jones, Sam Postlewaite, John Prince, Kath Trundle, Michael Tuttle, Successful Operation, St Jude, Thanksgiving.

ST JOSEPH'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Dramatic Society's Annual Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The next meeting for the Mother's Prayer Group will be on Tuesday 5th June at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Presbytery. All mothers welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota is now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

COFFEE MORNING

Tea & coffee will be served after Mass today. Please come along and join us.

GARDENING

Many thanks to the small team of gardeners for all their hard work, we are getting it looking good. Special thanks to Paul for looking after the lawn. If you can spare an hour, please come along on Tuesdays at 10.00am.



May 31 - The Eucharist contains all the flavour of Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of His Death and Resurrection, the fragrance of His Spirit.

May 30 - When the Holy Spirit is present, something always happens. Where blows the Spirit, things are never at a standstill.

May 29 - The Eucharist gives us the strength to produce the fruits of good works, and to live true Christian lives.

May 28 - What lasts? What has value in life? What treasures don't disappear?

Definitely two: God and our neighbour.

May 27 - The mystery of the Blessed Trinity invites us to live in communion with one another, in love and in sharing: certain that wherever there is love, there is God.

May 26 - The Gospel calls us to live outside our comfort zone, because anyone who follows Jesus, loves the poor and the lowly.

May 25 - Love of God and love of neighbour should be the two cornerstones of our lives.

LIVERPOOL SYNOD 2020

Following on from the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter before Christmas, Liverpool Archdiocese has embarked on a three year project aimed towards a General Synod in 2020. As part of the preparations we are holding a number of Holy Hours

as we focus on prayer for the first year. The Archbishop will have led twelve Holy Hours in the different areas of the Archdiocese, one of which was a prayerful and well-attended service in Leigh Saint Joseph's church, last Wednesday. Additional Holy Hours in our Pastoral Area will take place on **Wednesday June 27th** at 7.30pm in St. Ambrose Barlow church, Astley and on **Wednesday July 18th** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church, Leigh.

CAFOD

Did you know that CAFOD offers a free will-writing service? Pick up a leaflet at the back of church, call Hannah on 0207 095 5367 or e-mail her at legacy@cafod.org.uk. There is a CAFOD will-writing guide at www.cafod.org.uk/legacy



Reflect:

Today's reading tell us about the Last Supper and how Jesus gave himself to his disciples.

Imagine you are one of the disciples at that last meal in the upper room with Jesus. He hands you a piece of bread and says to you 'this is my body' and a cup of wine saying directly to you 'this is my blood'..... how does this make you feel?

Pray:

Bread for the world:

a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples:

people who thirst.

May we who eat
be bread for others.

May we who drink

pour out our love.

'Bread for the World' by Bernadette Farrell

Act:

Look for ways in which you can fulfil the needs of those you encounter so that they may experience the living reality of Christ's body here on earth –

give to charity, donate to a food bank, take the time to be with someone who needs a listening ear or a helping hand.

Challenge:

Writing about the Lord's Supper, St Augustine imagines Jesus saying to him, "you will not, as with bodily food, change me into yourself, but you will be changed into me." How do you want to respond to the invitation from Jesus to be changed into him, to eat at his table and be drawn more deeply into him?

(Extracts from Pray As You Go)

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Two opportunities have arisen for two highly skilled and experienced Parish Administrators, one for the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow, based at Holy Family, Boothstown, working with Fr Paul Grady, the other position is in St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish, Ashton In Makerfield working with Fr Brian Newns. Closing dates for both posts is Friday 8th June. More information on the posters in the porch.

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King is looking to make a permanent appointment to the post of Organist, required from September. The closing date for applications is 13th June. This role is subject to an enhanced DBS check. More information on the poster in the porch. To apply for all three posts visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,733.60

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

At all Masses this weekend, there will be retiring collections throughout our archdiocese in support of the welfare and upkeep of retired priests.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Kitty Jones, Alan & Doreen Lowe, Mary Marsh, Postlewaite, John Prince.

DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them ...

