

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2007

... was on Friday 5 October. If you didn't take an envelope last week, please take one today and remember to return it, with the money you saved, in the collection next week. 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. That will make a real difference to our suffering brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe. Those who already gift-aid with a weekly parish envelope should definitely do so for CAFOD. If you are a tax-payer and not presently a gift-aider please ask your collectors about weekly envelopes.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are appealing for gifts, bottles and other Christmas goods for our Christmas raffle. We will be selling tickets soon!

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL RE-UNION

On Mon 22 Oct Our Lady's will host the annual re-union with St. Peter's and Wigan Rd. Methodists' Churches at Moss Bank Court. The proceeds of the evening will go to the HCPT appeal, to send two handicapped children to Lourdes. Volunteers to help with refreshments will be gratefully accepted. Everyone welcome!

A CHARITY SOCIAL EVENING

at Twelve Apostles Club in support of sufferers from Crohn's Disease, will be held on Fri 9 Nov at 8pm. Pay at the door - £3.

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.

SAINT JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

thank all those who helped assure their continued existence by going to their recent play "Brassed Off". All attendance records were broken with over 1,300 in five days (320 on the final day). Next show is the pantomime, "Sleeping Beauty", 23 Jan to 2 Feb.

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
7TH OCTOBER 2007
OUR FAITH

ROSARY SUNDAY

Our Lady of the Rosary church in Leigh is the only church of that name in Liverpool Archdiocese. The rest of the churches are not allowed (because, this year, 7 October falls on a Sunday) to celebrate today's Solemnity. The feast has been in the General Roman Calendar since 1716 and survived the 1969 calendar reforms. Our Lady has another twelve feast days (thirteen in England) so we needn't feel too deprived!

But, even if we can't celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary's day, we can observe Rosary Sunday, which goes back to the first Sunday of October in 1571 and the defeat of a Turkish naval fleet. That victory (from Christianity's viewpoint) was seen as a reward from God for faithfulness shown by Rosary processions in Rome on the same day.

Our readings at Mass today are about faithfulness and about fanning our own Faith into flame. It's not enough just to say "Increase my Faith", and do nothing about it. Without Faith we can only see what is bad in the world and we know that we are powerless to overcome it. Faith gives us a new vision; we see the Spirit of power and love who lives in us. Faith is given to us but only as a spark. The Rosary is a fan that can work for anybody. We don't have to be slaves to the world.

If, like me, your Faith needs fanning and you only occasionally pray the Rosary, let's make today one of those occasions!

Deacon Tony

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 6 October to Sun 14 October

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	7 Oct	9.30am	Alice Wilcox
Tue	9 Oct		NO MASS
Wed	10 Oct		NO MASS
Thu	11 Oct	12.00 noon	Padraic Cafferkey
Fri	12 Oct	10.30am	FUNERAL MASS Walter Prytharch
Sun	14 Oct	9.30am	Doris Marren

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	6 Oct	6.30pm	Allen & Agnes Newton (anniversary)
Sat	13 Oct	12.00 noon	Teresa Hurst (lately dead)
Sat	13 Oct	6.30pm	Mary Gredecki

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	7 Oct	11.00am	Elizabeth Whalin
Sun	14 Oct	11.00am	Veronica Worrall

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	11 Oct	10.00am	Gail Hampson
Fri	12 Oct	10.00am	Joe Moore

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 13 October beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH

- At 6.30pm Mass at Twelve Apostles on Sat 13 Oct, the school children will be with us for the liturgy. Please make them and their families welcome.
- Wigan & Leigh Hospice sponsored walk - sincere thanks to all who contributed to the final total of £250.
- Thanks to those who have promised furniture & household items for a refugee in an empty flat. Kitchen items still needed. Telephone 676962 (Peter & Julia) for collection.
- R.C.I.A. continues this Wednesday, with a session exploring the person of Jesus Christ, 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.

PSALM RESPONSE

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



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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If you should need a priest in an emergency, Fr John will be away until Wednesday. Please contact Fr Steve at Saint Joseph's. Telephone 01942 673517 or page him on 07659 551967.

AS A PASTORAL COMMUNITY

We pray ... for God's blessings of Peace, Comfort and Hope for all those served by Wigan & Leigh Hospice. We also remember the workers, both professional staff and voluntary supporters.

Bear hardships for the Good News, relying on the power of God. 2 Tim 1:8

Collections: (SH): £398.34, (OL): £204.12 [prev. week £176.85], (12A): £153.96 Sept CAFOD £51. **Retiring collection** today at 12 Apostles for Church Repair Fund. **Next week** (at all) CAFOD.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 3, 16, 19. Jackpot: £98, No winners. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £200.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £50 - 319, Mrs C Ellis. £10 - 221, Mr R Ellis. £5 - 461, Mrs D Hindley. £3 - 765, Sheila Wilkinson. £2 - 377, Paul & David, Bonus Ball No. 37 - A Freeman.

Twelve Apostles & Club News Open until 11pm, weekdays from 7pm, weekends from 12noon with Sky Sports. Bingo every Wed and Sat (come after Mass!) from 8.30pm and Play Your Cards Right (£105). 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. Draw tickets are now being sold at £1 per book. Next meeting this Monday 8 Oct, 7.30pm in the club lounge.

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