

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember all those obscure saints, and all the saints not recognised by the universal Church: our grandparents, for example, or other holy men and women who've inspired us by their lives.

All Souls connects us with those we love who've "gone before us marked with the sign of faith." We believe that "life is changed, not ended" and our belonging to the Communion of Saints includes those who may be in-between, in that stage of purification we call purgatory. Our All Souls celebration affirms the heart of our faith: Jesus died and rose and so shall we.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

On 1 November, I ask that each of our churches open yet again their Books of Remembrance. It is, of course, a sad time for many but also a time to reflect on the 'happy times' spent with our loved ones now departed. This year the books will be placed on or near a side altar, or other convenient place. Let us pray then, that all our friends and family have found tranquillity and peace.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

A pilgrimage by air is planned, leaving Liverpool on Monday 1 September 2008 to stay in Rome until 8 September 2008. We hope to have thirty places available. Rooms are reserved in the Domus Carmelitana Hotel (three star and formerly a monastery), just half a mile from the Vatican. Twin bedded rooms, en-suite, half board, flights, taxes and three tours including Rome by night are included for £695 per person. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £140 for the week. Places are available to any member of our Pastoral Area family, first come, first served. Please look for details in the church porches, sign up or contact Kevin Mulhearn on (01942) 677844 as soon as possible.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHRISTMAS FAYRE

(on Sunday 18 Nov at 1.00pm)

Next meeting on Mon 12 Nov in the House at 7.30pm, all welcome.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAYRE

(on Saturday 24 Nov at 1.30pm)

Parish Centre Bingo on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS FOR ALL OF THESE!

THE CHRISTMAS CARDS HAVE ARRIVED IN SACRED HEART SHOP!

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
28TH OCTOBER 2007
THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Do you sit in the same pew each week? Have you ever unknowingly sat in someone else's customary pew? How about the back pew? Some people stake out their places there too! Back pews often are a refuge for late comers, early leavers, parents with small children or those who might not want to be immersed in all that "church community stuff."

What about the tax collector? He too sat in the back pew - because he had an attitude. Of course, the Pharisee relished the front pew and sat there because he, too, had an attitude. For one, the attitude helped him to pray and undergo conversion. The other had an attitude that kept him in a shallow world of self. Is it any surprise that the Pharisee went away empty in the eyes of God? He received nothing because he needed nothing - at least in his own eyes. What an attitude!!

The tax collector found God because he prayed with a poverty of spirit. He prayed with open hands that held nothing except his own neediness and humility. What an attitude!! However, the Pharisee, with clenched fist, arrived at a dead end because he lacked humility and the awareness of his need to change. He was not open to the possibility that with God's help he could become a better person. Perhaps he was afraid to allow God to lead him to new ways, afraid to trust and afraid to lose control of his life. But such a life is as fragile as a house of cards.

What does this mean for us? In short, we must each make that space for God and learn to let go of whatever fears, attachments and attitudes that hamper our life of prayer. Remember: it is not the pew that's important. It's the attitude that sits in it that counts.

Sincerely,

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27 October to Sun 4 November

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	28 Oct	9.30am	John Monks
Tue	30 Oct	12.00noon	Michael Keavney
Wed	31 Oct	9.30am	(12A) Anthony Hunter (lately dead)
Thu	1 Nov	12.00noon	ALL SAINTS In Thanksgiving
Thu	1 Nov	7.30pm	ALL SAINTS Michael Towey
Fri	2 Nov	7.00am	ALL SOULS Broughton Society intentions
Fri	2 Nov	7.30pm	ALL SOULS Holy Father's intentions
Sat	3 Nov	12.00noon	Frances Dunne
Sun	4 Nov	9.30am	Kay Ashton

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	27 Oct	6.30pm	Winnie Carney
Thu	1 Nov	7.30pm	ALL SAINTS (SH) Alfred Henry Carr
Fri	2 Nov	7.30pm	ALL SOULS Holy Father's intentions
Sat	4 Nov	6.30pm	Anthony Hunter (lately dead)

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	28 Oct	11.00am	Walter Roach
Sun	4 Nov	11.00am	People of the Pastoral Area

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	1 Nov	10.00am	ALL SAINTS Special Intention (VH)
Fri	2 Nov	10.00am	ALL SOULS All the faithful departed

At Saint Joseph's Church, Mather Lane

Sundays	8.30am, 10.30am	Masses
Mon, Wed	12.00noon	Masses
Wed	31 Oct	7.30pm VIGIL MASS ALL SAINTS
Thu	1 Nov	12.00noon ALL SAINTS
Fri	2 Nov	12.00noon ALL SOULS

At Saint Richard's Church, Mayfield Street, ATHERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 3 November beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SACRED HEART CHURCH

- R.C.I.A. group has a half-term break this Wednesday but those who can are visiting St Richard's, Atherton at 7.00pm to take part in the third Mass of their current novena.
- 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
- Monday at 7.30pm is the last chance to join the Legion of Mary at 12A in Rosary followed by Torchlight Procession.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

**This poor man called;
the Lord heard him.**



God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke 18:13

AS A PASTORAL AREA

We pray ... that many young men and women respond to the call of Christ to be Missionaries of the Gospel, bringing the message of God's Mercy and unconditional love to all the world.

Your prayers are requested for Colin Willcock, who is sick.

All Saints Day is a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION

A CHARITY EVENING

at Twelve Apostles Club on Fri 9 November at 8pm in memory of Maria Ashbrook. All proceeds to N.A.C.C.: - Admission - £3.

Collections: (SH): £445.08 [APF World Missions £68.92], (OL): £185.89 [£63.38], (12A): £162.50 [£40.96]. **Retiring collections next week (all)** for L.A.M.P. (Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project.)

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 13, 22, 28. Jackpot: £200. No winners. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £300.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 705, A Waterfield. £5 - 204, A Brunskill. £3 - 717, M Moore. £2 - 447, M Roach, Bonus Ball No n/a.

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 (£135). Women's Confraternity Prize Bingo Tue 30 October 7.30pm. **200 Club Results** 1st £40 No 48 A Wilson, 2nd £15 No 94 A Newton, 3rd £5 No 220 E Adshead, 4th £5 No 66 D Flannery.