

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 21 OCTOBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

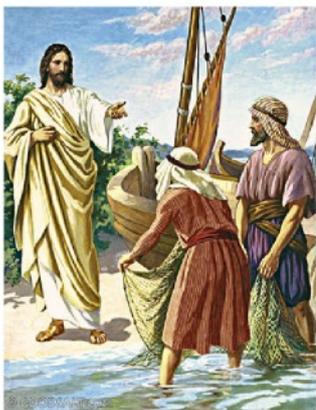
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

The culture of life in the day of Jesus was very similar to today in some ways. The Roman Empire, for example, was a world of patronage. Prestige and social standing depended on cultivating connections with those higher up the social ladder, one favour in exchange for another. Such ideals were not alien to ancient Jewish culture. Status was important to everyone, especially the Pharisees and some of the other religious leaders of the time. Today's Gospel tells of two fishermen who had left their business to become disciples of Jesus. They believed that he was going to become the king of the Jews. Naturally, they anticipated favours in return for their loyalty. There seems to have been an expectation of rapid promotions when Jesus rose to power. The two brothers were not necessarily being greedy. They were just products of the thinking of their time. Jesus was a product of the same culture, yet over him ambition had no hold. Quite the opposite: Jesus' sense of importance was given to the people who were vulnerable and despised rather than himself. He experienced a compassion for anyone who suffered. Again and again, he turned aside to help and care and listen. His vision for the Kingdom of God was not the substitution of one set of powerful rulers for another, but a radical alternative. In God's Kingdom it would be those who were poor and sick who mattered most. Leaders would no longer be driven by power and prestige but by the desire to be of service. The Kingdom of God was to be a world turned upside down.

This was no impossible ideal. Wherever Jesus went, new and glorious possibilities were opening up. The people saw the sick being healed, little children cherished, marginalized men and women accepted back into their communities. Everywhere, ordinary struggling people were finding hope and forgiveness. The way Jesus wanted to be remembered was not as one who ruled, but as one who served. His ultimate act of service was this: to go willingly to the shameful execution on the Cross so that others might find life, freedom and dignity. Such was true greatness.

Jesus asks of us, as he asks of his ambitious disciples, "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?" We may hesitate to say "Yes" for we too are products of a culture obsessed with status. The compulsion to establish greatness and be seen as great still drives people to clamber over one another to reach the top. Selfless people will always be the "nobodies" of a society whose main question is: "What's in it for me?" Our discipleship reaches way beyond the cosy circle of those we are closest to. It is far more than the exchange of one favour for another. The call of Christ in today's Gospel is to give freely to those who have nothing to offer in return. Though it may cost us dearly at times, such sacrifices will be rewarded by God in his own way. This is our path to true greatness.



LEIGH PASTORAL AREA

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St. Edmund Arrowsmith Parish

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

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Winnie Carney, Milly Gallagher, Joseph Green, Ita Hoare, Jimmy Hoare, Alan Ratcliffe, Kathleen & Pauline Reynolds, Mary Roach, Dale Scamp, Doris Speakman, Deceased members of the Yates Family, A Sick Person.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at both Masses from next weekend, Sunday 28th October.

SACRED HEART

EXPOSITION

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30am to 11.55am every Tuesday when there is midday Mass at Sacred Heart church.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FUND RAISING

We are now collecting prizes for our Christmas Raffle and Hamper. All donations gratefully received.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the kind anonymous donation towards our garden.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Oct 17 - When we listen to the Word of God, we obtain the courage and perseverance to offer the best of ourselves to others.

Oct 16 - Open your heart and let the Lord's grace enter in. Salvation is a gift, not a way of presenting yourself outwardly. #SantaMarta

Oct 14 - The world needs saints, and all of us, without exception, are called to holiness. We are not afraid!

Oct 13 - Let us defend ourselves from the risk of being actors rather than witnesses. We are called to be living memory of the Lord.

Oct 12 - What is worse: the recognizable demon that pushes you to sin so that you feel ashamed, or the well-mannered demon that lives within you and possesses you with the spirit of worldliness? #SantaMarta

Oct 11 - Praying is not like using a magic wand. Prayer requires commitment, constancy and determination. #SantaMarta

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Wednesday 15th November, St Joseph's church at 7.00pm: a special Mass of Remembrance for all the deceased of the parish, especially those who have died during these last twelve months.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - DECEMBER 2019

Fr Colin has been invited by All Saints Travel, a Holy Land Pilgrimage specialist, to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in December 2019. The pilgrimage, taking place next year, would run from 5th - 12th December. The cost of the trip is £947 per person based on a twin/double room. If you would like more information, a full itinerary or booking form, please speak to Fr Colin or call in at the parish office. Booking forms

are now being returned, if you have taken a form and would like to go, please return it to St Joseph's Presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The next meeting for the Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 7th November at 7pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

SYNOD 2020

This weekend we are celebrating Synod Sunday. Please make sure you pick up the leaflet that is available and that you take note of the dates for the Synod Open Meeting. The meeting nearest to us is 29th October St Joseph's Penketh. The Archbishop wants us all to tell everyone we can about the Synod.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During the month of October the Legion of Mary will be praying the Holy Rosary before the mid-day Masses and after the 9.00am Masses. Everyone is welcome to join us.