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST PIO

The Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, Holywell
Flintshire, CH8 8PE

You are invited to join us at St Pio Prayer Days with Mass, Rosary, Talk, Stations of the Cross and an opportunity to be blessed with the St Pio relic. Confessions will be available. 10.00am until 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Registration cost for the day is £5, Pre-booking essential. For further details, please contact Br. Michael Hargan O.F.M. CAP Tel No. 01352 711053 email: pantasaph@gmail.com

ADOREMUS YOUTH CONGRESS

Adoremus Youth Congress: Saturday 8th Sept, Echo Arena Auditorium. Join 1,000 young people aged 13-20 in a unique experience of being the young Church. Contributions by Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, CAFOD, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and many more ... Cost only £10. Booking forms available at www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

A Place for All

ONE ARCHDIOCESE, ONE PILGRIMAGE

Friday 20th - 27th 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 or call 07484 911623.

If you are not able to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes, you can join in in spirit. There are a few leaflets in the church porch with prayers for you to recite during the pilgrimage. Also the Association would be grateful for any contribution you can make to help the Assisted Pilgrims go to Lourdes. If you wish to make a contribution, please sent it to the Parish Office by Wednesday 11th July. Thank you.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in World Meeting of Families 2018, which is taking place in Dublin from 21 - 26 August. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25th and is celebrating an open-air Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. If you would like to attend please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration for tickets and registration.

ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

In this season we are asked to pray for:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews
Human Life
especially on 3rd Sunday in June

Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights

especially on the feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More (22 June)

Europe

especially on the Feast of St. Benedict (11 July)

also St. Bridget (23 July), St. Teresa Benedicta (9 August)

Seafarers

especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July)

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GREAT BRITAIN

Charity No: 1058476)

The Trustees of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB are seeking to appoint two enthusiastic and appropriately skilled individuals to operate their relocated National Resource Centre in Maricourt, Hall Lane, Maghull, L31 3DZ with effect from 3rd September 2018.

A Resource Centre Manager (17.5 hours per week) and

A Deputy Resource Centre Manager (15 hours per week)

Both posts are worked Monday to Thursday between 9.30am and 2.30pm for 48 weeks of the year. (The Centre will normally be closed for the month of August.)

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB is a national charity which offers training to school staff in bereavement and loss, and provides bereavement support programmes for children and young people grieving a significant and often devastating loss in their lives.

Application forms and further information about Rainbows Bereavement Support GB are available on our website at www.rainbowsgb.org or directly from Sue: sue.rainbowsgb@btconnect.com

Closing date for both posts: 9.00am on 18th June 2018.



A CONCERT WITH FLINT MALE VOICE CHOIR

St Peter's Church

Firs Lane, Leigh

Supported by Leigh Community Choir

Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm

Tickets £6

Available from

T Sharratt 01942 676686 or

J O'Connor 01942 404149

In aid of Derian House Children's Hospice
The Borough Mayor's Charity

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 2 June

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Robinson

Sun 3 June

StJ 8.30am

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year B)

SH 9.30am

MASS Deceased members of the Yates Family

StJ 10.30am

MASS For exam success (John Jacob)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Jack Parr R.I.P.

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Mon 4 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 9)

StJ 9.00am

MASS Special Intention (GS)

StJ 1.30pm

FUNERAL SERVICE Baby Mia-Grace Hulm

Tue 5 June

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

SH 7.00pm

MASS Cesio & Eli Kutty (anniv.)

Wed 6 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am

MASS Eileen Boardman

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Foundation Mass - Thomas, Teresa, Theresa & Margaret Groan

Thu 7 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am?

MASS Mary Sutton (Birthday Memorial)

SH 12.00noon

MASS David Nicholson L.D.

StJ 7.30pm

MASS St Joseph's Players Thanksgiving Mass

Fri 8 June

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

StJ 9.00am

MASS Irene Jones R.I.P.

SH 12.00noon

MASS Julia Gallagher

Sat 9 June

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

OLR 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Winifred Peake R.I.P.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Theresa Thompson (Birthday)

Sun 10 June

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Special Intention

SH 9.30am

MASS Anna Tesmer (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Eleanor Heaton (anniv.)

OLR 11.00am

MASS Bernard Prendergast L.D.

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No. 217 M Collins, £5 No. 169 B Ryan, £3 No. 240 Anita, £2 No. 370 1 Betty
Bonus Ball No. 3 J Flynn



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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