

JUNE IS A BLESSED MONTH

In which we honour in a special way, Our Lord Jesus Christ on the very important feasts of The Body and Blood of Christ (June 10) and The Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 15). Since one of our churches is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will celebrate a morning Mass for the school children at 11.30am, and an evening Mass at 7.30pm. I hope and pray that you can be with us on this blessed feast to implore the Sacred Heart for yourself, your loved ones and for the whole world.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

Are you thinking about returning to actively practicing your faith? If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know you are in our prayers. We invite you to explore your faith and your future with the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a community-based process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church that is guided by the Gospel and the lived example of the community. Adults learn about the Catholic tradition and prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested in learning more, please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Today, and for the next two Sundays, some of our children receive Holy Communion for the first time. Our love and congratulations to them all. May their faith continue to grow through the reception of the Holy Eucharist. May the faith, innocence and enthusiasm that these young people bring to their First Holy Communion be an inspiration to us adults. The awesome nature of this special gift calls upon us to appreciate how blessed we are as Catholics. Every time we celebrate Mass on a weekend or daily we have the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Many churches celebrate Eucharist just once per month or even four times per year. Even though we have reduced the number of masses, if we make the effort, we can still rejoice in this special gift daily.

WELCOME!

You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. God is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and the loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask God's blessing on those who live this house of faith as the inspiration of their labour, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

IN THE PASTORAL FAMILY OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

10TH JUNE 2007

THEY ALL ATE AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED

Dear Friends,

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Some years ago we called it "Corpus Christi", and many of us still remember it as that. It is a beautiful feast that used to be celebrated as a Holyday with processions of the Blessed Sacrament. Because we no longer have that Holyday we may think that the feast is no longer important. We now celebrate it on a Sunday when more people will have the opportunity of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. Work schedules and the busy-ness of life made it difficult for people to get to Church on a weekday.

We remember our First Communion Day. How very special it was with family and friends rejoicing with us as we received Our Lord for the first time. Has our first fervour waned a little? Do we prepare for our Sunday Eucharist with the same enthusiasm as we did for our First Communion? Or sadly, do we not receive the Lord at all in the Eucharist? This may be a good time for us to renew our fervour and invite our friends to do the same.

In John's Gospel we read that Jesus said to the people, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life in you." This was received with very mixed emotions. Some could not take it and walked away, but Jesus did not water it down. He meant what he said. We do not have to understand it but to accept it on Jesus' word. We believe because he said it. Today would be a good day to ask the Lord to increase our faith.

May your greatest gift to your children be a love for the Eucharist.
God bless you

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 9 June to Sun 17 June

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	10 June	9.30am	Anna & Alojzy Tesmer
Tue	12 June	12.00noon	Danny Sims
Wed	13 June	9.30am	(12A) Hughie Toher
Thu	14 June	12.00noon	'in thanksgiving'
Fri	15 June	11.30am	SCHOOL Mrs Dunne
Fri	15 June	7.30pm	SACRED HEART FEAST Maria Ashbrook
Sun	17 June	9.30am	Tom Ward

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	9 June	6.30pm	Vincent Campbell, lately dead
Thu	14 June	9.10am	Frank Prescott
Fri	15 June	1.45pm	FUNERAL MASS Margaret Shuttleworth
Sat	16 June	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	10 June	11.00am	People of the Parishes
Sun	17 June	11.00am	John Flynn

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri	15 June	10.00am	Terry Causby
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At Saint Joseph's Church, Mather Lane

Sundays 8.30am, 10.30am Masses
Mon, Wed, Fri, Saturday 16 June 12.00noon Masses

At Saint Richard's Church, Mayfield Street, AThERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 16 June beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MEDITATION WORKSHOP

This popular session continues in the Chapel of Joy & Hope at Sacred Heart church every Wednesday morning 8.30 - 9.30am. All our pastoral family parishioners are most welcome to join in.

SOCIAL EVENING

at Sacred Heart Parish Centre starting at 8pm on 6 July. Come and join in with the music, relax and have a good time. Tickets available at £3 each from Eileen Ashbrook, tel. 707891. Proceeds in memory of Maria Ashbrook to go to the CAFOD Candlelight fund & NACC. Thank you for your support.

PSALM RESPONSE

**You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.**



I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Psalm 116:13

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the young people from the Pastoral Area who are receiving their First Holy Communion this month.

SACRED HEART FILM NIGHT

On Wednesday June 13 at 7.30pm (time changed since last week). JOHNNY CASH - An opportunity to see "The Gospel Road", a story of Jesus told by Johnny Cash. This film has never been shown on British TV. Entry £2. Accompanied children FREE. All proceeds to church funds.

Collections: (SH): £456.72, (OL): £292.93, (12A): £225.14. **This week**, all our retiring collections will go to Provision for Priests in Retirement. **Next Week**, 12 Apostles Church Repair Fund monthly retiring collection will be held, please be your usual generous selves. We hope you all like the exterior repainting of the church.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 7, 8, 23. Jackpot: £318. Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £400.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 476, Mrs Collins. £5 - 349, Mrs A Sharkie. £3 - 461, Mrs D Hindley. £2 - 736, Mr J Evans. Bonus Ball n/a.

Twelve Apostles Club: Forty Years Dance - many thanks to those who supported the celebration. There will be **no Bingo** on Wednesdays and Sundays until further notice.