

### **READERS' WORKSHOP**

We are planning a workshop for Readers to be held on Sat 24 November from 12.00noon until 5.00pm at St Richard's, Atherton. This is an opportunity for all readers in both parts of our Pastoral Area to join together in looking at the various aspects of this important ministry. If you are able to attend, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of church. New readers are very welcome. For further information please ring Kathleen Connelly on 0161 790 6355.

### **GETTING READY FOR ALL SOULS**

#### **2 November**

November is traditionally the month set aside by our Church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. Please send in your November lists and offering in an envelope, clearly marked "*November List*". The names of our departed loved ones can then be placed on the altar during November Masses.

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."*

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Today, World Mission Sunday, we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus.

Your gift helps:

- People in remote villages and in city barrios, through the witness and work of local priests.
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans, through the service of Religious Sisters and Brothers.
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family, as catechists proclaim the message of the hope and peace that only Christ can give.

***Please be generous as you can be on World Mission Sunday.***

The longing for God is already the very presence of God.

### **FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH NEWSLETTER OF THE CHURCHES OF Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Rosary and Twelve Apostles**

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

**CHRIST ALWAYS INTERCEDING FOR US**

There is a difference between being a pest and being persistent, although externally they may appear to be the same. Pestering God, or anyone, says, "Give me what I want." Persisting in prayer says, "Give me what you want."

To see and interpret our experiences from God's point of view, we need to be in constant conscious contact with God. This is not easy. In fact, it is the major challenge of every moment of our lives. When we are not connected to God in our consciousness, other interpretations of reality rule, like the ones our lower brains, our feelings, the feelings of others, secular philosophies, etc., are quick to announce. These other viewpoints tend to shout, whereas God usually whispers, giving us time and room to freely choose his point of view over others.

It does take concentrated effort to develop this discipline, the discipline of listening to God and looking at life from his vantage point, the eternal perspective. But I find that here Meditation helps a lot. If you've never tried it, come along to the Wednesday Meditation group.

When we meditate regularly, we are keeping ourselves in good condition and our "eyes of faith" and "ears of the heart" in good working condition. It is like doing spiritual workouts. We need no special clothes or special gym or times to do these workouts. We simply need to do them. Have a good week!

Fr John

**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 20 October to Sun 28 October

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

**At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road**

Sun	21 Oct	9.30am	Annie Gaughan
Tue	23 Oct	12.00noon	Frank Yates
Wed	24 Oct	9.30am	Anthony Hunter (lately dead)
Thu	25 Oct	12.00noon	Tom Gibbons & family
Sun	28 Oct	9.30am	John Monks

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

Sat	20 Oct	6.30pm	Kathleen McArt
Sat	27 Oct	6.30pm	Winnie Carney

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

Sun	21 Oct	11.00am	Sacred Heart Confraternity
Sat	27 Oct	12.00noon	Bill Benson (anniversary)
Sun	28 Oct	11.00am	Walter Roach

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

Thu	25 Oct	10.00am	Doris Herlihy
Fri	26 Oct	10.00am	Mary Margaret Rance

**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 27 October beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

- R.C.I.A. continues this Wednesday, with a session exploring the person of Mary, Mother of God, in the Chapel of Joy & Hope (Sacred Heart) at 7.30pm. Newcomers are welcome!
- Play Bingo in Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Wednesday at 7.00pm, to raise funds for the Xmas Fayre.
- Please keep the donations coming for both Xmas Fayres (see last week's back page).
- The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in the Recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by a Torchlight Procession on Mondays in October at 7.30pm in Twelve Apostles church.
- Sincere thanks from our refugee to all who have helped him with his flat. A book case would be welcome. You are remembered in prayer.
- Nugent care volunteers needed for exciting local opportunities. See posters at back of church. 01942 491941.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**



*Proclaim, insist, refute, correct, call to obedience with patience and teaching.*

2 Tim 4:2

AS A PASTORAL AREA

We pray ... for the work of the Church in the Missions today - in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Prayer is a light that once lit will never fail.

SACRED HEART LOTTERY

has just made out cheques to church and school for £2000 each. In less than a year £4000 has been paid out to prize winners. Thanks to the team and please keep on buying and selling your tickets!

**Collections:** (SH): £434.07 [CAFOD £377.63], (OL): £157.70 [£100.10], (12A): £174.98 [£172.51]. **Retiring collections today (all)** for APF World Missions.

**Sacred Heart Lottery:** Winning Numbers: 1, 8, 15. Jackpot: £108. No winners. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £200.

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: 7 Oct** £10 - 109, Mrs M Flynn. £5 - 808, Mrs U Lightfoot. £3 - 534, Mrs B Greenhough. £2 - 791, Mrs B Woods. **14 Oct** £10 - 703, Keiran. £5 - 452, F Wyatt. £3 - 509, M Flynn. £2 - 785, E Nuttall, Bonus Ball No. 44 - N Jones.

**Twelve Apostles Club News** Open until 11pm, weekdays from 7pm, weekends from 12noon with Sky Sports. Watch all the Football and Rugby on the Big Screen. Bingo every Wed and Sat (come after Mass!) from 8.30pm and Play Your Cards Right (£125). Music Quiz every Mon at 8.00pm. Family Quiz Fri 26 Oct 8.30pm. Women's Confraternity Prize Bingo Tue 30 October 7.30pm.