

Coming Soon to our Pastoral Area:

**ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP NIGHT AT SACRED HEART, LEIGH**  
**UNITED SERVICE FOR ADVENT: CHANTS & SILENCE**

On Saturday December 8, 8 - 9pm we will gather together with Christians from other churches in Leigh at Sacred Heart church and take time out of the pre-Christmas hustle and bustle and 'be still' as we listen to the word of God and sing some of the beautiful Taizé chants. Everyone welcome!

**SAINT MARY'S SIXTH FORMERS**

- would like to invite eight senior citizens from each of our parishes to a Christmas party on Wednesday 19 November between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Refreshments, entertainment, a raffle and prize bingo will all be provided. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of our churches. The closing date is Friday 30 November.

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

During Advent, one of the intentions that we are asked to pray for is *Openness to the Word of God*. Traditionally the second Sunday of Advent (9 December this year) is when we celebrate Bible Sunday. If you would like to pray the Divine Office - The Office of Readings followed by Vespers (Evening Prayer), Deacon Tony invites you to please come along to Sacred Heart church from 3.30 until 4pm.

**TWELVE APOSTLES WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE EASTER 2008**

There will be a reunion in the lounge after 6.30pm Mass today, where we will be sharing photos and showing last year's 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.

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

A Catholic and lost contact? You are welcome! Here's a message from Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor: *"My Dear Friends, A warm welcome awaits you. At your own pace and in your own time, we'd be interested to hear your story and learn from your experiences. You are an important member of the Body of Christ. Come."*

If you're not ready to visit a Catholic church please visit our tailor-made website which can be found at: [www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk](http://www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk)

**BAPTISM MEETING**

Parents should ring to reserve a place at the meeting for our three churches at Sacred Heart, 7.30pm on Tue 4 December.

**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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**Fr. John R. Finch, Fr. Stephen Cooper**  
Deacons: Rev. Bill Parr, Rev. Dennis Vint, Rev. Tony Arrowsmith

**LAST SUNDAY OF YEAR C**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

Today is the feast of Christ the King and the end of the Church's liturgical year. In the Gospel today Jesus forgives the good thief from the cross. This is a most unusual king and his kingdom is not what we might expect, either. He takes on the guise of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner.

Are we ready to recognize Jesus in the faces of these people today, and in the faces of all who cross our path? If so, we can taste the reign of God here and now. We have an opportunity each time we pray at home, each weekend at liturgy, each time we smile at someone speaking a language we don't understand in the supermarket queue. May our welcome be as inclusive as Jesus' was.

**Advent Begins**

If you have an Advent wreath at home, gather your household next Saturday night or Sunday and bless your wreath with the following prayer: "Faithful God, we praise you for this wreath. Its circle reminds us that your love is unending. By the light of this wreath, we shall wait in patience for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts our fears and brings hope to our confused world. All glory be yours now and forever. Amen."

You can light the first purple candle as you pray: "Dear Father, as we begin this Advent, quiet our hearts and teach us to make time for you so that we may hear your voice. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

Peace. Fr John

**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 24 November to Sun 2 December

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

**At Sacred Heart Church, Walmesley Road**

Sun	25 Nov	9.30am	Kathleen & Wilfred Winstanley
Tue	27 Nov	12.00noon	Jack Gargan
Wed	28 Nov	9.30am	(12A) Jack & Dorothy Harvey
Thu	29 Nov	12.00 noon	November List
Sat	1 Dec	12.00noon	Stefan Popik
Sun	2 Dec	9.30am	John Heneghan, Terry Johnson

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

Sat	24 Nov	6.30pm	People of the Pastoral Area
Thu	29 Nov	9.10am	Atherton & Cassidy families
Sat	1 Dec	6.30pm	Jack Grundy (Anniversary)

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

Sun	25 Nov	11.00am	Kath Carter
Sun	2 Dec	11.00am	Martin Gallagher (LD)

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

Fri	30 Nov	10.00am	William & Catherine Flynn
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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 1 December beginning 11am, Mass at noon.

At SACRED HEART CHURCH

**XII APOSTLES CHURCH XMAS FAYRE PRIZE RAFFLE**

1st Spirit Hamper 2109 Susan Bostock claimed, 2nd Food Hamper 2775 Sheila Crawley claimed, 3rd Beer/Wine Hamper 1863 E Atkinson, 4th Chocolate Hamper 1662 B Heaton claimed, 5th Quality Street 1433 Mrs Sepple, 6th Spice Pack 2280 Martin – Red Lion claimed, 7th Ladies Toiletries 2970 Marie Frain claimed, 8th Gents Toiletries 1704 M Foxcroft claimed.

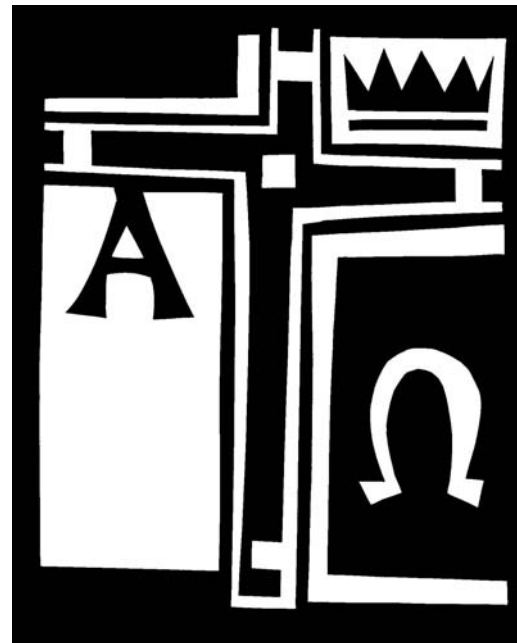
**TWELVE APOSTLES XMAS FAYRE**

Raised £1062.69. Well done! Thanks to all who helped & supported, also for recent donations £20 (anon), £100 from Westleigh Fun Club and £10 from the Legion of Mary. The Church Repair Fund are holding their annual selection box raffle, all donations gratefully received.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
“Let us go to God’s house.”**



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YOUTH SUNDAY

*"You must be the change you want to see in the world"*

Mahatma Gandhi

This year young people are asked to think about conflict and the effect it has on us all. We invite our young people to stand in solidarity with other young people around the world and be the change they want to see in the world.

**As a Pastoral Community we pray ...** for the people of Bangladesh and on this Youth Sunday, for young people and for our church, the Body of Christ, as we follow in the footsteps of our Crucified King. May our lives proclaim His mercy and His love.

*God wanted all perfection to be found in him when he made peace by his death on the cross.*

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**Collections:** (SH): £395.72, (OL): £197.10, (12A): £208.35. **This week's retiring collection (all)** is for Catholic Youth Services.

**Sacred Heart Lottery:** Winning Numbers: 20, 27, 29. Jackpot: £178. NO winner. Next Week's Estimated Jackpot: £270.

**Our Lady's 1000 Club Draw:** £10 - 948, Mrs B Woods. £5 - 609, Stephen Moore. £3 - 905, Mr L Hancock. £2 - 612, Mrs A Sharkie, Bonus Ball 11 Nov - 4 L Ellis, 17 Nov - 29 S Holt.

**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 (£175). **200 Club** £40 - 188 W Southern, £15 - 216 E Peacock, £5 - 72 M Fairclough, £5 - 138 B Mather. **Womens Confraternity** Monthly Bingo Tue 7.30pm. Family Quiz Fri at 8.30pm in the lounge. **Ten week school maintenance draw** on Fri 30 Nov, 8pm in the Parish Hall Lounge.