

THANKS to the teams of catechists who prepared our children for First Communion. Thanks also to the choir & musicians. You did a wonderful job! **Fr John.**

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Communion.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- COME TOGETHER

Next **Saturday, July 7th, at Sacred Heart** we are invited to come together, from across our Pastoral Area, to quietly sit before Jesus, present to us in His Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition takes place from 11am-1.45am before 12 noon Mass. (Confessions also 11-11.45am) The love of Jesus will surround us and fill our hearts.

He tells us,
"Come to Me you who are heavily burdened.
I will give you rest".

The 'Family Mass' at Southport was a great success and were a credit to our parishes. Hopefully many of you might join us next year - it really is a great day out.

Cream Tea & Tombola next Saturday, 7th. July, 2—4 pm, Bedford Methodist Church, Breaston Av., off Warrington Rd., to help the many still suffering from the Pakistan Earthquake.

*Until more forgiveness,
healing,
and reconciliation,
take place
there can be
no peace in hearts,
minds, and lives.*

PASTORAL AREA PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon our Pastoral Area and grant us a new vision of your glory a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord.

Sacred Heart Office is closed for holidays until Tuesday, 10th. July.

**IN THE PASTORAL FAMILY OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF
Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Rosary and Twelve Apostles**

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
1ST JULY 2007
DAY FOR LIFE**

If the church is God's answer it shouldn't be one of God's problems which is why we constantly encourage you to pray for God's blessing on our Pastoral Area. With God's help, and with the power of God's Spirit we can see the local church, our Pastoral Area, advance.

God is bringing the parishes in Leigh together, because part of his plan for the people in this town is the church. First, and foremost, the church is not a building we go to once a week. The church is You, the People of God.

Our Pastoral Area is not just a response to the shortage of clergy; it is part of our journey, as a pilgrim people of God, -all of us journeying together with Jesus. Now, we believe we need to pray for a new vision for our Pastoral Area. It's important that we all know where we are going. What we need now is a vision of what God has in store for our Pastoral Area. We may be heading in the right direction, but not without the sacrificing of our time and energy. I believe very strongly that if we would find our vision, then we must look to Jesus and receive the vision God has in store for us. This is why I keep encouraging you to meditate. In meditation, we open ourselves up to God and receive Jesus' vision.

Jesus embodied the love and compassion of God and carried it to a needy and dying people. It is this message and aspect of His ministry that we are to embrace. Jesus expects YOU, the church, to reach out to people who are in need and to minister to those who are hurting. It is the suffering of others that should be our prime motivation for doing ministry and when the church can work to help this hurting world; we will truly be a Sacrament of Jesus' love.

In all this, we must remain steadfast and loyal to Jesus, for his purposes through the church won't just happen. What is needed is for all of us to come out of our little parish "boxes", and cooperate, and work together, more and more, across our Pastoral Area. Nothing less will do. Have a good week!

Fr John.

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 30 June to Sun 8 July

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

At Sacred Heart, Walmesley Road

Sun	1 July	9.30am	Patrick O'Sullivan
Tue	3 July	12.00noon	Patrick Gallagher
Wed	4 July	9.30am	(12A) Frank Prescott
Thu	5 July	12.00noon	Gareth Brookes
Thu	5 July	3.40pm	1st Communion Thanksgiving (Terence Ward)
Sat	7 July	12.00noon	Doris Marren
Sun	8 July	9.30am	Tom Gibbon

At Twelve Apostles Nel Pan Lane

Sat	30 June	6.30pm	Ivy Webster
Sat	7 July	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

At Our Lady Of The Rosary , Plank Lane

Sun	1 July	11.00am	People of the Parishes
Sun	8 July	11.00am	Edward Keegan

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	5 July	10.00am	Special Intention (Tessie)
Fri	6 July	10.00am	Frank Quinn

At Saint Joseph's, Mather Lane

Sundays	8.30am, 10.30am Masses
Mon, Wed, Fri	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 7 July beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SACRED HEART CHURCH

On Thursday, Sacred Heart First Communicants have a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3.40pm. At Twelve Apostles, we welcome this weekend, all the First Communicants in a Thanksgiving Mass.

HOLIDAYS:Next BAPTISM MEETING AUGUST 7th

Because of holidays and a full diary! Parents, please ring the SH parish office to reserve your place at the next meeting

Volunteers (young parents) are needed to be Baptism Catechists for XII Apostles & Our Lady's. Contact Fr John asap.

Through the eyes of faith, the starving child, the believer in jail, and the woman without clean water or health care are not issues, but Jesus in disguise.

WEDNESDAY MEDITATION CONTINUES: 8.30AM IN CHAPEL OF JOY & HOPE AT SACRED HEART

PSALM RESPONSE (may vary) portion.

O Lord, it is you who are my



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No one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62

OUR LADY'S CONFRATERNITY

Invite you to a Strawberry Fayre at Moss Bank Court on Tuesday 10 July at 2.00pm. Any help or donations will be very welcome. Please see Josie or Brenda.

AS A PASTORAL AREA COMMUNITY WE PRAY

For children throughout the world who do not experience the love of mother and father. May our hearts and arms open to them.

Collections: (SH): £542.41, (OL): £171.60, (12A): £259.50. CAFOD Friday Self Denial: £38.50. **This week** all our retiring collections are in aid of **Day for Life**. **Next week** (Sea Sunday) they will be for the Apostleship of the Sea. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 3, 5, 12 . Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £.700

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 159, Mrs M Foy. £5 - 269, Mrs A Sharkie. £3 - 027, OLOTR £2 - 742, Mr R Ellis. Bonus Ball No. 21 - M Flynn.

Twelve Apostles Club: 200 Club results £100-P Sharrock 64; £50-S Peters 112; £25-M Thompson 193; £25-P & J Fisher 30; £5 prizes: Mrs Ratcliffe 95; J. Thompson 203; M. Kelly 61; S. Ainsworth 213; W Southern 187; R Ashworth 90; S Crawley 23; T Burton 5; A Rhoden 198; F Lee 36.