

IT'S NOT "BUYING A MASS"

Persons offering a stipend for a Mass intention should not imagine that they are "buying" a Mass or that only their intention is prayed for at that Mass. All present, including the priest, should pray for each other's intentions and the needs of our World, Church, community etc. Mass is never offered for a single intention. To avoid any "semblance of trafficking" in Mass stipends, there is a limit of one stipend intention per Mass (Canon 948) and for a priest, one stipend per day (Canon 951). The stipend should buy his daily meals. In fact our priests keep no stipends; the parish account gains. With only one priest the backlog is lengthening. It is impossible to satisfy demands for some dates. Some donors get "upset". Fortunately there is a solution that doesn't involve sending Mass intentions abroad or refusing to accept some. A decree of the Pope (22 Jan 1991) permits one to combine offerings and celebrate Mass according to a "collective" intention twice weekly. Donors must be informed (this notice) and must freely consent. If you prefer to wait for the backlog to be cleared or for the Mass to be sent away you must say so. Existing Mass intentions cannot be made "collective" unless donors come forward and allow it. Don't forget that you can always ask Father to pray for your intention (as well) on a particular date, just speak to Father before Mass. Other (collective as well as individual) intentions will be announced here as usual.

PASTORAL AREA BEREAVEMENT MASS

Traditionally, Sacred Heart parish celebrates a Bereavement Mass in November. This year the Mass is not just for the parish but open to our Pastoral Area. The 7.30pm Mass on Thu Nov 16 will present a special opportunity to remember not only our own loved ones, but also all those who have died and whose memory we recall during the month of November. The Mass will include the lighting of memorial candles and time for silent prayer. Refreshments will be available afterwards. There will be a planning meeting for anyone from our four communities at 7pm on Mon 6 Nov at Sacred Heart, in the Chapel of Joy and Hope. If you are interested in helping please contact the coordinator, Christine Welch, Tel 515219.

WHAT DO CHILDREN LEARN IN RE TODAY?

There is an open invitation to a talk on RE in a Catholic High School. Mr McCabe from St Mary's High School will give a presentation explaining the myths and legends about modern RE. at 8pm on Wed Nov 1 in St Joseph's Sodality Hall.

LEAVING SAFE HARBOURS

Please do your best to attend one of the important meetings to be held this week to discuss the way forward as one parish in the light of the diocesan plan.
Sunday 29 Oct, 12 noon, at **OLR** (in Church). (after Mass at 11am).
Tuesday, 31 Oct, 8.30pm in **12 Apostles** Parish Room. (after Mass at 7.30pm).
Saturday, 4 Nov, 12.45pm, at **Sacred Heart**, in the Chapel of Joy & Hope. (after Mass at 12 noon).
The agenda set by your deanery forum representatives includes: Liturgy provision, Formation in Faith, Our Mission and Pastoral 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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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
29TH OCTOBER 2006
"MASTER, LET ME SEE AGAIN"

Learning how to beg

Strange as it might seem, all of us must learn how to be beggars if we are going to grow up to be faithful followers of Jesus. We won't be begging for spare change, but we will be begging for what we really need. We will be asking, sometimes desperately, for what we need to live as a fully human person.

Something keeps us from admitting that we are not complete in ourselves; something holds us back from facing the fact that we are not God - we have needs which only God and others can help us fulfil. Many times people go through their whole lives and never ask for what they need from God or from others. We're afraid. We're proud. We don't want to seem weak to others. We don't even want to seem weak before God. We hide our fears and insecurities from our closest friends.

The plain and simple truth is: we are not God. None of us is self-sufficient. If we act or live as if we were whole and complete in ourselves, never needing help from God or others, then we are living in a world of our own making - a world of fantasy.

There's a great freedom that comes when we can finally admit the truth of our lives to someone else - when we can say clearly that we are in great need. At that point, new possibilities open up in our lives. At the very moment when we admit our deepest weakness and needs - at that moment we open ourselves to receive the strength that comes from God and from those whom God sends to us. May we all grow up to be beggars before God and before one another.

Peace, Fr. John

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28 October to Sun 5 November

	S.H.	O.L.R.	12 A.	(Sacred Heart, Our Lady's, 12 Apostles)
Sat	6.30pm			Maria Ashbrook
Sat		6.30pm		Kathleen Fahy
Sun	9.30am			Margaret Mary Collier
Sun		11.00am		Gail Hampson

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			Mary Sheridan
Tue	ALL SAINTS	7.30pm		Brian Crawley HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Wed	9.15am	ALL SAINTS		Patricia Lowrie, School & Parish
Wed		7.30pm	ALL SAINTS	Gail Hampson
Thu	ALL SOULS	9.10am		Anthony Hunter
Thu	10.30am	ALL SOULS		Funeral Mass George Caldwell
Fri		10.00am		Vera & Fred Matthias
Sat	12.00			A Golden Wedding
Sat	6.30pm			Kas Jabkiewicz
Sat		6.30pm		Kathleen McArt
Sun	9.30am			William Landers
Sun		11.00am		People of the Parishes

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:- £ 500.81(SH), £120.12 (OL), £133.02 (12A).

World Mission Sunday £121.12 (SH), £45.62 (OLR), £n/a (12 A).

Church Repair Fund (SH) Thank you to a recent donor of £100.

Next week's retiring collection will be for L.A.M.P.

Lenten Alms for Asylum Seekers. Archdiocesan total:- £23,494.

Sacred Heart Lottery:

Winning Numbers: 8, 21, 23. Jackpot: £260.

Winners: NONE

Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £360.

Our Lady's Bonus Ball No. 38. C. Ackers.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw £10 - 038, Mr L. Hancock. £5 - 289, Mrs N. Flynn. £3 - 727, OLOTR. £2 - 842, Mrs B. Woods.

Donations of groceries are still needed for Christmas Hamper raffle

Twelve Apostles Jackpot Bingo every Wednesday & Sunday. Play your cards £95. All welcome in club lounge. **Cabaret Night** Sun 5 Nov featuring 'Karen Mac'. **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

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.



"Master, let me see again" Mk 10:51

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".

Well done! to the parishioners who were able to come to Vincent Conrarron's funeral service last week. I was pleased, encouraged and affirmed in Faith to see so many of you demonstrating that true Christian Charity is alive and well in our Catholic community. :- Deacon Tony.

BAPTISM MEETING

Parents wishing to arrange baptism for their children at any of our parishes' churches must attend the monthly meeting at Sacred Heart church at 7.30pm on First **Tuesday next week 7 November**.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Would catechists come to Saint Joseph's at 7.30pm on Thu 2 Nov .

On Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart church, the **RCIA** group meets. "**Salvation History**" is the title of our **Evangelium** presentation this week. All are welcome for just one week or the rest of the course.