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee O blessed Joseph we fly in our tribulation and, after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His precious blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that sustained by the example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven.



Reflect

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple - those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Pray

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

From The Peace Prayer of St Francis

Act

Most of us have a position of authority over others, be it in our homes or in our workplace. Find ways to exercise that power in a way that serves others.

Challenge

As members of a 1st world nation we have some authority over how this world's resources are used. How do we exercise that authority wisely, justly and with compassion?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,691.21
Many thanks for your continued generosity.

There will be second collections at all Masses in our archdiocese this weekend in support of APF World Missions.

SICK

Winifred Beattie, Gwenda Anne Buyers, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, Julie Walters (Buck), Margaret Warren

ST RICHARD'S COFFEE MORNING

St Richard's Parish Centre, Thursday 25th October 10am - 12.00 noon. In aid of Leigh & Wigan Hospice. Admission £2 including refreshments. Various stalls and raffle.

WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome.

7.30 - 9.00pm Tuesday 20th November 2018

St Mary's Parish Centre, Broadfield Dr, Leyland PR25 1PD

The 35th CAFOD Fun Run will take place on Thursday 27th December at Wavertree Athletics Centre and Park, Liverpool L15 4LE. Registration will be from 12pm and the runners and walkers start at 1pm on the 4km or 8km run and 2km walk. It's a great way to support people overseas through CAFOD (and get out after Christmas!) and a chance to do some light training now! Further details from 0151 228 4028 or liverpool@cafod.org.uk.



LEST WE FORGET EXHIBITION Leigh Parish Church

Commemorating the centenary of the ending of the Great War and signing of the Armistice.

1/2/3 Nov. - 8/9/10 Nov. 10am - 6pm each day

An evening of Music

Astley Youth Band, Astley Unlimited Band, Astley Unlimited Choir

Friday 9th November 7.30pm Tickets £6 full details available at www.stmaryleighlestweforget.co.uk

INFORMATION REGARDING FRAUDULENT PHONE CALLS 'STOP AND THINK'

issued by the Government

A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out personal details or financial details to use a service that you're expecting to contact you, that you've give your consent to and that you trust.

Don be tricked into giving a fraudster access to you personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Always question uninvited approaches in case its a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

DEANERY MASS SURVEY

This weekend there continues a survey to find out where and when people attend Mass in the whole of the Pastoral Area. This is so that we can look at which Masses are best attended, for example, and, if necessary, are there any changes we can make to help make Mass attendance easier and more efficient. If you missed it you can still get one of the survey sheets and fill it in as soon as you can.

ANIMATE LOURDES 2019

Be part of something special... be part of the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18th - 27th July
£530 for ages 15 - 22 years for more information visit admin@animateyouth.co.uk

CYMFED FLAME

The biggest Catholic youth event in the country 2nd March 2019. Guest speakers: Emma B, Guvna B, Robert Madu, Cardinal Vincent Nichols. £25 for ticket & travel
Book at animateyouth.org

SIMPLE PRAYERS

Thank You Prayer

Dear God, I just want to pause in my daily routine to say THANK YOU for all Your grace and goodness to me and to simply tell You that I LOVE YOU. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for bringing me safely through the night and for waking me up to a new day. May I honour You today in all I say and do, in Jesus name, Amen.

The Three Towns in Concert Celebrating 50 years!

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th November 7.30pm
St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2PR
Broadway, West End, Songs from the Shows, Popular and Classical Music
in a relaxed cabaret setting.
Bar and refreshments available.

Tickets £10 Contact **01942 605369 or 676594**
Also available at The Baby Centre, 15 Queen Street, Leigh WN7 4NQ **01942 665615**
and online at www.thethreetowns.net



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 20 October

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Deceased members of the McHugh family

Sun 21 October

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

World Mission Day

StJ 8.30am

MASS Agnes Coleman (anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Tony Freeman (1st anniv.)

StJ 10.30am

MASS Mary Sutton R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS Bryan Rasburn (LD)

Mon 22 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 29)

NO MASS

Tue 23 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am

MASS Vincent Ganley

SH 12.00noon

MASS Jean Fullerton

Wed 24 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am

MASS John Thompson

StJ 12.00noon

FUNERAL MASS Joyce Marie Lee

Thu 25 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 9.00am

MASS Mary Roach (anniv.)

SH 12.00noon

MASS Mary Sutton

Fri 26 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon

MASS John Topping (Birthday memorial)

Sat 27 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 11.00am

Exposition and Reconciliation

12A 12.00noon

MASS Bill O'Connor L.D.

12A 5.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Brian Keavney

Sun 28 October

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

StJ 8.30am

MASS Ronald Joseph Ken Wright(anniv.)

SH 9.30am

MASS Des Willis L.D.

StJ 10.30am

MASS David Nicholson R.I.P.

OLR 11.00am

MASS People of the Pastoral Area

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No.207 B Ryan, £5 No. 328 k Jones, £3 No. 051 Mrs Gibbon, £2 No. 236 D Quinn

Bonus Ball No. 38 C Ackers



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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