

### **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. Thank you to the donors of £100, £50 and £3 already received at Sacred Heart.

### **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. Please ring soon so that we can make plans according to numbers.

### **CHARITY EVENING FOR PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

Talk and Bring & Buy In Sacred Heart Parish Centre **this Friday** 17 August at 7.30 pm. Entry 50p, includes refreshments. Thank you to all at our three churches for your support so far. Stall and raffle items will be gratefully received. If you wish to make a personal donation please make the cheque payable to 'Jacob's Well Appeal, Pakistan Earthquake Victims'.

### **MEDITATION**

... is a process of the mind and heart in which grace, the energy of God's loving, is available to us for our refreshment, encouragement, change and growth. In meditation, we expect that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith as we are being rooted and grounded in love. Come and try it for yourself. Every Wednesday at 8.30am prompt at Sacred Heart church.

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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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007**  
**THE LORD OUR GOD**

### **TOO BUSY? STRESSED OUT?**

**SLOW DOWN** – now is the only time you have to live. When we get ahead of ourselves, begin to have more questions than answers - we need to slow down and stay in step with our Lord, remembering He says to plan is good but to worry is wrong! There are so many things in life that can make us fearful, and that make worry come and haunt us. What does Jesus say to us about this? Today's message is all about NOT worrying, but instead being faithful and looking to the kingdom of God.

Faith is the great eternal antidote to fear. So Jesus does not just say: "Do not worry about that; it will all work out in the end." Here is no homespun philosophy, but instead an alternative way of living. Jesus calls us to be people of faith, and our fear will go away. He says that while faith is present, fear will not bother you any more.

Do you suffer from stress? Try meditation. When we give time to meditation, we discover that the Kingdom of God is within us and God gives spiritual enlightenment to help us sort out our lives. Letting that light shine on our questions, problems, doubts, fears, challenges and moment-to-moment consciousness reveals the way God sees them. It also provides the power, the grace, for us to deal with them as God would have us do. Let our Lord calm the storms in your heart, mind or relationships. He doesn't promise calm seas for our journey but He does promise a safe harbour.

Each moment truly is the first moment of the rest of your life. Now really is the only time you have to live.

To find out more about Meditation, why not come to our group which meets on Wednesday - 8.30am at Sacred Heart.

Have a good week

Fr John

**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 11 to Sun 19 August

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

**At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road**

Sun	12 Aug	9.30am	John Hindley
Tue	14 Aug	12.00noon	Una Marie Neary
Wed	15 Aug	9.30am	<b>ASSUMPTION</b> Mary Dare
Wed	15 Aug	7.30pm	<b>ASSUMPTION</b> Judith Nicolson
Thu	16 Aug	12.00noon	Gary Evans
Sun	19 Aug	9.30am	Philip McLoughlin

**At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane**

Sat	11 Aug	6.30pm	People of the Parishes
Tue	14 Aug	10.00am	FUNERAL MASS Doreen Nolan
Tue	14 Aug	7.30pm	<b>ASSUMPTION</b> Michael Langan (LD)
Sat	18 Aug	6.30pm	People of the Parishes

**At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane**

Sun	12 Aug	11.00am	Elizabeth Whalin
Wed	15 Aug	10.00am	<b>ASSUMPTION</b> Frank Quinn
Sun	19 Aug	11.00am	Joe Moore

**At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street**

Thu	16 Aug	10.00am	Charlie Murphy
Fri	17 Aug	10.00am	Special Intention (Marie Mazy)

**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 18 August beginning 11am, Mass at noon.  
At SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEEK**

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

**Tuesday 14**, 7.30pm at Twelve Apostles and St Joseph's,  
**Wednesday 15**, 9.30am at Sacred Heart, 10.00am Our Lady of the Rosary, 12.00noon St Joseph's, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart.

**BREATH MEDITATION**

Breath in the love of God and then breath out that love of God to someone close to you whom you love. A second time- do the same, but send that love to someone anywhere in the world who needs God's love. Now, breath God's love for you ... Breath.

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

**PSALM RESPONSE**

**Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**



*You made us glorious by calling us to you. Wisdom 18:8*

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

... in your prayers the families and friends of Doreen Nolan and Richard Cubbins, who both died recently.

Contentment in life consists

Not in great wealth,  
But in simple wants.

**2008 POCKET DIARIES**

... for Sacred Heart Parish are now for sale in the shop (halfway down the right hand aisle). Please visit and see our other goods, statues, rosaries, cards etc. Diaries **only 30p**.

**Collections:** (SH): £432.60, (OL): £136.35, (12A): £159.17. Thank you to Westleigh Fun Club for their donation of £50.

**Sacred Heart Lottery:** Winning Numbers: 1, 17, 21. Jackpot: £346. Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £420.

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw:** £10 - 104, Mrs M Foy. £5 - 229, Mrs A Sharkie. £3 - 136, Mrs M Flynn. £2 - 340, Mrs M Flannery. Bonus Ball No. 4 - Mr Collins.

**Twelve Apostles Club** The next 200 club draw will be on Wednesday 22 August in the lounge. Wednesday there will be Bingo in the lounge at 8.30pm please note the earlier start time.

God is the Reality  
behind all that is real.