

### **TWELVE APOSTLES HAVE SOLD A FIELD**

Twelve Apostles parish owned a field that has been sold for £500,000. It is presently designated "green belt". If, in future, any significant part is developed, the agreement provides for additional payments. The money from the sale becomes an endowment and the parish receives annual interest.

### **MASS TIMES SURVEY**

Thank you to the Mass-goers at Sacred Heart and at Our Lady of the Rosary who made their preferences known in the survey last week-end. We now know what had previously been guessed at. The majority at Sacred Heart (141 against 95) preferred to keep Sunday Mass. The time preferred by most for Sunday Mass is 9.30am (83 ticks) with 10.00am coming in second with 51 ticks. There were as many ticks for 8.30am Mass (13) as 11.00am. The survey at Our Lady's showed more spread but the greatest number (25 of 63) preferred the current Mass time (11.00am). There were only 10 ticks for 9.30am. Full results and charts are on the notice-board. A decision has now been made by the clergy (see the handout). The main change for us is that **the last 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart will be on 2 December**. From 9/10 December the new Sunday Mass schedule will take effect in our Pastoral Area.

### **THE WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

has recently come into effect. In December, we begin to experiment with a rotation of our Saturday midday Masses & Confessions, so that each week this is offered in our churches across our Pastoral Area. Copies of the rota are now available. This Saturday rota will be reviewed in Summer 2007.

### **BY WORKING TOGETHER AS THE LIVING BODY OF CHRIST**

we will be living out the great vision of the Church. As your Parish Priest, along with Father Steve who continues to give tremendous service to the people, we have to take into account the needs of the wider church and serve in whatever way we possibly can.

**Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us- the local Christian Community here in Leigh- as we face changes in the Church together.**

### **PASTORAL AREA BEREAVEMENT MASS**

This year Sacred Heart's Bereavement Mass is not just for the parish but for all our Pastoral Area. The **7.30pm Mass this Thursday 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.

IN THE PASTORAL AREA OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF

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**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

### **Hello Everyone!**

Since many of our parishioners are not wealthy—in fact, some are very poor—the scene at our Sunday liturgy is much like what Jesus witnesses in today's Gospel. There, rich and poor place offerings in the temple treasury. It's a poor widow who catches the Lord's eye—her gift carries greater value than all the rest, since she gave from her poverty, not her surplus. Like the Old Testament story today of a suffering widow who shares with the prophet Elijah, both stories emphasise prioritising—a "Kingdom theme" we find in these Scriptures near the end of the Church year.

I don't like to preach on money but I have to do it sometimes. It's important for each of us in the community to share generously in order for our local Church—as well as the global Church—to do the work of the Kingdom. As you make your offering today, I invite you to reflect on Jesus' call to generosity. I thank all those who support our church, in whatever way. **Peace.** Fr John.

### **Persons are Gifts**

Persons are the gifts from God to me. They are already wrapped, some beautifully and others less attractively. Some have been mishandled in the post; others come 'Special Delivery'. Some are loosely wrapped; others very tightly enclosed. But the wrapping is not the gift, and it is an important realisation. It is so easy to make a mistake in this regard, to judge the contents by the cover. Sometimes the gift is opened very easily, sometimes the help of others is needed. Maybe it is because they are afraid. Maybe they have been hurt before and don't want to be hurt again. It could be that they were once opened and then discarded. They may now feel more like 'things' than 'persons'. I am a person; like everyone else I too am a gift. God filled me with goodness that is only mine. And yet sometimes I am afraid to look inside my wrapping. Maybe I am afraid I would be disappointed. Maybe I don't trust my own contents. Or maybe it's that I never really accepted the gift I am. Every meeting and sharing of persons is an exchange of gifts. My gift is me; your gift is you. We are gifts to each other.

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11 November to Sun 19 November

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

#### **At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road**

Sat 11 Nov	6.30pm	People of the Parishes
Sun 12 Nov	9.30am	Kerry O'Rourke
Thu 16 Nov	<b>7.30pm</b>	Bereavement Mass
Sat 18 Nov	12.00noon	Dec'd members Broughton Society
Sat 18 Nov	6.30pm	Sheila Walker
Sun 19 Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls (November Lists)

#### **At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane**

Sat 11 Nov	6.30pm	John Bachegallup
Tue 14 Nov	11.00am	Funeral Mass William Benson
Wed 15 Nov	9.10am	John Flynn
Thu 16 Nov	9.10am	Monica Wyatt
Sat 18 Nov	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

#### **At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane**

Sun 12 Nov	11.00am	Doris Herlihy
Fri 17 Nov	10.00am	Gail Hampson
Sun 19 Nov	11.00am	Allan Moore

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (S.H.): Sat: 11.00-11.45am**

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

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

### **Collections:**

Last week's collections:- £483.25(SH), £190.05 (OL), £139.45 (12A).

CAFOD £12.76 2 weeks (12A). L.O.M. £10.00 (12A), thanks.

L.A.M.P. £170.74 (SH), £55.85 (OL), £56.20 (12A).

November list £420.00 (SH), All Saints £19.00 (OL), £29.00 (12A).

This week Church repair fund (12A), SVP (SH).

**Sacred Heart Lottery:** Winning Numbers: 7, 15, 23, Jackpot: £454.

Winners: none Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £550.

**Our Lady's Bonus Ball** No. 34. J. Evans.

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw** £10 - 848, Mrs B. Woods. £5 - 668, Miss F. Wyatt. £3 - 711, OLOTR. £2 - 508, Mrs M. Flynn.

**Twelve Apostles Jackpot Bingo** every Wednesday & Sunday. Play your cards £55. All welcome in club lounge. **Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir** 11 Nov 7.30pm in church. Tickets £4 or pay at the door. Sing-song in the club afterwards, come and join in. The Pool team are organising a **24 hour Pool Marathon** in aid of Children in Need on Fri 17 Nov. There are sponsorship forms at the back of the church or just call in the club. Ten week school maintenance draw on Fri 24 Nov, 8.15pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome but NO family social.

### **PSALM RESPONSE My soul, give praise to the Lord.**



*This poor widow has put in more than all.*  
Mk 12:44

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women. Let us remember them particularly during Mass this weekend.

### **NOVEMBER LIST**

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

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

ON SALE (Sacred Heart shop)

### **CHRISTMAS FAIRS ROUND-UP**

**Saturday 25 Nov, 1.00pm in Sacred Heart School & in Parish Centre**

**Sunday 26 Nov, 1.00pm at Twelve Apostles**

Please bring your donations in as soon as possible. Twelve Apostles can collect if you ring 253507. Come to a **meeting** in 12 A Presbytery on Mon 13 Nov at 7.30pm if you are interested in helping out. **Selection boxes** are needed for Xmas raffle. **No more** Wednesday **BINGO** at Sacred Heart. Thanks to those who supported this fund-raiser. **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

### **CAROL SINGERS WANTED**

Please gather on the Town Hall steps at 5.55pm on Fri 24 Nov for the switch-on of Town Centre Christmas Lights.

**On Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm** at Sacred Heart church, the **RCIA** group meets. "**The Incarnation**" is the title of our **Evangelium** presentation this week. All will be made welcome, even for just one week.