

If all you can do is crawl,
Start crawling.

Lourdes Pilgrimage
20th. To 27th. July

Departure Mass next Sunday, 15th. July at 3pm in our Cathedral.
There is a Novena of Prayer for use during the week of the pilgrimage on the
resource table at the back of our Churches.

The Archdiocese is currently advertising for a Senior Buildings
Development Officer to work in the Schools department at LACE.
There are 240 voluntary aided schools across 8 Local Authority
Areas. Closing date 20th. July.

The man that hugs the altar rails
Doesn't always hug his own wife.

Welcome the Stranger!

As a community we are becoming more and more diverse in our ethnic heritage and backgrounds. For us to walk in solidarity with newcomers to our country is to live out our catholicity as a Church. Everyone is welcome here!

Be patient toward all that is
Unsolved
In your heart....
Try to love the questions
Themselves...
Do not now seek the answers,
Which cannot be given because
You could not be able to live them.
And the point is,
To live everything.
Live the questions now.
Perhaps you will then,
Gradually,
Without noticing it,
Live along some distant day
Into the answers. (Rilke)

IN THE PASTORAL FAMILY OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
8TH JULY 2007
SEA SUNDAY

Welcome Everyone!

We are living in a time of profound change, affecting every aspect of life. We all feel the force of age-old questions: What is the world coming to? What does it all mean?

In an uncanny sense, the universe, from its beginnings, knew that we human beings were coming. In the first few seconds of this 11 billion year old universe, there appeared all the fundamental particles and constants without which life on this little planet would have been impossible. The velocity of light, the charge on the electron, the mass of the proton, the constant emission of energy, the pull of gravity, are exactly what they should have been if life were to teem in all its forms on earth. A slight difference then would have meant no life now. The universe as we know it, would never have come to be. All those millions of hydrogen atoms formed 20 billion years ago, which today in various combinations make up our human bodies, would have turned into the inert gas, helium. There would have been no water, no life, no you reading, no me writing, in this instant.

It is this contemporary sense of the mystery of creation that can bring together an appreciation of how we human beings are from God—"children of God" in the biblical sense—and "children of the universe", born of the earth. We are made in the image of God, and yet we live in solidarity with all the other forms of life on this planet, sharing in the one web of life. Indeed, elements of the stars are in our bones; and the same hydrogen which makes the stars blaze, energises our bodies and powers our imagination.

The human self is but a question, a hope embodied in the uncanny universe of all that is. Only by expanding into the domain of faith do we find an answer: God—the ultimate reality in which we live and move and have our being. Peace. Fr John

Sat 7 July to Sun 15 July

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun 8 July 9.30am Tom Gibbon
Tue 10 July 10.30am **FUNERAL MASS** Mary Lavery †
Tue 10 July 7.00pm Y6 leavers Mass (Maria Ashbrook)
Wed 11 July 9.30am (12A) Lesley Blood
Thu 12 July 12.00noon Mary Dawson
Sun 15 July 9.30am *People of the Parishes*

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat 7 July 6.30pm People of the Parishes
Thu 12 July 9.10am Michael Walle (LD)
Sat 14 July 12.00noon A sick person
Sat 14 July 6.30pm Those with no-one to pray for them

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun 8 July 11.00am Edward Keegan
Sun 15 July 11.00am Sacred Heart Confraternity

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri 13 July 10.30am (NB later time) Kathleen Morris

At Saint Joseph's Church, Mather Lane

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

Saint Richard's Church, Mayfield Street, ATHERTON

Every Sunday 6.30pm

**Pastoral Area Saturday ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—
MASS**

Next SATURDAY 14 July beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

at Twelve Apostles

We need volunteer "Counters": to assist counting the collection at **Sacred Heart**. Just stay after the Sunday Mass if you would like to help, or ring Father. Ideally we need 2/3 teams.

New Eucharistic Ministers: having attended the recent training course, can now be commissioned at this weekend's Masses. Please let Father know you are present before Mass starts. Also, any existing Eucharistic Ministers who have not been formally commissioned, should give their names to Father, before Mass.

Be grateful for whatever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond. (Rumi)

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

PSALM RESPONSE

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.



Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. Isaiah 66:13

A.P.F. (ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH)

Next weekend, Fr John is away & Fr Alex celebrates all Masses & appeals for volunteers and "organisers" for the 'red box' collections. Please think about how YOU could be involved.

AS A PASTORAL AREA COMMUNITY WE PRAY

For Seafarers and their families; and for those who have lost dear ones at sea. Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Collections: SH: £541.67 [Peter's Pence £53.40] {Day for Life £101.95; OLR: £194.01 [later] {£40.05}; 12A: £256.43. [later] {£65.28}. **This week** all our retiring collections will be in aid of the **Apostleship of the Sea**. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 6, 13, 14. Jackpot: £690. Winners: ONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £100.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £50 - 361 Miss. A. Wyalt; £10 - 701 Mrs. A. Waterfield; £5 - 427 Mr. T. Hill; £3 - 624 Mr. L. Hancock; £2 - 111 Mrs. W. Roach; Bonus Ball No. 48 - B. Freeman. Our Lady's confraternity Will be having a Strawberry Fayre at Moss Bank Court on Tuesday 10th July at 2.00pm. Tickets 25p. If the weather is bad it will be inside Moss Bank.

Twelve Apostles Club: Church Repair Fund—donations please.