St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

Incorporating the Former Parishes of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, St. Richard's, Atherton & Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

Priests: Fr. Paul Seddon. (Tel: 883395)
Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

28th November. 2021- First Week of Advent. C

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Saturday @ 5pm.
Sacred Heart Church.
Tracy Smith.

Sunday @ 9-30am.
St.Richard's Church 9-30am.
Sandra Roberts.

Sunday @ 10-30am.
Sacred Heart Church.
Edwina Gallagher.

Mon.29th Nov. at SH 7pm.
Private Int. (DM).

Tue 30th Nov .St.R's.1030am
Fred Rothwell.

Wed 1st Dec. 12noon SH
Margaret & Thomas Delaney & Winnie Foster.

Thur.2nd Dec.St.R's.10-30am
Dennis Yates.

Fri 3rd Dec. SH.7pm.
Thomas Barrett.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.
Sacred Heart Church.
The Meakin, Gaskell & Hickman Families.

Sunday @9-30am.
St. Richard's Church.
Emma Newton.

Sunday @10-30am.
Sacred Heart Church.
Dorothy Dunne.

Christmas Cards are now in the repository shop.

Sacred Heart Parish Centre is now open for functions, We have snooker and dominoes on Friday nights. Friendship Club Wednesday afternoons 1pm till 4pm. Next Craft Club Thursday 2nd December 1pm till 4pm. Christmas Bingo in the Parish Centre for two Wednesday nights 8th & 15th December. Door open at 7-45pm. Bingo starts at 8-30pm prompt.

Pray for our sick	Lately Dead	Anniversaries
Joan Baines.		Dorothy Dunne.
Eileen McAlister.		Bill Smith.
Joyce Gorton.	Maria Gibbons.	Thomas Cunliffe.
Nora Smith.	Mychajlo Kopyczyn.	Edna May Green.
Jed Bamber.	Sandra Roberts.	Patrick Hill.
Theresa Thompson.	John & Joan Mann.	.
Eileen Watkinson	.	.
Shelia Ratcliffe.		.
Maureen Blears.		.
Jean Culkin.		.
Phyllis Smith.		.
Bernadette		.
Boardman.		.
Peter Weatherhead.		.
Neil Gunson.		.
Jean Rafferty.		.
Teresa Gallagher.		
Dennis Green.		
Jimmy Allen.		
Bill Usher.		
Frank Vose.		
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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16.
The prophet Jeremiah looks forward to a time when honesty and integrity will flourish.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4.
Paul urges the Christian Community in Thessalonika to live the life that God wants them to live.

Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-38.34-36.
Jesus tells his disciples that despite the world's troubles and turmoil, liberation is close at hand.

Please keep Laytona and Isla Marie, who are celebrating Baptism this weekend and all the children and families preparing for Baptism in your prayers at this special time.

If anyone would like to add any items for the Newsletter each week then please let Deacon Ken or Fr. Paul know by Wednesday evening at the latest.
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Fr. Paul – stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

The Season of Advent prepares us to look at the world through the eyes of Christ. It prepares us for his coming in a much deeper way. Sometimes people think that we prepare by ignoring the world we live in or imagine that the difficulties of this life are an obstacle between ourselves and God. But Jesus makes it clear that we prepare for his coming by looking at the world and perceiving, sometimes through all the disorder, the guiding hand of God. With Jesus' insight we can recognise that God is truly with us, even in those moment that are most difficult each day. As we begin our Advent journey this year let us pray that we may learn to see the world and those around us through the eyes of God.

NEW DEANERIES & NEW DEANS.

As part of the response to Synod 2020 most of the deaneries in the Archdiocese are being merged as a way of looking ahead and working together more. Our deanery, the Deanery of Leigh, will be twinned with the Wigan Deanery. The new Dean will be Fr. Gordon Abbs who is based at All Saints, Golborne. Watch this space for further information.

SYNOD 2020 – A PASTORAL PLAN.

On this First weekend of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, we are delighted to be able to receive the Archdiocesan pastoral Plan. As the Archbishop has said in recent Pastoral Letters, "This is to chart the way forward for the Archdiocese in the years to come." The Pastoral Plan will be available online at liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk or you can arrange to purchase a copy from Pauline Books & Media, 84, Church Street, Liverpool at a cost of £" per copy. There is a summary document available for you at Mass this weekend and a postcard containing some of the key words from the Plan and details of how to access the Pastoral Plan online. To find out more you are welcome to any of these open meetings:
Sunday 4th December 11am-12.30pm in St>Mary's, Leyland.
Tuesday 7th December 7.00-8.30pm in Holy Rosary, Aintree.
Thursday 9th December 7.00-8.30pm on Zoom. The link is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/i/86421512557?pwd-SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQihLSIQ5ViJJQT09
Meeting ID: 86421512557 Passcode: 132667

LGBT+ CATHOLICS LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE SUPPORT GROUP.

This new group has been formed as a result of the Synod. Following further conversations, they are now looking to have regular gatherings for Mass, prayer and support. This is not intended to be and will not be a kind of alternative Church. The next Mass will take place at All Saints Church, Anfield, on Sunday December 5th at 12.30 followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families, and friends to gather together in prayer. If you would like to go please contact Fr. Maloney on 0161-2878787 or email frsmaloney@aol.com

SVP CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION.

Every year the St.Vincent de Paul Society organise a Christmas Toy Collection for the children in local hospitals. Due to Covid restrictions we cannot collect toys for hospitals in the usual way. So, this year we are having a retiring collection throughout Advent so that the SVP can buy vouchers for the children instead. If you can help in any way, please donate in the boxes at the back of church as you leave. The collection will continue for the next two weeks.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

An early notice that Mass times for Christmas are: -

Christmas Eve.

Sacred Heart at 5.00pm & St.Richard's at 7.00pm.

Christmas Day.

St.Richard's at 9.30am & Sacred Heart at 10.30am.

Response to the Psalm….

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul".