

REASONS TO COME TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY

1. To worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our own parish and around the world.
2. To show our kids how much our faith means to us.
3. To be united with all the billions of Catholics down through the ages who have shared in this same sacrifice and celebration.
4. To worship the Son of God made flesh.
5. To adore the Father as "the source and the end of all the blessings of creation and salvation".
6. To thank the Son for His redeeming sacrifice.
7. To glorify the Spirit, our advocate in heaven.
8. To sing the Gloria, one of the greatest hymns of praise ever composed.
9. To meditate upon all the saving events of Holy Week and the Resurrection of Easter Sunday.
10. To take time out from all the hustle and bustle of the week to experience a glimmer of the sacred.

Josie and Brenda give their thanks to everyone who helped to make Our Lady's annual re-union with St Peter's a big success. Special thanks to Barbara and her residents at Moss Bank for their help. We raised £104.50 in aid of the HCPT Appeal.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED Thursday 15 November 7.30pm

Sacred Heart church. Fr John offers Mass for all the bereaved in our Pastoral Area. As you arrive, you can write the name of your loved one on a card, and Father will invite you to bring it to the altar at the start of Mass and light a candle for them. ALL WELCOME AT THIS MASS

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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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
4TH NOVEMBER 2007
JESUS IN OUR MIDST**

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth (1st Reading)

Julian of Norwich, an English mystic of the 14th century seems to ask many of the same questions that we have today on the spiritual journey. For November nights, I can recommend her spiritual classic *Revelations of Divine Love*.

For those who struggle with negative images of God, Julian offers a welcoming image of coming home to a God who is accessible, familiar, and courteous. God's familiar love is described as a source of joy encompassing the unity of all our earthly relationships. To describe the gentle compassionate love of God, she uses the image of God as mother.

Julian of Norwich:

As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our mother. And he revealed that in everything and especially in these sweet words where he says,

*"I am the power and goodness of fatherhood,
I am the wisdom and lovingness of motherhood.
I am the light and grace which is all blessed love."*

Being at home with God includes being at home with all of creation. One of Julian's most famous passages is her surprise when she sees God's divine presence and protection in an ordinary hazelnut in the palm of her hand.

In the words of Julian:

I looked at the hazel nut with the eye of my understanding and thought, what can this be? I was amazed that it could last for I thought that because of its littleness it would suddenly have fallen into nothing. And I was answered in my understanding. It lasts and always will, because God loves it, and thus everything has being through the love of God.

Peace

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 3 November to Sun 11 November

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	4 Nov	9.30am	Kay Ashton
Tue	6 Nov	12.00noon	Terence Ward
Wed	7 Nov	9.30am	(12A) Tessie Kay (sick)
Thu	8 Nov	12.00noon	Maria Patricia Ashbrook
Sun	11 Nov	9.30am	People of the Pastoral Area

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	3 Nov	6.30pm	Anthony Hunter (lately dead)
Sat	10 Nov	6.30pm	Nora & John Devaney & Jimmy Maxwell (Anniv.)

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	4 Nov	11.00am	People of the Pastoral Area
Sun	11 Nov	11.00am	Walter Pritchard

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	8 Nov	10.00am	Kath Carter
Fri	9 Nov	10.00am	Mr Taylor (lately dead)

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, AHERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 10 November beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH

Meetings & Events:

- R.C.I.A. Wednesday 7.30pm Sacred Heart. We shall watch and discuss the Archbishop's 'Leaving Safe Harbours' DVD (big screen) All are welcome, even just for this one session.
- XMAS FAYRES (see back page)
- Please keep the donations coming for both Xmas Fayres. Only two/three weeks to go!
- This Tuesday 7.30pm Sacred Heart parish house Baptism Preparation Meeting. Ring beforehand. Thank you.
- Next Wednesday, 14 Nov 7.30pm meeting for all confirmation catechists at St Joseph's. **Helpers Wanted!**
- This Tuesday: 7.30pm XII Apostles Christmas Liturgy Meeting for all wishing to be involved. (The Celebrant is Fr Steve.)

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

PSALM RESPONSE

**I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**



Hurry, because I must stay at your house today. Luke 19:5

AS A PASTORAL AREA

We pray ... For the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project (LAMP). For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all on our November Lists.

As deeply as you open to life, so life will open to you.

A CHARITY EVENING

in Twelve Apostles Club next Friday at 8pm in memory of Maria Ashbrook. All proceeds to N.A.C.C.: - Admission - £3.

Collections: (SH): £412.33, (OL): £188.36, (12A): £163.97. **Retiring collections this week (all) for L.A.M.P.**

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 14-21-26. Jackpot: £278. No winners. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £380.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 495, Mrs M Flynn. £5 - 694, Mrs A Waterfield. £3 - 848, Mrs B Woods. £2 - 846, Mrs J Causby, Bonus Ball (28 Oct) No 3 J Flynn, (21 Oct) No 20 J Newill.

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 (£).

Twelve Apostles has now run out of Mass intentions! Please use the envelopes provided. (The usual offering for a Mass is £5). Mass cards available from the piety stall. Please send in requests asap. Thank you.