

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN PILGRIMAGE TRUST

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.

Trust God absolutely,
even when everything else
is silence.

Looking for somewhere to go over the August Bank Holiday week-end? Check out "greenbelt.org.uk" for information about a Christian Arts Festival, held at Cheltenham racecourse.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

A pilgrimage by air is planned, leaving Liverpool on Monday 1 September 2008 to stay in Rome until 8 September 2008. We hope to have thirty places available. Rooms are reserved in the Domus Carmelitana Hotel (three star and formerly a monastery), just half a mile from the Vatican. Twin bedded rooms, en-suite, half board, flights, taxes and three tours including Rome by night are included for £695 per person. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £140 for the week. Places are available to any member of our Pastoral Area family, first come, first served. Please look for details in the church porches, sign up or contact Kevin Mulhearn on (01942) 677844 as soon as possible.

NEW CATHOLICS

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Catholic already but know someone who is interested? Just need a refresher course? All are welcome to join the "Journey in Faith" group (RCIA) for our Pastoral Area, meeting on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart, from September. Contact Fr John or Deacon Tony and leave your details.

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

5TH AUGUST 2007

CHRIST WHO IS EVERYTHING AND IN EVERYTHING

We live in a consumer orientated society. Every fifteen minutes of TV, at least, is interrupted by messages telling us what we need to buy for happiness. That is not true. The best gift we can offer our children is giving them who we are. If we want the best for our children, we have to give them the life of Christ that we share.

We have been called to faith. Faith is the constant realisation that life is not a destination in itself but a journey to God. When, like the rich man in the parable, we limit our ambitions to this world, we forfeit our chance for true life. We have to be careful that we don't become so self-centred and self-absorbed that we shut ourselves off from the simple aspects of life in which we find our way to God.

Today we pray that we might enjoy what the Lord has given us, our possessions, not in themselves, but as ways that we can see his goodness and approach him. We pray that we might not be possessed by what we own, but might possess that which no amount of money can buy: the life of the Lord.

Have a good week

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4 to Sun 12 August

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	5 Aug	9.30am	People of the Parishes
Tue	7 Aug	12.00noon	Ellen Mullahy
Wed	8 Aug	9.30am	(12A) Mary & Michael Dunne
Thu	9 Aug	12.00noon	Terry Stevens
Sun	12 Aug	9.30am	John Hindley

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	4 Aug	6.30pm	Mary Langan (anniversary)
Thu	9 Aug	9.10am	Karol Gredecki
Sat	11 Aug	12.00noon	Lesley Blood (LD)
Sat	11 Aug	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	5 Aug	11.00am	Margaret Fairhurst
Sun	12 Aug	11.00am	Elizabeth Whalin

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri	10 Aug	10.00am	Tom Gibbon
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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, AHERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

**SATURDAY 11 August beginning 11am, Mass at noon.
At TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH**

COMING SOON

On 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated in our three churches as follows:

Tuesday 14, 7.30pm at Twelve Apostles,

Wednesday 15, 9.30am at Sacred Heart,

10.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary, 7.00pm at Sacred Heart.

CHARITY EVENING FOR PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

In Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Friday 17 August from 7.30 pm. Entry Tickets (50p) still available. Thank you to all at our three churches for your support so far. Stall and raffle items will be gratefully received.

PSALM RESPONSE

**O that today you listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**



*What does he gain for all his toil
and strain?*

Ecclesiastes 2:22

Collections: (SH): £496.39, (OL): £224.18, (12A): £140.30, Church Repair Fund £43.81.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 5, 16, 18. Jackpot: £276. Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £340.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 075, B.R.. £5 - 783, Mrs M Flynn. £3 - 217, Mrs Collins. £2 - 073, Mrs A Sharkie. Bonus Ball No. 33 - C Eliss.

God is present to us in our own deepest self.
In our whole being transformed by love
we discover God in love.

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER
... in your prayers those who are ill and in pain that they will be treated with compassion and dignity, may they be restored to good health. Please also pray for Hannah, an expectant mother who has cervical cancer.

When everything
has gone,
God remains.