

# St. Edmund Arrowsmith

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 5 AUGUST 2018



## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## REFLECTION

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus had fed the people with ordinary food, and did so with great generosity. Afterwards he and his disciples crossed the lake. But the people followed them. Jesus knew that they followed him in the hope of receiving more of the same kind of food. But this time Jesus refused to give it to them. He wouldn't do what business people do – give people what they want. It's called catering to consumers' tastes and pleasures. Producers simply provide what there is a demand for. Their sole aim is to try to meet the needs of the market or the potential buyer's taste. For a spiritual leader to do this would be a disaster. The spiritual teacher must challenge people to go beyond their tastes. It was the first temptation all over again: turn these stones into bread. The temptation to use his special powers to give the people all the material things they could possibly want. But Jesus knew that material things by themselves will never satisfy people. These needs can never be satisfied. Food is only the beginning. We eat in order to live; we don't live just to eat.

Jesus made it clear that the Son of Man had not come down from above merely to satisfy people's physical hunger. He came to give them heavenly bread that people will eat and never again be hungry. He challenged them to go deeper. He said, "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, food that the Son of Man will give you." If Jesus had given the people more loaves and fishes he would have made himself very popular. At least in the short term. After the miracle of the loaves they called him a prophet and wanted to make him their king. But in the long term such a move would have betrayed them. To give priority to physical needs would be to diminish humanity, to treat them as no higher than beasts. Jesus challenged them to face the deeper hunger; the spiritual hunger. He urged them to seek food for that, food that he could give them. But when he taught them about spiritual food, and about eternal life, they began to murmur and turned their backs on him. We too can be tempted to live for material things alone. It's not that we deny the spiritual, but that sometimes we may neglect it. Physical food sustains life temporarily. But the food Jesus gives sustains life permanently for it can lead us to eternal life in Heaven. Who would not want to eat this food?

As we celebrate the Eucharist each week let us remember that it is here when Jesus gives his Body, the Bread of Life. Let us never take this great gift for granted for it is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us, as we acknowledge that his Son Jesus is with us always.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

### MASSES

Pat Leyland, Betty Sroka, Frances Taylor, Alice Wilcock, Thanksgiving

### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning today Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August is back to normal. Sorry for the disruption last week. Thank you

### NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR SACRED HEART

The appeal is now closed and we can accept no further orders. Thank you all for your brilliant responses! We look forward soon to the delivery of our new hymn books in sufficient quantity that it should be many years before we have to share or do without again. As always, many thanks for your support and generosity.

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### GARDENING

We are in need of a wheelbarrow. If you can help us with this it would be appreciated.

#### COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass today, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Aug 2 - Charity is the most effective form of witness, because in it people see the love of God.

Aug 1 - Every Church member has a responsibility to become holy, by taking care of others.

Jul 31 - Before helping others, we need to have a personal encounter with God: we need time to pray and to listen to His Word.

Jul 30 - Hear the cry of our many brothers and sisters who are criminally trafficked and exploited. They are not merchandise. They are human beings, and they must be treated as such. #EndHumanTrafficking @M\_RSection

Jul 29 - Holiness is not only about the spirit: it is also the feet that take us to our brothers and sisters, and the hands that allow us to help them.

The logo for 'Live simply' features a stylized cross inside a circle, followed by the text 'Live simply' in a cursive font.

#### Reflect:

Jesus tells the people to do just one thing in order to work for God – to believe in the one he has sent. It sounds straightforward enough.... but the complexity and the implications of believing in Jesus, the Son of God and Saviour of the World are manifold

#### Pray

Lord, at times we are overwhelmed by all that we are asked to do. Yet you are always there walking beside us, supporting us, guiding us along your path. May we never lose our trust in you.

#### Act

Jesus is the bread of life. Before receiving him in Holy Communion this week, let us ask him to open our hearts and minds to the wonderful gift he has given us.

#### Challenge

Find ways in which you can be bread for others this week.

### ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT, BIRMINGHAM:

Rev. Thomas Clarke, from the Parish of St. Charles and Thomas More, Aigburth, will begin his sixth year of formation and, with the help of God, will be ordained a priest in his home Parish on 13th July, 2019.

Hugh Dunleavy, from the Parish of St. Alban, Warrington, will begin his second year of formation.

Joseph Champion-Williams, from the Parish of St. Wilfrid, Garston, will also begin his second year of formation.

Peter Ross, from the Parish of St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, will begin his first year of formation at Oscott after a year in the English College, Valladolid.

St. John's College, Womersley, Guildford:

Peter Murphy, from the Parish of St. Marie, Southport, will begin his fifth year of formation.

The Pontifical Bede College, Rome:

Michael Harwood, from the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby, will begin his first year of formation.

The Venerable English College, Rome:

Joshua Dixon, from the Parish of St. Agnes, Huyton, will begin his fourth year of formation.

James Finnegan, from the Parish of St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, will begin his first year of formation.

Martin Fyles, from the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph, Southport, will also begin his first year of formation.

Please also pray for those who continue to attend the discernment days and spend time at the House of Discernment.

