



# 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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**Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)**

1st Jan. 2023. Mary. Mother of God. A.

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**Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

Liam Dalton.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**St. Richard's Church 9-30am.**

Bill Michael.

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

William & Winifred Denton.

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. S H .10am**

Eucharistic Service.

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. St.R's.10-30am**

David Baxter.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. SH.12noon**

Al Jackson. (Sick).

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. St.R's.10-30am**

James & Brendan Burke.

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. The Epiphany.**

**St.R's 12 noon.**

Philip Costello.

**SH .7pm.**

Neville Scott.

**Next week**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> January. SH 5pm.**

Evelyn Griffin.

**Baptism of the Lord.**

**8<sup>th</sup> January.**

**St. Richard's Church.9-30am**

Frank Hankinson.

**Sunday @11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Winifred Sherlock.

## **Pray for our sick**

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

Cheryl Morris.

Pat Woodward.

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Phyllis Smith.

Harry Doyle.

Janina Herko.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Jean Rafferty.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Jimmy Allen.

Elaine Owen.

Frank Vose.

Sheila Holden.

Teresa Ward.

Christopher Holding.

Doreen Hayes.

(Organist)

Dominic Kearns.

Mary Griffin.

## **Lately Dead**

John Stafford.

Keith Whittle.

Norah Hampson.

Sheila Nyland.

Stephen Norbury.

John Rodaway.

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## **Anniversaries**

Jeff Byron.

Alessia Depasquale.

John Middlehurst.

Martin Owens.

John Doherty.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

**First Reading- Numbers 6:22-27.**

*We are beloved and blessed by God our Father.*

**Second Reading St. Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7.**

*As adopted children of God the father, we are sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus.*

**Gospel Reading – Luke 2:16-21.**

*Following the announcement of Jesus' birth, the shepherds come to visit the Infant Jesus. Mary treasures all these events in her heart.*

**Response to the Psalm....**

*"O God, be gracious and bless us."*

*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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Happy New Year to everyone.  
We hope and pray that 2023 will be a great year for your families, friends and for our Parish.

**Parish Centre open for functions.**

**Slimming World Tuesday**

**Back 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

**Friendship Club Wednesday,**

**back in the New Year.**

**Craft every other Thursday**

**Back in the New Year.**

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. The readings place us within the family relationship of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The First Reading sees the Lord reminding his people that they are God's children. In addition to allowing his light to shine upon them, the lord offers them a blessing of peace and a promise of his grace. In the second Reading St.Paul reminds us that we are adopted children of God, and that we are free, no longer slaves. The Gospel Reading reveals the moment when Mary herself takes in the wonder of Jesus' birth and ponders the unique experience of being mother to the Son of God. While Mary's response to this was one of silence and contemplation, the shepherds go away glorifying and praising God. As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season, may we welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives with the same enthusiasm as the shepherds and share this joy with everyone we meet.*

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

*May we wish you all a very Happy New Year and all the best for 2023. It has been another challenging year but somehow, we have got through it. The New Year makes us ponder what lies ahead, but all we can do is live each day at a time. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless us on our journey of faith throughout the New Year and beyond.*

## **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.**

*Please remember that Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass times are: -  
St.Richard's at 12 noon.  
Sacred Heart at 7.00pm.*

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023.**

*Please note that children who are in Year Four or above are being invited to celebrate their First Holy Communion in the New Year. So please watch out for any meetings. Dates of the First Holy Communion celebrations and the preparation meetings will be published early in the New Year. Please watch this space for further details.*

## **DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.**

*To donate, text:*

**HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.**

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.*

## **MANY THANKS.**

*Many thanks to everyone who donated blankets and other goods to the Ukrainian appeal recently. All the goods have now arrived in the Ukraine to help the people in their plight at this awful time. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## **WARM AND COSY.**

*Our Parish centre at St. Richard's Atherton will be open Thursdays after 10-30am Mass. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and Wi-Fi and friendly company. Why not come along and join us for a brew and a chat after 10.30am Mass?*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.**

*Parish of St. John Rigby Pilgrimage to Walsingham 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. There is a list in the porch. Please add your name & number if you are interested.*

