

TAX REFUNDS RECEIVED

Thanks to all who "gift aid" their offerings to the parishes. Thanks to your generosity, Sacred Heart parish account received £3,645.90; Twelve Apostles received £1,154.72; and Our Lady of the Rosary received £964.14.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind those parishioners who are tax payers of the advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme. There is one simple form to complete and you use a numbered envelope for your offertory gift. It is as simple as that. There is no commitment to give any particular sum but for every pound you do give, the tax man gives the parish a further 28p. This is an excellent way of giving a little more to the parish at no cost to yourself.

Contact your parish Gift Aid Coordinators: SH (Jim/Mary) 679273; OLR (Margaret); XII A (Jeff) to register for Gift Aid.

Fr John

NEW CATHOLICS

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Or you know someone who is interested? Or maybe you have lost touch a little with your faith and want to re-connect? If so, then you are warmly invited to join our "Journey in Faith Group" which serves our Pastoral Area; and meets every Wednesday evening - 7.30pm at Sacred Heart, starting in September. Contact Fr John or Deacon Tony to register.

Being hospitable invites
new life to come into a
family, a community, a
church.

Looking for something to do over the August Bank Holiday weekend? Check out "greenbelt.org.uk" for information about a Christian Arts Festival, held at Cheltenham racecourse.

Meditation is about quiet-
ing the mind, and making
space for God, in our time
and our attention.

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
22ND JULY 2007
JESUS OUR FRIEND

Welcome Everyone!

When Mary and Martha were in their little conflict, Martha was not wrong because she wanted to be a servant. However, her priorities were upside down because her natural self, her natural abilities and interests compelled her to be a worker before she was a lover. In fact, her work distracted her from being a lover.

One of the greatest needs of the human heart is to be loved. You don't have to work to be loved. If you're working for the recognition of people then you need to stop the rat race, because it will only wear you out emotionally and spiritually. If you are working for God's love then you need to realise that God loves you unconditionally. I want to urge you to relax and enjoy living in God's love. He loves you for who you are, and because of that we can think of prayer as resting in God.

PRAYER IS MORE than conversation. Entering a close walk with God will sometimes call for words and sometimes for a simple enjoyment of presence. In meditation, or silent contemplative prayer, we simply rest in God.

As you spend time with God you will grow to love him more and more, and out of your love for God you will indeed serve the Lord with gladness. Service will no longer be work, but a labour of love. *Have a good week.*

Fr John

The meditation group meets on Wednesday morning at 8.30am. It is open to anyone interested in finding a spiritual path, including non-Catholics.

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21 July to Sun 29 July

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	22 July	9.30am	Patrick Henry
Tue	24 July	12.00noon	Tom & Terence Ward
Wed	25 July	9.30am	(12A) Lesley Blood (LD)
Thu	26 July	12.00noon	Pat Robinson
Sun	29 July	9.30am	Danny Sims

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	21 July	6.30pm	Eleanor Dunne (anniversary)
Thu	26 July	9.10am	Michael Walle (LD)
Sat	28 July	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	22 July	11.00am	People of the Parishes
Sat	28 July	12.00noon	Monica Wyatt
Sun	29 July	11.00am	Michael Newill

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri	27 July	10.00am	Special Intention (Marie Mazy)
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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 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 28 July beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

HELP THE CHILDREN

We have been asked if we can raise money for four handicapped children to go to Lourdes in 2008. The target to be reached is £2000. We welcome any fund raising initiatives through our parishes working together or individual initiatives. Also, we will have additional retiring collections during the course of the year. Please be generous in supporting this good cause. Individuals are invited to send in any personal contributions in an envelope marked "HCPT Appeal 2008"; please make cheques payable to the parish account; either "Sacred Heart parish account"; or "Twelve Apostles", or "Our Lady of the Rosary", as appropriate. Thank you for your generous donations and offers received.

PSALM RESPONSE Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?



There is need of only one thing. Luke 10:42

MADELEINE McCANN

car-window stickers are now available to anyone who wants one. If you are travelling abroad in a car this summer, please take one with you on holiday. Thank you.

AS A PASTORAL AREA COMMUNITY

... we pray for women waiting longingly for the blessing of a child ... for all pregnant women. May they cherish and protect the life that grows within them.

Collections: (SH): £502.27, (OL): £164.50, (12A): £147.17. **This weekend:- retiring collections for Peter's Pence at 12A & OLOR. Next weekend Church Repair Fund at 12A.**

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 6, 17, 18. Jackpot: £138. Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £200.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 738, Mr J Evans. £5 - 246, Mrs N. Flynn. £3 - 520, Mrs M Flannery. £2 - 504, Mrs M Flynn. Bonus Ball No. 11 - L Hancock. The **Strawberry Fayre** made £340. Many thanks to all those who helped in anyway with donations, cakes and prizes and all who came. A special thank you to Barbara and the residents of Moss Bank Court for all their help and support. The winning ticket was No. 2.

Twelve Apostles Club:

200 club draw after Mass this weekend.