

### Beginning Experience Weekend

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

For those who have experienced loneliness, rejection, hurt and pain through the loss of a loved one by separation, divorce or bereavement. 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. We will be following the CTS **Evangelium** programme. The planning meeting will be at **7.30pm this Wednesday** 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

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

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

Marriage Preparation Teams  
Gathering Day  
Sat 28 Oct 10.30am-4.00pm  
at Loyola Hall  
Contact Parish Office



Last Tuesday 19 September, Matthew and Lauren were legally adopted by Louise and David Sivill, who send their huge thanks to everyone in Sacred Heart Parish for the help, support, love and prayers received during the last year and for your continuing care.

## 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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Deacons: Rev. Bill Parr, Rev. Dennis Vint, Rev. Tony Arrowsmith

**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

*DAY FOR THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST AND FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK*

For the disciples, greatness means reputation and status and they feel that, in following Jesus, they are going to get both. They are trying to impose human standards on their discipleship - and trying to work out where in the pecking order each is to stand.

Aware that this division had to be addressed and true discipleship understood, Jesus calls one of the children gathered in the house and, in front of the Twelve grown men full of self-importance, announces that it is not in greatness that he is found but in such simplicity and child-like trust. The greatness of the Christian is not to be found in superiority - but, in fact, inferiority: those who are last and those who are least rank most highly in the Kingdom.

It is not an easy lesson for the disciples. However, in one detail of today's Gospel, we catch a glimpse of the reward that awaits those who cherish simplicity of life and whose lives seem insignificant in the eyes of the world. In setting the child before the disciples as an example, Jesus also puts his arms around it - holding it close - and honouring it. For a time, as he predicted, his arms will be held fast - but in that dying, his arms become open to all who yearn for love and those for whom the arms of Jesus rank higher than any earthly throne.

This week, we are invited to be children of God, like Jesus with his Father's arms wrapped around him, in suffering and death; servants and the least among those on earth. It does sound like Lent, but maybe it is time for us to repent and turn towards the Truth of God in Jesus.

Have a good week!

Fr John

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23 September to Sun 2 October

	<b>S.H.</b>	<b>O.L.R. 12 A.</b>	(Sacred Heart, Our Lady's, 12 Apostles)
Sat	6.30pm		Mary Tyrer
Sat		6.30pm	Mary Dunne
Sun	9.30am		People of the Parishes
Sun		11.00am	Sacred Heart Confraternity

**No weekday Masses** (Fr John is on annual retreat)

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

Sat	12.00		Charlie Jade Proctor
Sat	6.30pm		Eric Schofield
Sat		6.30pm	Mrs. Brogan
Sun	9.30am		Peter Cosgrave
Sun		11.00am	People of the Parishes

**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

On Saturday 7 October the Memorial feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be celebrated by Holy Hour and Exposition and opportunity for Confession at Our Lady's church from 11.00am followed by Mass at mid-day. There will be no Reconciliation or Mass at Sacred Heart church on that day.

### Collections:

Last two week's collections:- £761.55, £572.49 (SH), £185.33, £250.68 (OL), £n/a, £n/a (12A)

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

Next week's retiring collection (SH):- White Flower appeal (S.P.U.C.)

### Sacred Heart Lottery:

15 Sep Winning Numbers: 3, 7, 26 Jackpot: £86.

Winners: NONE Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £180.

22 Sep Winning Numbers: 3,12, 27 Jackpot: £190.

Winners: NONE Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £300.

**Our Lady's Bonus Ball** No. 28. C. Herlihy

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw** 10 Sep. £10 - 745, Sheila Wilkinson. £5 - 233, Donation. £3 - 897, Mrs D. Hindley. £2 - 320, Mrs M. Flannery.

**Twelve Apostles 200 Club** on Wed 27 Sep. **Jackpot Bingo** every Wednesday & Sunday. Play your cards right £140. All welcome in club.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Week 25)

#### **The Lord upholds my life**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Father John is away 24 Sep to 29 Sep (in-service training and retreat) and 9 Oct to 21 Oct (just one weekend) for holidays. If a **priest** is needed **in an emergency** then contact Fr Steve Cooper at Saint Joseph's on 01942 673517 or (emergency pager) 07659 551967. Saint Richard's number is 883395 (Fr Paul Seddon) and Holy Family's is 0161-790-2390 (Fr Dave Heywood). For **all non-emergencies**, Sacred Heart Parish office is open on Monday & Thursday mornings, 9.30am until noon. Twelve Apostles Parish office is open for business on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am until noon. Mr Peter Galloway replaces Kath Cook as Parish Secretary at Twelve Apostles. Many thanks to Kath Cook for her many years of service to the parish. Kath is retiring as Parish Secretary—although we are certain she will continue to offer her help and support.

### Twelve Apostles Christmas Fair

There will be a meeting at 7.30pm in XII Apostles Club on Monday 25 September. All parishioners welcome. Come along and bring your ideas and enthusiasm and support your parish. Let's see if we can do as well as last year, when £1300 was raised for our parish.

Fr John

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

**BINGO** in the Parish Centre on Wed 27 September at 7.00pm and every following Wednesday as a fund-raiser. **Admission 50p** to include refreshments.

### MISSION BOXES (Sacred Heart)

Would zealators please collect magazines from the sacristy and empty Mission boxes as soon as possible. Thank you.

Eileen, Jim & Kevin would like to thank all those who have sent cards and donations for Maria Ashbrook, with a special thank you to Fr Graeme, Fr John and Rev Bob for all their help at this sad time.