



St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

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

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4th July 2021– The 14th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Private Intention (V).

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Ellen O'Shea.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Jenny Higginson.

Mon 5th July (7pm.) SH.

Julia Kelly.

Tues 6th July (10.30) St. R's

Ronnie Scott.

Wed 7th July (12) SH.

Ints. P&M Thompson.

Thurs 8th July (10.00) St. R's

Funeral Mass for
Martin Joseph Kelly.

Fri 9th July (7pm) SH.

Patrick Donnelly.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Bridie Phillips.

Sunday @9-30am

St. Richard's Church.

Denis McKiernan.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Dorothy Meakin.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

John Atkins

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Martin Culkin

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Lately Dead

Teresa Weatherhead.

Denis McKiernan.

Martin Joseph Kelly.

Maureen Whittle.

Eveline Orsi.

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Anniversaries

Mary Trumble.

Claude Mortimer.

Terence Durkin.

John Thomas.

Mandy Quaine.

Stephen Jones.

Gillian Anne Catterall.

Josephine Harding.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – From the Prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5.

God sends a prophet to his people to ensure that they do not remain in ignorance of their disobedience.

Second Reading – Letter of St. Paul to the Cori. 12:7-10

In his weakness Paul experiences the power of God's grace.

Gospel Reading – Mark 6:1-6.

True to the proverb that no prophet is honoured by their own town, Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth.

Please remember that if you are unwell or awaiting a test result please **STAY AT HOME.** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has not been reintroduced. Please take care of yourself and others.

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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GOSPEL REFLECTION.

Jesus went back to his native place, and to the people among whom he had grown up. It soon became clear to them that he had changed. Away from Nazareth he had found his true vocation and the meaning of his life. His gifts of teaching and healing had developed enormously. He now had a reputation as a teacher and a worker of miracles. Jesus dearly wished to share his gifts with his own people. But instead of being welcomed, he found people watching him, studying him, and scrutinising him. As soon as he began to speak in the synagogue they could see that he had special gifts. Initially they were impressed, even to the point of being amazed. Yet, instead of rejoicing at this, and opening themselves to what he had to offer, they asked the question, "Where did he get all this? This is the carpenter's son surely?"

The people of Nazareth remembered Jesus' humble origins. After all, what was he but an ordinary carpenter, whose family were well known to them. In effect they were saying, "Who does he think he is?" they had set boundaries to his capabilities. They refused to believe in him. They refused to take him seriously, so he could not do anything for them due to their lack of faith. It's a sad but familiar story – the prophet is not accepted by his own people. So often we fail to acknowledge the gifts and talents of those who are very close to us. We don't always appreciate them or recognise them. This happened to Jesus, in Nazareth, all those years ago. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. Unlike the people of Nazareth, let us pray that we may always open our hearts and our lives to the gifts that Jesus offers us each day. With him in our lives we can do great things, not just for ourselves, but for those around us.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

A reminder that, for the foreseeable future, we will still have to wear facemasks in Church, sanitise our hands and keep social distancing. The numbers of new infections continue to rise in our local area so we must be vigilant and stay safe as much as we can. These are a number of the recent changes:-

Weddings and baptisms with up to 30 adults.

For funerals numbers limited to the capacity of people able to fit into each church with present social distancing guidelines.

PARISH FUNERALS.

At the moment we are able to have full Funeral Masses or Services in church. Numbers are still limited, however, to the capacity of each church within the social distancing guidelines. Please be aware also that we still have to wear facemasks and, like Sunday Mass, Holy Communion will be distributed as you leave.

BAPTISMS.

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of baptisms into the Church. Welcome to all of them. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time. This weekend we welcome Isla Grace & Hallie Chloe into our Parish Family. May God bless them as they begin their journey of faith in Baptism.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Many congratulations to Latisha and James who are getting married in St. Richard's Church this weekend. We wish them ever happiness for the future.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

We are hoping to celebrate the First Holy Communion after summer, in the months of September and October. We will probably prepare the children for First Holy Communion in school, following the Archdiocesan preparation programme. Please watch this space for further details. It has been a difficult time for everyone, especially for the schools who have somehow managed to keep educating the children and welcoming them into the three schools of the Parish in such very difficult and challenging times. Thanks to all our schools for the wonderful work they are doing.