



## St. John Rigby Pastoral Area 13 Newsletter

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**LORD, LEAD, GUIDE AND DIRECT US BEYOND SAFE HARBOURS INTO NEW AND SACRED WATERS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**

### *Pastoral Area Social Events*

*A Variety Night to be held at St James' Orrell 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009. All you talented people brush up on your acts' singing dancing musical instruments and watch this space for a rehearsal dates.*

**Christmas Pantomime:** Cinderella Rockafella will be held at St Francis of Assisi school. Come and enjoy the performance.

Dates: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:30pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:30pm. Tickets £3 for adults and £2 for children

**Childrens' Church** An out-door Mass to be held this coming summer for the children of the Pastoral Area. Further information to follow

### Catechetical Events

#### Living Faith

"A simple introduction to Christian Ministry". You are invited to attend this course which is being offered in our Pastoral Area over four sessions:

#### **Aims of the course:-**

- a) To reflect on your identity as a Catholic Christian
- b) To reflect on the promises and responsibilities flowing from baptism.
- c) To develop your understanding of the Church in the context of Leaving Safe Harbours.

#### **Session One:** Knowing Who I Am

Will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7:30pm

#### **Session Two:** Believing in God – How God Calls Us

Will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 at 7:30pm

#### **Session Three:** Believing in Jesus

This will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7:30pm

#### **Session Four:** Believing with Others

Will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7:30pm

**All** the meetings will be held in the Parish hall at St. Marie's in Standish. And will finish with light refreshments.

## **Forth Coming Pastoral Area Events**

**Living Faith** commences 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
information as stated.

**Variety Night** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 - auditions  
should be well on the way.

**Archbishop** to visit the priests'

**Pilgrimage to Turkey** 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Shared Confirmation Catechists Meeting** with  
St Teresa's, St Marie's and St Bernadette's

**Youth Mission:** at St Peter's takes place 28<sup>th</sup>  
June 2010

**Home Mission Sunday:** RCIA and prayer begins  
afresh

**PAWG Meetings** TBA

**Priest Meetings** TBA

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*Information, thoughts and ideas for  
the Pastoral Area Working Group  
newsletter should be sent to the  
PAWG email box.*

All information for the newsletter  
should be submitted at least four  
weeks before the next addition  
which will be the Easter addition.

## **Achievements to Date - December 2009**

Decided to name the Pastoral Area St. John Rigby

The St John Rigby Centre Skelmersdale is now  
up and running

PAWG meetings = 6 times a year

Priests meeting = 6 times a year

Ministry team meeting to be arranged

Parishes in clusters:

St Joseph's, St Marie's & St Bernadette's

Carmel, St Teresa's, St James'

Three Churches of Skelmersdale

Benedictine willing to help in emergency

Decided PAL to visit/swap parishes for  
weekends: (St Teresa's has done this)

Mass times discussed: agreed no blueprint to be  
drawn up - deal with as rises

Newsletter planned for 4 times a year

St Joseph's invite others to St John Rigby's  
annual Mass

Pilgrimage planned for February

RCIA: agreed start date and prayers,  
Skelmersdale and St Teresa's link after Easter.

Baptism Prep: Skelmersdale offered to receive  
people from other parishes

Leadership Teams: St Marie's & St Bernadette's,  
St James' and St Teresa's met up one with  
facilitator.

Safeguarding Parish Reps met once, planned to  
meet again.

Marriage Prep: day course at St Teresa's open to  
all.

Children's Liturgy 'Open Air Mass' planned

Variety Social Night planned to take place at St  
James'

Living Faith formation course planned together