

ALL SOULS

November is traditionally the month set aside by our church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. Flower arrangers are requested to erect a special shrine in Our Lady's alcove (in the church) where parishioners may bring flowers, pictures, or memorial cards of your departed loved ones to place in this shrine all during November.

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

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP NIGHT

Next Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart Church

"The Cross & the Blood"

An old man, a tramp, wanders into a graveyard...he sees the Cross and is drawn to it, and he begins to sing. His song is also ours - a message of hope in a broken world. Fancy something a bit different? Try our experimental service - no sermon - using powerful images and music to heal the soul, allowing you to think your own thoughts, say a prayer, talk to Fr John, (available also for Confessions), maybe shed a tear. Every one welcome! Bring a friend who's been away, or come alone.

Jesus' blood never failed me yet

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

This Thursday at 7.30pm in 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

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

TWELVE APOSTLES CHRISTMAS FAYRE

(NEXT SUNDAY 18 Nov at 1.00pm)

Next meeting this Monday 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!

Tombola prizes, toys, books, fancy goods, draw prizes wanted, books of raffle tickets to be sold. There seems to be much less than last year coming in so far - Please don't leave it too late!

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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
11TH NOVEMBER 2007
SUCH SURE HOPE

This is the month of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We have done a disservice to our dead by canonizing them all, by deciding that no matter what their lives may have been like, they must be in heaven right now. It is a disservice because the faithful departed need our prayers. They need us to offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

The greatest prayer that we can offer for the dead is the prayer of Christ on the Cross, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. That is why we have funeral Masses. It is sad that sometimes a person passes away who never missed Mass, but whose relatives decide that they don't want to be bothered with going to Church for a funeral. While it is true that there are fewer priests available, we would still like to be of as much assistance as possible when somebody dies. It would help if the priest was informed before any other arrangements are made. Prayerful planning of the Mass with the priest will help you and your loved ones deal successfully and gracefully with the ultimate rite of passage through death to eternal life.

Having said all this, and important as it is, the funeral Mass is not absolutely necessary. As the number of priests decline, Funeral Services are becoming more common: using the word of God, finding the strength through God's Word. Funeral Services may be in church or at a crematorium; and are usually conducted by a Deacon. It is not an obligation (to have a funeral Mass) because sometimes there is a good reason why we don't have it.

The main thing is that no one in our community should face the journey of grief alone. Peace.

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 November to Sun 18 November

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	11 Nov	9.30am	People of the Pastoral Area
Tue	13 Nov	12.00noon	November List
Wed	14 Nov	9.30am	(12A) Wasyl (Bill) Gulka (LD)
Thu	15 Nov	12.00 noon	Veronica Worrell
Thu	15 Nov	7.30pm	Bereaved of the Pastoral Area
Sun	18 Nov	9.30am	November List

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	10 Nov	12.00noon	November List
Sat	10 Nov	6.30pm	Nora & John Devaney & Jimmy Maxwell (Anniv.)
Thu	15 Nov	9.10am	Agnes & Joan Mary Atherton (Anniv.)
Sat	17 Nov	6.30pm	November List

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	11 Nov	11.00am	Walter Pritchard
Sun	18 Nov	11.00am	Sacred Heart Confraternity

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Fri	16 Nov	10.00am	November List
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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, ATHERTON

A 6.30pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS FOR ALL NINE PARISHES

ADORATION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

SATURDAY 17 November beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

- This Wed, 14 Nov, a 7.30pm meeting for **all** confirmation catechists at St Joseph's. **Helpers Wanted!**
- Pastoral Area Forum day of reflection at St. Ambrose Barlow Parish Hall on Sat 17 Nov 9:30am to 4:30pm. Fr Philip Inch (co-ordinator of Leaving Safe Harbours) & Kevin Quigley will lead. All welcome. Please tell Peter (676962) today!

A PRAYER

Lord, we miss our loved ones who have died.
 Sometimes words fail to express the sadness we feel,
 particularly when our loss is recent.
 We trust and believe that they are now in a loving relationship
 with you.
 May all our loved ones who have died rest in peace

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

PSALM RESPONSE

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.



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KEEP THE MASS INTENTIONS COMING PLEASE!

Thanks to all who have sent in Mass intentions and Pious Lists. One of our smaller church communities (Twelve Apostles) is especially in need of Mass intentions (even Sat evening). Whether you attend the Mass or not, you can still request a Mass there. Just mark your envelope "Twelve Apostles". (For some time, the donation has been just £5 per Mass – for some people that's a lot - and some are more than generous!) Hand in your envelope at any of our letter-boxes, and it will be forwarded. This system applies to intentions for Twelve Apostles, Sacred Heart and Our Lady's.

May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ. 2Th 3:5

Collections: (SH): £400.33 [LAMP £174.62], (OL): £189.35 [£92.16], (12A): £177.52 [£64.19]. **Retiring collection this week at 12A** for Church Repair Fund.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 6,12, 22. Jackpot: £372. ONE winner. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £100.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 195, PCW. £5 - 877, Mrs N Flynn. £3 - 218, Mrs Collins. £2 - 153, Mrs M Foy, Bonus Ball No 4 M Collins.

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 (£).

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL (PIC)

The November issue is on sale. Please buy one!