For more information on discerning a call to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, please contact Fr James Preston (Vocations Director) on 0151 727 2493

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1627.75  
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### SICK

Winifred Beattie, David Belshaw, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, John Prince.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Jason Vaughn Hook & Carol Marie Hunter, who were married at St Joseph's Church last Saturday.

### RESTORED LIVES

#### RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

For further details please contact Maureen O'Brian 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815

### ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

In this season we are asked to pray for:  
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews  
Human Life  
Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights  
Europe  
*especially on the Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta (9 August)*  
Seafarers

### SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018  
Liverpool Centre for Evangelisation

The Conference will provide an opportunity for participants to focus on ways in which we can all contribute to ensuring that our parish communities are safeguarded and those affected by abuse are supported.

There will be several workshops, which will focus on various aspects of Safeguarding and will be facilitated by the Archdiocese Safeguarding Commission. They are:

**Grief to Grace** - a specialised five day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse at any time in their life.

**Catch 22** - Criminal and Sexual exploitation of young people. The service responds to and fully supports young people who are currently involved in child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, gangs and trafficking, through both one to one and group work.

**Papyrus** - Exists to reduce the number of young people who take their own lives by shattering the stigma around suicide and equipping communities with the skills to recognise and respond to suicidal behaviour.

**I will be heard** - Is part of the work of the Independent Inquiry into child sexual abuse which was set up in 2015 to investigate organisations and institutions that have failed to protect children.

**Safe Recruitment** - As part of its commitment to ensuring that children, young people and adults are kept safe from harm, the Catholic Church in England and Wales a robust selection and appointment process, which applies to anybody applying for work or ministry within the Church in a role which gives them direct access to children and adults.

To book a place on this event, please contact the parish office by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August and indicate in order of

preference three workshops of your choice that you wish to attend. Workshops are scheduled to last for one hour.

### DEANERY FORUM

The next meeting of the Deanery Forum will now take place on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart presbytery, Leigh. Please note the change of date from the last meeting. The Forum is open to anyone from the Deanery to come along and get more involved in Parish life. All welcome.

### ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

Available in the porch, a programme of *Events Supporting Adoremus* 7-9 September 2018. Please feel free to take one.

### FEAST DAY MASS

An early notice that the annual celebration of the Feast of St. Edmund Arrowsmith & St. Margaret Clitherow will take place in St. Ambrose Barlow church on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Please come along and join us in prayer.

### CRAFT & CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 9.00am  
at the MATHER ROOM & CAR PARK  
Refreshments will be available from 9am  
If you wish to book a pitch please ring PAULINE on 01942-604603  
For INSIDE with tables included, £7  
for OUTSIDE, £6 providing your own tables  
Gates will be open for stall holders from 8.15am  
Fund Raising event for WIGAN AND LEIGH PENSIONERS LINK.

### ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

St Joseph's Players will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Green Room. All existing members and anyone who would like to join are most welcome.



### Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Service

(based at Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital NHS Trust)

Assistant Chaplain 18 ¾ hours per week (to be worked flexibly) Salary £11,261.25 per annum (Full time equivalent is £22,522.50) 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme

Applicants must have; experience of collaborative working in a Catholic context, experience of recruiting and managing volunteers, proven skills in leadership and planning, highly developed listening skills, have been commissioned (or willing to be commissioned) as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, excellent oral and written skills and a flexible approach to work. Experience gained within a chaplaincy setting or working knowledge of NHS issues would be advantageous. Closing date: Friday 17 August 2018 This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check This application is covered by a genuine occupational requirement under The Employment Equality (Religion or belief) Regulations 2003, Section 7, subsection (2) To apply, visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1101 for an application pack

## MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

### Sat 4 August

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Alex Hutcheon (Successful Operation)

### Sun 5 August

StJ 8.30am

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

SH 9.30am

MASS Bernadette Higgins (anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

OLR 11.00am

MASS Teresa Cooney (anniv.)

MASS Special Intention (AF)

### Mon 6 August

### FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

StJ 9.00am

MASS Terry Malley (birthday memorial)

### Tue 7 August

### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 18)

SH 12.00noon

MASS Julia Gallagher

### Wed 8 August

### Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

12A 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Michael Costello

StJ 12.00noon

MASS Sam Postlewaite L.D.

### Thu 9 August

### FEAST OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, ODC PATRON OF EUROPE

StJ 9.00am

MASS Tom Gibbon (anniv.)

12A 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Frances Taylor

### Fri 10 August

### FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

StJ 12.00noon

MASS CM Paul (anniv.)

### Sat 11 August

### Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

OLR 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

OLR 12.00noon

MASS Special Intention (JO)

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY People of the Pastoral Area

### Sun 12 August

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Mary & Joe Fox (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Agnes Payne R.I.P. (nee McGarr)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Len Pritchard R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Ian Scholes R.I.P.

**Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club** £10 No. 368 A Green, £5 No. 238 B Edwards, £3 No. 050 D Hindley, £2 No. 364 M Houghton

**Bonus Ball** No. 10 R Ellis



### 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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