

Financial Statement for Year ending 31 December 2005

UNRESTRICTED INCOME

Total Offertories	£29,884.89
General donations	£6,243.04
Altar and flowers	£20.00
Votive offerings	£2,802.96
Piety stall	£1,395.00
Newspapers	£431.73
Rents received	£8,875.00
Fundraising activities	£3,700.00
Other income	£2,211.15
Insurance claims	£929.45
Interest	£3,326.31
Subtotal	£59,999.53
Weddings, baptisms etc.	£513.80
Funerals	£1,667.00
Mass stipends	£2,253.00
Subtotal	£4,433.80

Total unrestricted inc. £64,433.33

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Ordered collections	£7,687.14
Parish & other	£2,446.41
Total restricted income	£10,133.55

EXPENDITURE

Clergy	£8,241.67
Lay employees	£4,250.00
Altar, liturgy, flowers	£3,975.57
Votive candles	£895.12
Piety Stall	£1,230.85
Newspapers	£896.57
Pastoral development	£1,450.64
Fees paid	£350.00
School levy	£1,938.00
Travel expenses	£2,525.15
Office expenses	£6,890.70
Domestic/Establishment	£16,972.54
Loan repayments	£4,000.00
Property costs	£9,843.78
Assessment (Liverpool)	£3,399.10

Total unrestricted exp. £66,859.69

TOTAL ALL INCOME £74,566.88 TOTAL EXPENDITURE £78,230.49

Opening balance 1 Jan 2005 **£57,400.62** Closing 31 Dec 2005 **£53,737.01**

DEFICIT £3,663.61

RESPONSIBLE GIVING

The summary above shows that we are not a rich parish. If all income stopped funds would last for about eight months. If income and the deficit continued at the same rate we would be getting really worried after ten years. More figures are available about typical and average amounts given in the weekly collection but we intend to get a team from the Archdiocese to come soon and talk to us all about responsible giving and balancing those books!



IN THE PASTORAL AREA OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH AUGUST 2006

"RECOGNISE WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD"

In today's gospel we hear a continuation of last week's extract from John. In fact it starts with the last verse of last week and repeats it again this week.

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

It must be a very significant verse. It seems to me that it might be one of the defining verses that, if you accept it, make you a Catholic Christian. Certainly, I have known many lapsed or not-very-active Catholics who have no doubts about the doctrine of the Real Presence. They have other issues about the Church or their own problems in living the life recommended by St Paul today but they will defend the Blessed Sacrament in front of anybody. It is nevertheless a very controversial subject and we will hear next week how Jesus' words upset and split his followers. We wish that all Catholics and all Christians could be here in the benches with us, sharing our Eucharist.

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Pope Pius X and we must thank him for his policies of frequent Communion and admission of children to communion just over a hundred years ago. Let's keep and show our respect for the living bread both during Mass and in the tabernacle before and after Mass by our good behaviour and subdued voices in His Presence.

Some of you have been saying that it was time we had a summary of the accounts. The most recent figures available are there for all to see on the back page. The Church is not really about money but if we don't know the facts, how do we know how much to give to keep it going? (The repairs fund is still open, by the way, and thanks again to those who have already given amounts both large and smaller).

Welcome back Father John, I hope his holiday has refreshed him and prepared him to take on his new responsibilities.

Deacon Tony

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
Week beginning Sat. 19th August

Sat	6.30pm	Gerard Yates
Sun	9.30am	Mary Penn
Mon	NO MASS	
Tue	12.00	John & Annie Connolly
Wed	9.00am	Fr Michael Gill
Thu	12.00	Ted Cwiakala
Fri	6.30am	Daniel Sims
Sat	12.00	Stephen Wilcock
Sat	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	9.30am	Sister Anunciata

PLEASE NOTE! **EARLY** Mass on Friday morning
 Encouraged by the Archbishop, and by the numbers attending, experimental early Masses will continue. Please tell everyone you know who works during the day about this opportunity to attend at weekday Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat: 11.00 - 11.45 am & 6.00 - 6.15 pm.

Exposition: Sat: 11.00 - 11.45 am

SUNDAY READINGS

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (B) p 316 ff.

Collections:

Last weekend's collections:- £690.66.

Aid to the Church in need :- £633.72

Today's retiring collection :- S.V.P.

Parish Lottery:

Winning Numbers: 16, 22, 23 Jackpot: £132.

Winners: NONE Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £200.

GIFT AID TAX REFUND CLAIM

Sincere thanks to the 58 taxpayers who signed up to the gift aid scheme for the year 2005-2006. Together their weekly contributions added up to £12,074.52. Our Parish account has just been credited with an extra £3,201.31 at no cost to them. Surely we can double that number of 58? If you give regularly to the church collection and are a taxpayer please think about using an envelope and letting the government give some of the tax you had to pay back to us. Jim and Mary Gore will be glad to give you further details.

We have been sent a very nice letter by Ralph Ferrigno who set up his stall last weekend and spoke to us about Aid to the Church in Need. This is what he says, "The parishioners were great, friendly, helpful and very generous. We get great encouragement in our work when we are so received." He sold £132.55 worth of books and another £501.17 was given in his envelopes and in the black bags. Well done everybody!

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO
 THE HOLY HAND OF ST.
 EDMUND ARROWSMITH**

at the church of St. Oswald &
 St. Edmund Arrowsmith
 Ashton-in-Makerfield
 on Sunday, 27th August 2006
 Mass will be celebrated at
 4pm

**Preacher: Rt. Rev. Michael
 Ambrose Griffiths
 Bishop Emeritus of Hexham
 and Newcastle**

Blessing of the Sick and Veneration of the Holy Hand after Mass



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Filled with the Spirit, address one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs

Ephesians 5:18-19

Fr Neil Ritchie said Mass at Sacred Heart on Monday evening (Assumption vigil) and it may be the last for a long time as he is off to Belgium soon to undertake theological studies. Thank you Father Neil for the effort you have put in to serving our deanery, particularly Sacred Heart Parish. He will be leaving the parishes of XII Apostles and Our Lady of the Rosary on 29th August but will be returning for a final Mass at Twelve Apostles on Thursday, 14th September at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Perhaps there will be room for some of us? Welcome to Leigh to Fr Stephen Cooper who will be resident at St Joseph's from September. Congratulations (???) to our Fr John who is also appointed Administrator of XII Apostles and Our Lady's.