

Father Neil writes

It's hard to believe that it's already almost a month since I arrived here in the lovely town of Leuven in Flanders. I have begun my courses in Moral Theology at the ancient University, and have settled into my new home at the American seminary. I would like to say a very big thank you to all for your huge generosity and for all the gestures of support and good wishes which I received in my last few weeks in Leigh, and to all who supported and helped with the wonderful departure Mass and Reception. Please be assured of my prayers. My address, for anyone who wants to write is: Fr Neil Ritchie, The American College, Naamsestraat 100, B-3000 LEUVEN, Belgium. e mail is: nritchie@acl.be.

God bless you all, Fr Neil.

"A vocation to the Priesthood is a wonderful gift and enables the Priest to minister and care for the people he is sent to serve".

The life of a Priest in the Archdiocese of Liverpool offers a wide range of ways to serve, in parishes, hospitals and other chaplaincy work. If you feel called to priesthood and want to talk to someone about it then contact:- Fr Stephen Maloney the diocesan Vocations Director on 01257 423921.

Justice & Peace Commission

Everybody is invited to attend a day on the Environment at St Marie on the Sands, Seabank Rd., Southport PR9 0EJ on Sat 4 November from 10.00am to 3.00pm. There will be speakers in the morning and then a choice of two workshops in the afternoon. The day will include prayer and reflection. There is no charge but please take some lunch to share. Contact Steve Atherton, field worker, tel. 0151 522 1041.

Proposed Weekday Mass Times

There have been few written responses to the proposals published for the last two weeks. Perhaps people accept that this is the most that can possibly be provided or perhaps they think that, if you are not a weekday Mass-goer, you don't have a say. Please think about and respond (this weekend) to the following question. What combinations of place, time and day would give you the opportunity to attend a weekday Mass? Would you attend an extra early morning or evening Mass? All responses will be carefully considered.

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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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
22ND OCTOBER 2006
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

This Sunday's readings lead us to think about Jesus Christ as the Suffering Servant of God, described in Isaiah. It was by his sufferings that he redeemed us and by so doing that he gave a new meaning to human suffering. The passage from the Letter to the Hebrews emphasises Jesus' humanity. He is one of us but he came to turn our values upside-down. Mark's Gospel again shows the Apostles as human beings who, despite their weaknesses and human failings, became strong in Christ.

James and John showed normal human ambition when they asked for seats at the right and left of Jesus in his glory. What they did not know was that his glory would be shown to the world on the cross and on either side would be sinners; criminals who had also been condemned to death. In fact John, of all the twelve, was the only one who did not suffer a martyr's death. Jesus' lesson by example was that we are all called to be servants, if not martyrs. Isaiah says that 'through his suffering my servant shall justify many'. By 'many' we understand him to mean 'all'. Jesus came to bring God's salvation to Earth's farthest bounds (Is 49:6). His Church still follows that example.

Today, World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to contribute, by prayers and donations, to the support of present-day missionaries all over the world. Use the gift-aid envelopes if you qualify. Please pray for the leader of the SCJ Betharram mission in India and his brother who died in a car crash recently: Father Anton told us about them at Mass last weekend. Thanks are due to him and to Fr John McLoughlin, and to Fr Steve who kept us going while our Fr John had his holiday.

Welcome back! I'm sure that Fr John would want to say here ...
'Have a good week.'

Deacon Tony

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21 to Sun 29 October

	S.H.	O.L.R.	12 A.	(Sacred Heart, Our Lady's, 12 Apostles)
Sat	6.30pm			Danny Simms
Sat		6.30pm		Allen & Agnes Newton
Sun	9.30am			Annie Gaughan
Sun		11.00am		Joe Moore

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

	S.H.	O.L.R.	12 A.	(Sacred Heart, Our Lady's, 12 Apostles)
Tue	12.00			Alfred Henry Carr
Wed		9.10am		Brian Moffatt
Thu	12.00			Mary Sheridan
Fri	2.00pm			Wedding Mass McGuinness & Alldred
Sat	12.00			May Calland
Sat	6.30pm			Maria Ashbrook
Sat		6.30pm		Kathleen Fahy
Sun	9.30am			Margaret Mary Collier
Sun		11.00am		Gail Hampson

Sacrament of Reconciliation (S.H.): Sat: 11.00-11.45am & 6.00-6.15pm

also at St Joseph's (usually) **Sat: 11.00-11.50am**

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

Rosary, Torchlight Procession Mondays in October 7.30pm at 12 Apostles.

Collections:

Last week's collections:- £479.81 (SH), £209.92 (OL), £159.90 (12A).
Retiring collections for CAFOD £361.99 (SH), £128.54 (OLR), £27.78 (12 A).

Church Repair Fund £19.21 (12A).

This week's retiring collection A.P.F. World Mission Sunday.

Sacred Heart Lottery:

Winning Numbers: 6, 22, 27. Jackpot: £190.

Winners: NONE Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £260.

Our Lady's Bonus Ball No. 45. M. Flannery.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw £10 - 610, Mrs Dawber. £5 - 253, Mrs N. Flynn. £3 - 484, Mrs A. Freeman. £2 - 681, MILC.

Twelve Apostles Jackpot Bingo every Wednesday & Sunday. Play your cards £85. All welcome in club lounge. **200 club results** 1) £40 No 143 M Sanderson, 2) £15 No 112 S Peters, 3) £5 No 73 A Fairclough, 4) £5 No 77 D Campbell. Halloween Night Fri 27 Oct. Cabaret Night Sun 5 Nov. Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir 11 Nov 7.30pm in church. Tickets £4 or pay at the door. All donations of tea, coffee or biscuits, gratefully accepted. Contact John Thompson (Tel. 253507).

PSALM RESPONSE

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



Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many. Isaiah 53:11

Christmas Fairs

Nov 25 (SH), 26 1pm(12 A)

Please keep your donated items coming in!

BINGO in the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart on Wednesdays at 7.00pm to raise funds. **Admission 50p** also **HAMPER TICKETS** on sale after Masses **£1** a strip.

DRAW TICKETS at back of 12 Apostles church **£1**, also lists for donations. See Therese Thompson

NOVEMBER LIST

Please submit names of deceased family and friends for inclusion in our Book of Remembrance. Mark offering envelopes "November List".

Recently dead

The family of Norah Gormley, lately of Sale Lane, Tyldesley have asked that she be mentioned here. Some of you may remember her from when she attended Mass in Leigh at Sacred Heart church. Her funeral Mass will be at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley on Wednesday.

Vincent Concarron, a Catholic man without any known relatives, has died at Westleigh Lodge Nursing Home, Nel Pan Lane. It would be a great act of Christian charity to attend his funeral service at Howe Bridge Crematorium, on Wednesday at 10am.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

R.C.I.A.

Wednesday, 7.30-9.00pm in the Chapel of Joy & Hope at Sacred Heart Church. The title of our **Evangelium** presentation this week is "**The Life of Prayer**". Anyone is welcome to drop in, any Wednesday, whenever the subject interests them.