

LEAVING SAFE HARBOURS DVD

Liverpool Archdiocese has sent us a number of copies of a very professionally produced DVD featuring Archbishop Patrick Kelly explaining "Leaving Safe Harbours" in three ten-minute sessions and suggesting topics for discussion. As our Pastoral Area is already the furthest out of port it seems appropriate that we loan out copies for private or family viewing and discussion or, even better, for groups of parishioners in one of their homes. We will put up lists in our church porches so that copies of the DVD can be reserved and passed from one borrower to the next. If there is a very great demand then we will be happy to arrange big-screen viewings on church premises. All our DVD copies will be at Twelve Apostles this weekend. As soon as they are returned it will be Sacred Heart's turn and then Our Lady of the Rosary's. Please, if you are interested, put your name on the list NOW!.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2007

... is on Friday 5 October. When you share what you have, your gift is much more than just financial. It carries a special message: that we seek a world where everyone gets a fair share of God's creation. Please take an envelope today to remind you to fast on Friday. You should return it, with the money you saved, in the collection next week or the week after when there will also be an open retiring collection. The envelope incorporates a simple form to fill in. If you fill in the form and are a tax-payer, CAFOD can claim back from the UK government, at no cost to you, 28 pence for every pound that you give. Those who already gift-aid with a weekly parish envelope should definitely do so for CAFOD. Their tax generated a refund of £3,645.90 (over £70 per week) last year for Sacred Heart alone. If you are a tax-payer and not presently a gift-aider please ask your collectors about weekly envelopes.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in the Recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by a Torchlight Procession every Monday in October at 7.30pm in Twelve Apostles 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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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
30TH SEPTEMBER 2007
BEHOLD THE MAN!

Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

When we have what we need it's easy for us to forget about the needs of others. We can hear about people who are starving and decide there's not much we can do about it. We can hear about people or groups of people who are treated unjustly. As long as it doesn't touch us and our families we can try to insulate ourselves and try to believe that it isn't real, or that it isn't so bad.

As we allow injustice to thrive and grow we allow great danger to come closer and closer to ourselves and our families. We can participate too, as we repeat jokes and stories about people or groups of people. We can function mostly as people who look after ourselves. We can hold on to what we "might need some day" even when we see people around us whose children are starving.

Do those words sound like the words of a Christian? Unlike the rich man in our Gospel reading, we still have time. Lazarus may be lying at our door. Injustice may reign ... even within our families, our workplace or our community. We can wake up and follow the gentle call of the Lord.

This week we can examine our complacency. We can consider those things that we rely on for comfort and safety. We can uproot those stumbling blocks from our lives. We can wake up and work more fervently for the things that really matter.

Have a good week!

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29 September to Sun 7 October

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	30 Sep	9.30am	Doris Gaskell
Tue	2 Oct		NO MASS
Wed	3 Oct		NO MASS
Thu	4 Oct	12.00 noon	Danny Smith
Sat	6 Oct	12.00 noon	Alfred Henry Carr
Sun	7 Oct	9.30am	Alice Wilcox

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	29 Sep	6.30pm	People of the Pastoral Area
Thu	4 Oct	9.10am	Veronica Worrall (lately dead)
Sat	6 Oct	6.30pm	Allen & Agnes Newton (anniversary)

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	30 Sep	11.00am	Martin & Cath Devlin (25th anniv.)
Sun	7 Oct	11.00am	Elizabeth Whalin

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri	5 Oct		NO MASS
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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, A THERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 6 October beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SACRED HEART CHURCH

- Wigan & Leigh Hospice sponsored walk - sincere thanks to all who have donated and promised. Final total next week.
- Furniture & household items, in clean & reasonable condition, gratefully accepted for a refugee in a totally empty flat. Telephone 676962 (Peter & Julia) for collection.
- R.C.I.A. continues this Wednesday with a session exploring the Apostles' Creed in the Chapel of Joy & Hope (Sacred Heart) at 7.30pm. Newcomers are welcome!
- Play Bingo in Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Wednesday at 7.00pm, to raise funds for the Xmas Fayre.
- The Friends of Twelve Apostles School are holding a Fashion Show this Friday 5 October at 7.15pm in Twelve Apostles Club. Admission by advance Tickets **only** £3, available from the school or the club. See the poster.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

My soul, give praise to the Lord.



The sprawlers' revelry is over. Amos 6:7

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If you should need a priest in an emergency, Fr John will not be available until October 10. Please contact Fr Steve at Saint Joseph's. Telephone 01942 673517 or page him on 07659 551967. Routine messages may be left on Sacred Heart's answering machine and will be attended to asap.

BAPTISM MEETING

... a reminder for those who have already confirmed their attendance that the next meeting will be this Tue 2 Oct at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish House.

Collections: (SH): £446.11, (OL): £n/a, (12A): £163.35. Next weekend at Twelve Apostles - retiring collection for Church Repair Fund.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 3, 7, 11. Jackpot: £1,012, shared between four lucky winners. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £100.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 213, Mrs Collins. £5 - 043, Within Reason. £3 - 546, Mr R Ellis. £2 - 142, Mrs V Freeman. Bonus Ball No. 25 - N Jones.

Twelve Apostles & Club News Open until 11pm, weekdays from 7pm, weekends from 12noon with Sky Sports. Bingo every Wed and Sun from 8.30pm and Play Your Cards Right (£95). Music Quiz every Mon at 8.00pm. Donations for Xmas Fayre are most welcome; please bring to Saturday Night Mass or see John or Therese Thompson (tel 253507) if you need something to be collected.