

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

This Tuesday, 8 May at 7.00pm, Pastoral area Confirmation candidates are coming to the Chapel of Joy & Hope at Sacred Heart church for a 'Pizza meeting'. Special Ministers of Holy Communion—those who take Holy Communion to the housebound—are invited along to come and meet them.

CELEBRATE THE CHILD

This year's Archdiocesan Children's Mass will take place at the Southport Floral Theatre on Sunday 24 June at 2.00pm. Archbishop Patrick Kelly will preside at the celebration, which will be led by children and young people from all over the Archdiocese. If you would like to come to the Mass, please sign the list at the back of church or contact your parish Child Protection Representative **TODAY** to finalize the numbers. Many thanks.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

offers a positive opportunity for young people to undertake interesting charity work for one year, living in community with fellow volunteers. Accommodation and living expenses provided. Volunteer year starts in September.

If you would like to know more, contact Sr Pauline Gaughan DC: 0151 261 0225; e-mail director@vincentvols.freereserve.co.uk or visit the website www.vincentianvolunteers.org

A little girl's best friend died in a car accident. She went over to visit the deceased friend's parents a week later. When she got home from the visit, her Dad asked, 'Why did you go over so soon after Shirley's death?' 'To comfort Shirley's mother,' said the child. 'What could you do to comfort her?' asked her Dad. The little girl replied, 'I climbed into her lap, and I cried with her.'

Sometimes love hurts, but love also heals even the deepest of wounds.

IN THE PASTORAL FAMILY OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
6TH MAY 2007
THE NEW CREATION

How can I give of myself, as Christ gives himself to me through the Eucharist, so that I might be able to respond to the brokenness of my neighbour? Jesus doesn't give us an easy formula to follow. He doesn't spell out in concise terms what it means to love one another. He is asking us if by our lives we are giving glory to God for making us his child? He is asking us how important is it to you and me to be in God's family? If it is important, then Jesus says, 'Love one another.'

Mother Teresa wrote a piece entitled 'Anyway' that expresses it well:

- People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. *Forgive them anyway.*
- If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. *Be kind anyway.*
- If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. *Succeed anyway.*
- If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. *Be honest and frank anyway.*
- What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. *Build anyway.*
- If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous. *Be happy anyway.*
- The good you do today, people often forget tomorrow. *Do good anyway.*
- If you give the world the best you have, it may never be enough. *Give the world your best anyway.*

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God ... *anyway.*
Amen.

Have a good week! Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 5 May to Sun 13 May EASTER SEASON

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	6 May	9.30am	People of the Parishes
Tue	8 May	12.00noon	Patrick O'Sullivan Jnr.
Wed	9 May	8.30am	Meditation Workshop
Wed	9 May	9.30am	(12A) Frances Clarke
Thu	10 May	12.00noon	Maria Ashbrook
Sun	13 May	9.30am	Anna & Alojzy Tesmer

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	5 May	6.30pm	Maria Barnes (60th)
Sat	12 May	12.00noon	Mr & Mrs Mills's intention
Sat	12 May	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	6 May	11.00am	Jimmy Chesworth
Sun	13 May	11.00am	Danny Smith (lately dead)

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	10 May	10.00am	Special intention (Mrs Fahy)
Fri	11 May	10.00am	Edward Keegan

At Saint Joseph's Church, Mather Lane

Sundays	8.30am, 10.30am Masses
Mon, Wed, Fri	12.00noon Masses

At Saint Richard's Church, Mayfield Street, ATHERTON

A SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES
at 6.30pm

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 12 May beginning 11am, Mass at noon.
At TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH

MAY

*is the month of Mary, the woman closest to God's Heart.
In Mary we see the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. Think of a vase placed in the heart of a bubbling spring. The vase fills with water, and overflows, so that those who come to drink can do so, so long as the vase remains in the spring. Mary, united to the Holy Spirit, communicates to us this living water.*

PSALM RESPONSE

**I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**



See, I make all things new. Rev 21:5

Ursula & Josie invite you to attend
The Gypsy Baron
at Lowton Civic Hall.
15-19 May 2007
7.30pm
Tickets cost £7 and £9.

Collections:

(SH): £588.37, [Foreign missions £422.72]. (OL): £132.67, [£138.45].
(12A): £214.65, [£156.97]. **This weekend** the retiring collections in all our churches will be for the Archdiocesan Priests Training Fund. Please be generous. Next weekend 12A will collect for the church repair fund and SH for SVP.

Sacred Heart Lottery:

Winning Numbers: 5, 17, 23. Jackpot: £508.
Winners: NONE Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £600.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw:

£10 - 942, Mr J Cooper. £5 - 540, Mr R Ellis. £3 - 619, Mrs F Hilton. £2 - 120, Mrs V Freeman. Bonus Ball No. 48, B Freeman. **Spring Raffle:** Thanks to prize donors & ticket buyers. Draw after Mass Sunday 6 May.

Twelve Apostles Club: Play your cards right every Wed & Sun £145. Free member draw Wed, £21. The club is forty years old this year and to celebrate members are holding a Celebration Party on Friday 8 June. Details and tickets will be available shortly.