



## 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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### 20th March. 2022. 3rd Week of Lent- C

#### 3rd Week of Lent (C)

##### Saturday.

##### Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

*Dorothy Meakin.*

##### Sunday February 13th

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

*Kevan, Greg & Sam.*

##### Sunday @ 10-30am.

##### Sacred Heart Church.

*Eucharistic Service.*

##### Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. at SH 10am.

*Sheila Winstanley (sick).*

##### Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. St.R's. 10.30am

*Sorry, No Mass today.*

##### Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

##### Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 12noon SH

*Nora Hamilton.*

##### Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. St.R's. 10-30am

*Bessie Ellison.*

##### Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. SH. 10am.

*Gary Ford.*

##### Stations of the Cross - 10.30.

##### Next Weekend

##### Sat. Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

*Thomas Winrow &*

*Ellen Connolly.*

##### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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

*Mary Gould.*

##### Sunday @ 10-30am.

##### Sacred Heart Church.

*Jimmy Rafferty.*

#### Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

Cheryl Morris.

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Phyllis Smith.

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Jean Rafferty.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Jimmy Allen.

Elaine Owen.

Frank Vose.

Sheila Nyland.

Janina Herko.

Harry Doyle.

#### Lately Dead

Samuel Bradshaw.

Yvonne Woodcock.

Brenda Keleher.

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#### Anniversaries

Elsie Byron.

David Meehan.

Doreen Rigby.

Mary Ratchford.

Bernard Green.

Anne Pennington.

Francis Walsh.

Magdalen Robinshaw.

Ruth Price.

Michael O'Halloran.

Dorothy Stephenson.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

##### First Reading- Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

*In the book of Exodus, we are shown God's concern and love for his oppressed people.*

##### Second Reading – St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6.10

*What happened to the people of Israel in the desert should act as a warning to all Christians today.*

##### Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9

*Jesus stresses the importance of repentance and tells the people that time is running out.*

Meeting in the Parish Centre  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March to  
discuss the Cabaret Night  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Sacred Heart Parish Centre  
is open for functions.  
We have snooker and  
dominoes on Friday nights.  
The Friendship Club on  
Wed. afternoon 1pm till  
4pm and Craft every other  
Thurs. 1pm till 4pm.

Please keep safe everyone and look after each other. If you feel you have any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, please stay at home until you feel better. Please follow all the guidelines listed at this 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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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*Jesus uses the beautiful image of the fig tree to illustrate the patience of God. The owner of the vineyard is concerned that the fig tree does not produce enough fruit and wants to have it cut down. His tenant farmer, who looks after the fig tree and knows more about them, tells him to be patient. He will feed the tree, tend it, and look after it, and asks for one more year to allow the tree to produce fruit. He is wise, and very patient. Jesus presents to us an image of God as compassionate and merciful. This is the God whose mercy and love we are called to reflect in our lives and to whom we seek to grow closer to in this Season of lent. Are we like the gardener or more like the owner of the fig tree? Do we ever give people a second chance when they seem to fail? The Gospel today should inspire and challenge us to be more patient and compassionate to those around us, just as God is compassionate and loving to us.*

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

*Tuesdays at 7pm in St. Richard's Church.*

*Friday at 10.30am (after 10am Mass) in Sacred Heart Church.*

## **TAIZE PRAYER.**

*The next Taize Prayer evening will take place on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> in Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green, at 7pm.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.**

*A Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been arranged from the Deanery from April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2022. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa on 07780064502.*

## **DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.**

*As promised here are the details if you wish to donate directly to the Ukraine Appeal. We will, however, continue to have collections at the back of Church after Mass. 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.*

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE.**

*During this time of unrest in the Ukraine, we can pray for a peaceful solution and an end to the sufferings of so many innocent people. So let us come together to pray for peace. Over the next few weeks, we will pray the Rosary in St. Richard's Church after 10.30am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday and before Mass on Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church.*

*Let us come together to pray for peace at this very important time.*

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES.**

*Would those people who usually use Gift Aid envelopes for the weekly collection please collect their new boxes of envelopes from the back of church. Your box is marked with your name and address. For those people who use Standing Order no action is required. Anyone who would like to switch from using an envelope to a Standing order payment please take one of the leaflets from the back of church. A big thank-you to everyone who is paying by Standing Order since it is very helpful in collecting your donation to the church.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*Don't forget, face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time and the opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue. We are keeping some parts of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable.*

*Covid guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.*

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

*"The Lord is compassion and love".*