

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholic Church can be seen as a world-wide sanctuary. As a spiritual community and family it offers people a place where they can give and receive the good news of God's love and mercy as found in Jesus Christ.

No one is excluded from this community. If you would like to find out more, phone the Parish House. If you just want free information leaflets then you can contact the Catholic Enquiry Office; write to them at 114 West Heath Road, London, NW3 7TX or - tel. 0208 458 3316, or e-mail: enquiries@life4seekers.co.uk

THIS WEDNESDAY IS FILM NIGHT AT SACRED HEART

Wonder what Fr John got up to this summer? See "Greenbelt 2007" (35mins) made by Fr John. The film features clips of some of the artists and speakers, and provides a flavour of what the festival was about. Entry fee - please make a donation at the door (towards our HCPT fund). Beginning at 7.30pm.

THE GUIDES AT TWELVE APOSTLES

... starts again on Thursday 13 September. Vacancies exist for girls aged between ten and fourteen from any of the parishes. Meetings are held in Twelve Apostles Community Room every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. Anyone interested should either come along on any Thursday evening or telephone Lesley on 01942 887709 or Cheryl on 07719357069

BRASS BAND AND DRAMA

St Joseph's Players' Autumn production will appeal to playgoers and brass band enthusiasts alike. Joined by the Tyldesley Band, they are presenting "Brassed Off", based on the eponymous 1996 film.

"BRASSED OFF" will be staged in **St Joseph's Hall** at 7.30pm Tuesday to Saturday, **18-22 September**. Price of admission is £5. Pay at the door.

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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

9TH SEPTEMBER 2007

CHRIST WHO GAVE UP EVERYTHING FOR OUR SAKE

AN INVITATION

We are about to begin another year of RCIA. This programme, which serves across our Pastoral Area, helps prepare adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. It also welcomes and prepares people baptised in other faiths who are interested in exploring the Catholic religion, perhaps with a view to becoming Catholic, or not. There is no pressure to join the Church.

Our programme needs you, the parishioners, to make contact with these candidates. These people are your relatives, friends, neighbours or co-workers. It is you, through your welcoming, inviting, caring and openness to the faith that brings these candidates to contact you and then eventually us.

Each year the candidates consistently thank the parishioners for praying for them throughout their journey. They remember different people from the special Masses in Advent, Lent, Stations of the Cross, and the Easter Vigil. They remember shaking hands with strangers who are happy to welcome them. We get comments like "I feel part of the whole church community", "I'm no longer just going through the motions at Sunday Mass", "I now understand why we do the things we do. I now know how to pray", "I feel complete when I go to Mass on Sunday", "I feel I belong".

Our next class will begin with an Open House on Wednesday September 26 at Sacred Heart. If you know of anyone who might like to join us, please invite them and bring them with you to this meeting. Please continue to let God work through you as you reach out to others with God's love, doing God's work in your daily lives.

Peace. Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8 September to Sun 16 September

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun 9 Sep 9.30am Peter Cosgrove
Tue 11 Sep 12.00noon Joe Mannix (lately dead)
Wed 12 Sep 8.30am **MEDITATION**
Wed 12 Sep 10.00am **FUNERAL MASS** William Wordern
Thu 13 Sep 12.00noon Dermot McDermott
Fri 14 Sep 1.30pm **BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS** Maria Ashbrook
Sun 16 Sep 9.30am Albert Walker

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat 8 Sep 6.30pm Decd. Members Hulme family
Sat 15 Sep 6.30pm Teresa Hurst (lately dead)

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun 9 Sep 11.00am People of the Parishes
Sun 16 Sep 11.00am Sacred Heart Confraternity

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu 13 Sep 10.00am Evelyn Burgess
Fri 14 Sep 10.00am Terry Causby

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 15 September beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

- Leigh Heritage Service is at St Mary's parish church, this Sunday at 3.00pm
- Confirmation Catechists are reminded to meet this Thursday 7.30pm at St Joseph's.
- Red Box collectors should please collect the new magazines and empty their boxes as soon as possible.
- Twelve Apostles ten week school maintenance draw will take place on Friday 14 September at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall Lounge - all welcome.
- Sacred Heart Xmas Fayre committee meets on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm in the chapel of Joy & Hope. Volunteers to run stalls and members old and new should come.

PSALM RESPONSE O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.



This tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

Wisdom 9:15

**BISHOP HARRIS
(1917-2007)**

Bishop Augustine Harris has died at the age of 89. On Tuesday 11 September his body will be brought to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool where Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am. The celebrant will be Archbishop Patrick Kelly. The Mass is open to all. No tickets required.

Collections: (SH): £403.00, (OL): £188.60, (12A): £167.37 (12A church repair fund £59.80)

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 5, 15, 19. Jackpot: £626. Winners: NONE. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £700.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 337, Mrs C Ellis. £5 - 447, Mrs M Roach. £3 - 353, Mrs W Roach. £2 - 892, Mrs A Freeman. Bonus Ball No. 8 - V Clegg.

Twelve Apostles Club News The club is now open seven nights a week with Sky Sports, also Bingo in the Lounge every Wednesday and Sunday from 8.30pm and Play Your Cards Right (£65). The next 200 Club draw will be on Wednesday 19 September. Don't forget the function room is available to hire for your special occasion. For further information - contact Derek on 01942 209192.