

St. Edmund Arrowsmith

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 25 NOVEMBER 2018



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

REFLECTION

This weekend we celebrate the wonderful feast of Christ the King. Throughout his life Jesus illustrated that he was no “earthly” king by always putting others first. It’s a great example to us, if we are thinking of how best to live out our faith. It isn’t just about what we say in prayer to God, that makes us a Christian, but the way we live out our faith each day and especially the way in which we treat others. Just think for a moment of the people Jesus encountered and welcomed throughout his ministry – Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, the blind beggar, the ten lepers, the people he fed with the gifts of loaves and fishes, not to mention all the stories he shared such as the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and many more. All of them pointed to a God who is a God of service, a God of love, a God of peace, a God of charity. Replace the word “God” with “King” and we find out what kind of King Jesus really was – and is today.

Jesus proclaimed his Kingdom on a mountain overlooking the Sea of Galilee. It is a place of great beauty and calm peace. In this place he spoke of those who would inherit the Kingdom of God: the poor in spirit, the humble, the meek, people who work for justice, the peacemakers, those who suffer for their faith and do good. They seem an unlikely group of people who will triumph over time and become a strong and powerful Kingdom in contrast to those whose power is based on violence or greed. In today’s Gospel Jesus tells Pontius Pilate that his Kingdom is not of this world, but is a Kingdom that bears witness to the truthfulness of who people are, the goodness of relationships. It is a place where people show mercy to those in need. In this Kingdom people look after one another and take care of the most vulnerable and needy. They are generous to those who are poor and share their goods with others. Jesus speaks of bearing witness to the truth that each person is created good by God, is given the gift of human freedom, and called to love others in rich and strong relationships. Jesus witnesses to his Kingdom when he helps others, when he heals them, and when he forgives those who have turned away from God. He washes the feet of his friends to give them an example of what it means to love. His Kingdom is one of service in which the power of love shines out. We call him our Servant King and remember all that he has done for us.

On this Feast of Christ the King, we are called to examine our hearts in the light of the attitudes and actions of Jesus. The invitation of the Servant King is to become a person who serves and reaches out to others. When we examine ourselves, we may find that we don’t necessarily like everyone. We may not always be tolerant towards others, especially those who are very different to ourselves or those who have very different beliefs. Whenever we find these attitudes within us we turn to the Lord and ask him to show us his mercy and to heal our hearts. Advent, which begins next week, is a time of preparation for the Lord’s birth when we can become better followers of Jesus and prepare ourselves to serve his Kingdom.

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and
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOSEPH'S

MASSES

Darren Ashton, Stephen Cleworth, Frank Duff & deceased members of the Legion of Mary, Peter Galloway, Molly Gannon, Alf Keaveney, Mary Kerrigan, Melvin & Kieron Moss, Joseph Murray, Edie Nuttall, Margaret Warren, Thanksgiving (JW)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in remembrance Teresa & John Ryder

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year we will be decorating our Church again in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, please complete a form from the back of church and return it with your donation before the 18th December. The donations we receive not only pay for the Christmas flowers, but all the flowers throughout the year. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards will be on sale at both Masses.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church today

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioner who has very kindly knitted me an Everton scarf, to keep me warm on my walks. Fr Colin.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church today. Donations of bottles, gifts and items for the Hamper are very welcome. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

Christmas cards & calendars are now on sale, situated next to the Confessional.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FUND RAISING

We are now collecting prizes for our Christmas Raffle and Hamper. All donations gratefully received. Many thanks to those who have already donated. Tickets are now on sale. Knitwear is also on sale.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale at the back of church.

RED MISSION BOXES

The last collection of 2018 will take place during November. Any outstanding Boxes or donations can be brought to church during November.

TIME OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

If you are already fed up with the TV adverts telling you that 'the holidays are coming', if your ears are tired of the Christmas songs playing in the shops, then there is an antidote... The Sundays of Advent are time to slow down and reflect on the true message of the season, so come along to the Green

Room on December 2nd, 9th and 16th at 3pm to spend an hour in quiet and prayer, making yourself truly ready for Christmas.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

22 Nov May the Virgin Mary help us joyfully follow Jesus on the way of service, the royal road that leads to Heaven.

21 Nov Since today is World Fisheries Day, let us pray for all seafarers and advocate for a global commitment to stop human trafficking and forced labor in the fishing industry. #WorldFisheriesDay

20 Nov Faithfulness is the characteristic of free, mature and responsible human relationships.

19 Nov You cannot love only as long as it is "advantageous". Love manifests itself when it goes beyond one's own self-interest, and when it is given without reservation.

18 Nov Let us ask for the grace to open our eyes and hearts to the poor in order to hear their cry and recognize their needs. #WorldDayofthePoor

17 Nov Nobody can delude themselves by thinking, "I'm fine because I'm not doing anything wrong". To be a follower of Jesus it is not enough not to do wrong, because there is good that we must do!



Reflect:

For Jesus, being king of all means being servant of all. But being a loving servant isn't about grand gestures and great achievements, it's about having an eye for the lowest and the least. (Pray As You Go)

Pray:

Lord, you pass us in the street, yet we do not see you. Open our eyes to you.

Lord, you speak to us on a daily basis through the voice of others. Open our ears to you.

Lord, you are there in the touch of those who reach out to us. May we feel your presence.

