

### **Beginning Experience Weekend**

at Sandymount Retreat Centre 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2006

A spiritually based weekend for those who have experienced loneliness, rejection, hurt and pain through the loss of a loved one by separation, divorce or bereavement. A time to share with others who have experienced loss and who care. A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others. A time to begin again. Further details from:- Kath 01942-246542 or Angela 0151-430-6312

### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

For persons thinking about becoming Catholics or just wanting to find out more about our beliefs there will be a series of weekly **Wednesday meetings at 7.30pm** from **4<sup>th</sup> October**, at Sacred Heart, but for all our parishes, leading to RCIA next Easter for those who decide to continue. The meetings will also be suitable for Catholics who feel the need for a refresher course. There will be a planning meeting at 7.30pm on **27<sup>th</sup> September** for sponsors/catechists from all parishes. Please register your interest by calling the Sacred Heart Office on (01942) 673753 or Deacon Tony on 606329, or even just turn up at the planning meeting.

### **Rosary Sunday Procession**

1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 at 2.00pm  
Holy Family, Platt Bridge

### **Illustrated talk by Canon Dobb**

At Leigh U.R.C., Union Street  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm

### **Nugent Care Annual Mass/Home box** 8 October (Cathedral)

Refer to the posters at the  
back of church for information  
on all the above.



IN THE PASTORAL AREA OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF

### **Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Rosary and Twelve Apostles**

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**Fr. John R. Finch, Fr. Stephen Cooper**

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**23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**  
*PLEASE KEEP FOR NEXT WEEK*

One Sunday morning the congregation arrived to find a dirty old vagrant lying beside the door. Some looked at him and said how awful that someone like this is sitting outside our beautiful church, why the priest should make him move on - we don't need to encourage the riffraff to camp outside our church. Others ignored him as they stepped over him. Still others stared. But not a single person offered to help him. As the time neared for the service the priest still had not shown up. Everybody was looking around trying to find out where the priest was. Then just as everybody was ready to leave in walked the vagrant but as he took off his coat the congregation realized it was the priest. He said these simple words. "I was naked and you did not clothe me, I was hungry and you fed me not, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink".

You see these Christians had lost sight of what was more important to God.

They failed to realize that the church is not the brick and wood building that we meet in to worship but the church is housed in each and every one of us. They failed to see that it was actually the church that was in need more than the vagrant. Do we do this? We do if we ignore the needs of our community. This week we can think and pray about how we can respond both individually and together to those needs. The answer lies with you. Have a good week!

Fr John

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> until Sun 24<sup>th</sup>. below. No weekday Masses 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

**S.H. O.L.R. 12 A.**

Sat	6.30pm	Frank Watson
Sat	6.30pm	John Quigley
Sun	9.30am	Paul Caren
Sun	11.00am	People of the Parishes
Tue	10.30am	Dayle Hilton Funeral Mass
Wed	10.30am	Maria Ashbrook Funeral Mass
Thu	10.00am	Bill Freeman
Thu	7.30pm	Fr Neil's Farewell Mass
Fri	10.00am	Elizabeth Whalen
Sat	12.00	Doris Pendlebury
Sat	6.30pm	Richard & Agnes Smith
Sat	6.30pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	9.30am	Maria Ashbrook
Sun	11.00am	Special Intention (Fr Neil)
Tue	12.00	Fr Michael Gill
Wed	10.00am	tba
Thu	9.10am	Dorothy Pownall
Fri	9.00am	Frances Clarke
Sat	12.00	Mary Penn
Sat	6.30pm	Mary Tyrer
Sat	6.30pm	Mary Dunne
Sun	9.30am	People of the Parishes
Sun	11.00am	Sacred Heart Confraternity

Weekday Masses are subject to change in the event of Funeral Masses.

**Reconciliation: Sat: 11.00-11.45am & 6.00-6.15pm** at Sacred Heart

also **Sat: 11.00-11.55am** at St Joseph's

**Exposition: Sat: 11.00-11.45am** at Sacred Heart

### Collections:

Last week's collections:- £635.44 (SH), £258.18 (OL), £163.93, £150.98 [27/8] Church repair fund +£126.55 CAFOD £33.11(12A)

Today's retiring collection (SH):- S.V.P.

### Sacred Heart Lottery:

Winning Numbers: 12, 16, 19      Jackpot: £360.

Winners: **ONE!!!**      Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £100.

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw** 3 Sep. £10 - 890, M. Flannery. £5 - 185, Miss F. Wyatt. £3 - 620, Mrs A. Sharkie. £2 - 752, Sheila Wilkinson.

**Twelve Apostles ten week School Maintenance Draw** will take place on Friday 15 September at 8pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome, but no family social with this draw. **200 Club** on Wed 27 Sep. **Jackpot Bingo** Wed & Sun. Play your cards right £140. All welcome in club.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Week 23)

**My soul give praise to the Lord**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Week 24)

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

He kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

### New Faith Community

Prayer:

Father in heaven, You are calling us to grow beyond our parish life that has become so familiar and comfortable. As we form a new faith community, we want to respond to your call with generosity and trust in your loving providence. Help us to honestly face our sense of loss. Give us courage to work through our differences and open our hearts that we may embrace our new brothers and sisters. Give us one mind and one heart as we journey together, building your kingdom, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Sacred Heart Xmas Fayre (25<sup>th</sup> November)

Items for stalls and volunteer helpers are needed. Please pick up a sheet (S.H. only) to find out what is wanted and to respond.

### Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir

Will be performing in Twelve Apostles Church in November.