

TWELVE APOSTLES CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SUNDAY AT 1.00PM

After Saturday night Mass we are taking things from the house across to the club. If anyone is free to help it would be much appreciated. On Sunday morning from 10.00am we will be setting up. Again, all help welcome, any donations still welcome. Please come along and support us - let's see if we can beat last time's total! We will be shortly holding our selection box raffle, all donations very welcome.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAYRE
NEXT SATURDAY AT 1.00PM (EARLIER TIME)
NO Parish Centre Bingo on Wednesday this week.

SWITCHING ON OF LEIGH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

At 6.00 pm **THIS** Thursday 22 Nov we are invited along with members of the other churches in Leigh to be in the Town Hall Square. People are needed who are willing to sing a few carols on the stage.

TWELVE APOSTLES WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE EASTER 2008

There will be a reunion next Saturday in the lounge after 6.30pm Mass, where we will be sharing photos and showing last years video. Anyone who is interested in coming is very welcome. You will be able to pay a deposit of £20 per person to reserve your place.

SECURITY

All churches are soft targets to the criminal element. The churches in Leigh appear to be targeted recently, including a theft of a projector from Sacred Heart, which almost ruined the "Alternative Worship" last Wednesday. While we want to welcome "sinners" we don't want them to abuse our sacred spaces. We are all encouraged to be especially vigilant; for example, when passing the door in the day, just a quick check that it is secure only takes a moment. For insurance purposes we are required to tighten up procedures at Sacred Heart, which will be a necessary inconvenience. Please report all suspicious behaviour.

Thank you. Fr John

A CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE FOR ANYONE

at Twelve Apostles Club on Friday 7 December 2007. Tickets £20, on sale at the Club. Small parties or block bookings available.

Eileen, Jim & Kevin Ashbrook thank everyone who supported the Crohn's disease evening at 12 Apostles. £715.50 was raised for Charity.

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OF ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
NEWSLETTER OF THE CHURCHES OF
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
18TH NOVEMBER 2007
THE TRIUMPH OF GOD

It is very difficult to whistle or sing one melody while listening to another at the same time. Singing harmony, that is the same song with different but harmonious notes, is also difficult, but pleasant to the ear. There are many songs and melodies running through our minds as we walk our daily paths. One of them is the song of Grace to which we are attracted. It is subtle, gentle and quiet. Others are louder, seductive and also attractive. Jesus is always singing His song in the pages of the Gospels, and yet He had to listen to various compositions Himself, but was never seduced by them.

We prepare to join the Church's great hymn of Thanksgiving in the Eucharist, by tuning in to the Song of Grace within our souls, but that will take some careful listening to songs which sound like Grace, but are dis-graces, or dis-harmonious eventually. It is good for us to listen to the discords of our ways and how they play against the song of Grace when we sing in harmony with its gentle melodies. We can listen these days to all the songs of life, this world, our cultures, and try to hear that Song of Grace which leads us to the Eucharist and its mission.

Those who listen and dance to God's melody will leap like calves going to the pasture. The coming of God upon the earth will be like the sun shining upon those who are righteous. The "sun of justice" will make light of the proud and arrogant and bring healing to those who thought themselves to be losers.

Peace.

Fr John

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 17 November to Sun 25 November

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

At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road

Sun	18 Nov	9.30am	November List
Tue	20 Nov	12.00noon	Jack Gargan
Wed	21 Nov	9.30am	(12A) November List
Thu	22 Nov	12.00 noon	Michael Smith (sick)
Sun	25 Nov	9.30am	Kathleen & Wilfred Winstanley

At Twelve Apostles Church, Nel Pan Lane

Sat	17 Nov	6.30pm	Nora & John Devaney & Jimmy Maxwell (Anniv.)
Sat	24 Nov	6.30pm	People of the Pastoral Area

At Our Lady Of The Rosary Church, Plank Lane

Sun	18 Nov	11.00am	Sacred Heart Confraternity
Sat	24 Nov	12.00noon	November List
Sun	25 Nov	11.00am	Kath Carter

At Moss Bank Court Sheltered Accommodation, Faith Street

Thu	22 Nov	10.00am	Kath Carter
Fri	23 Nov	10.00am	Infirm Secular Clergy

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 24 November beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

YOUTH SUNDAY

Next Saturday/Sunday we welcome the children from XII Apostles and Sacred Heart schools who will join us in the 6.30pm and 9.30am Masses. The readings are from the Children's Lectionary. The children will do the readings, offertory etc and select the hymns - which may or may not be in the hymn books.

The special collection for Youth Sunday is to support the work of the Animate Team, based at Lowe House in St Helens. The Animate Team needs our financial help to develop an exciting programme of support to schools and parishes.

Are you new to one of our parishes? If you have recently moved to this area, and if you pay tax, please contact the parish office and ask about the Gift Aid envelopes.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.



The sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Mal 3:20

We pray for the tens of thousands of men, women and teenagers held in our prisons today.

We pray for prisoners' families. We pray for all who work with prisoners.

Although we are not having a collection for Prisoners Sunday, as an individual you may wish to support PACT (Prisoners Advice & Care Trust) their website is: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

In those dying weeks of the church's year, the liturgy recalls the "last things" and today, in particular, the end of the world. We should live our lives in the light of eternity.

Collections: (SH): £469.88, (OL): £185.06, (12A): £177.05 [Repair fund £47.20]. **Retiring collection next week (all churches)** for Catholic Youth Service.

Sacred Heart Lottery: Winning Numbers: 6, 15, 29. Jackpot: £90. NO winner. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £180.

Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw: £10 - 384, Mrs M Sweeney. £5 - 815, Mrs U Lightford. £3 - 049, Molly. £2 - 287, Mrs D Flannery, Bonus Ball 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 (£165). Next 200 Club on Wednesday.

Ten week school maintenance draw on Fri 30 Nov, 8.00pm in the Parish Hall Lounge.