Lord, you love us with an everlasting love. Open our hearts to you.

Act:

Consider the lowest and the least in your life... whose are the faces you pass each day without thinking about them? Who are the people you take for granted at work, at home? Whose dignity do you regularly disregard?

Challenge:

Take positive steps to show others that you value them and recognise the part they play in your life. Ask forgiveness from those you have treated less than fairly.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,887.23

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

SICK

Dcn. Tony Arrowsmith, Winifred Beattie, Marie Fletcher, Sr. Teresa Frost, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Kitty Jones, Mary Marsh, Margaret Quinn, Margaret Warren

BAPTISM

Welcome to our community through Baptism to:
David Polak, Freya Blackburn, Theo Joseph James Hather

LATELY DEAD

Delia Bordon, Eileen Byrne, Eugeni Cheetham, Jack Hilton, Vincent Hocroft,
Eternal rest grant unto them.....

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - DECEMBER 2019

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.

Are you called to be a Priest? Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 1st December** at St. Charles Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

CHRISTMAS CARDS to the HOLY LAND

Our Archdiocese (which has been supporting Christians in the Holy Land for several years invites you to stand in solidarity with our Christian sisters and brothers of the Holy Land, by sending a Christmas card. Fr. Mario de Silva, Parish Priest at Holy Family, Gaza, writes: "Thank you for your concern about the situation here. Believe me, it is a really difficult situation. It is a joy to know that many people are concerned about our situation. In past years your Christmas cards have been a joy for me & for my parish."

Cards are available for you at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Churches, but you may bring your own small or medium size religious Christmas card(s), with your greeting and your name (address optional) inside and leave in box at Church rear. No stamp required, but postal donations welcome (20 grams costs £1.45).

Your envelope will be posted to Jerusalem & the Latin Patriarch will take them himself to Gaza.

PRISONERS of CONSCIENCE

These people have done no wrong; they stand for justice against evil and merit our support.

(List supplied by ACAT Action by Christians Against Torture).

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(do not make any political comments) and your name (address optional) inside and leave in box at Church rear.

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Your envelope will be posted for you to Mrs. Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Evin Prison, Iran. She has been in our BBC News over the years.

CAFOD FUN RUN

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.



The new World Gifts catalogue is now available at the back of church. It has a range of virtual gifts that make a difference to communities around the world and are a great way to keep Christ's love for the poorest members of our global family at the heart of Christmas giving.

Lord of life and love

Lord of life and love,
as we give thanks for times past,
grant us courage to embrace the present
and grace to share the future.

In memory of loved ones dear,
kindle their flame to shine in the dark
and light the path ahead.

Show the way that leads to life
as we cherish days gone by
and inspire us with the touch of love
that faith and hope live on.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas



ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM COLLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 11th December 2018 12.00 - 2.00pm

St Mary's Sixth Form are once again hosting a Christmas Party for our senior citizens. Please put your name on the list in the porch if you wish to attend and indicate if you need a parking space. If you have any special dietary requirements, please telephone 01942 884144 or email Mrs Knight at j.knight@smchs.org.uk

CHRISTMAS PARTY

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St

James Norton

Neil Diamond, Michael Buble Tribute

Friday 7th December, doors open 12 noon

Tickets £8 inc. Buffett available from pensioners Link & Specturm Blinds.

A Musical Afternoon

with

JOE SHOVELTON

for Wigan & Leigh Hospice

Sunday 9th December at 4pm, St Joseph's Hall
Afternoon Tea, INCLUDED in the price! Tickets: £15.00
Available from Wigan & Leigh Hospice shop,
104, Bradshawgate, Leigh.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Sat 24 November

12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Margaret Beckett (LD)

Sun 25 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

StJ 8.30am MASS Steven Naylor Birthday memorial
SH 9.30am MASS Tony Freeman (80th Birthday Memorial)
StJ 10.30am MASS Sylvia Withington Birthday memorial
OLR 11.00am MASS Stella Burgess

Mon 26 November Weekday in Ordinary Time (Year II, Week 34)

StJ 9.00am MASS Thanksgiving (JW)

Tue 27 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wed 28 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

12A 10.00am MASS John Robinson
StJ 12.00noon MASS Kath Trundle R.I.P.

Thu 29 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

StJ 12.00noon FUNERAL MASS Eileen Byrne
SH 12.00noon MASS Marian Woodwood R.I.P.
SH 1.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE Vincent Holcroft

Fri 30 November ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

StJ 12.00noon MASS Golden Wedding

Sat 1 December Weekday in Ordinary Time

SH 11.00am Exposition and Reconciliation
SH 12.00noon MASS Voldemans Stradins (Anniversary)
12A 5.30pm FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY John Thompson

Sun 2 December FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

StJ 8.30am MASS People of the Pastoral Area
SH 9.30am MASS Caitlin Bradbury (18th Birthday memorial) Nora Heneghan (1st Anniversary) John Heneghan (Anniversary)
StJ 10.30am MASS Mary Brisco (Birthday Memorial)
OLR 11.00am MASS Special Intention (M and J)

Our Lady of the Rosary 500 Club £10 No.230 A Simpson, £5 No. 374 P Leonard, £3 No. 121 C Ackers, £2 No. 230 A Simpson

Bonus Ball 32 D Davies



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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