



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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22nd May. 2022. 6th Sunday of Easter - C

6th Sunday of Easter (C) Saturday.

Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Marie Jackson.

Sunday 22nd May

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Robert Carter.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Mon. 23rd May S H 10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 24th May St.R's. 10.30am

Patricia Shea.

Wed 25th May 12noon SH

Marcus Reid.

Thur 26th May St.R's 10.30am

Joan Baxter.

Fri. 27th May. SH 10am.

Eucharistic Service.

Next weekend.

Sat 28th May. Sacred Heart

5pm. Fr. Thomas Delaney.

7th Sunday of Easter

29th May.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Eveline Orsi.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church

Rose Mary Hughes.

We welcome Gino who will be baptized into the Parish Family this week.

**Parish Centre Meeting
 Monday 23rd May 7pm.
 All Welcome.**

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.

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.
 Harry Doyle.
 Janina Herko.
 Peter Weatherhead.
 Neil Gunson.
 Jean Rafferty.
 Teresa Gallagher.
 Dennis Green.
 Jimmy Allen.
 Elaine Owen.
 Frank Vose.
 Sheila Nyland.
 Teresa Ward.
 Pat Woodward.
 Doreen Hayes
 Christopher Holding

Lately Dead

Geoff Knowles.
 Gerry Williams
 Michael Walsh.
 Margaret Gregson.
 Thomas Johnson.

Anniversaries

Michael Gallagher.
 Sr. Catherine Vose.
 Geraldine Clarkson.
 Marcus Reid.
 Rose Mary Hughes.
 Gertrude Sandilands.

(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

The leaders of the early Church allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading – Book of the Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-2

John reveals the Church as the New Jerusalem, which is built for saints and sinners alike. The temple is the Body of Christ himself.

Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29

At the Last Supper, Jesus speaks words of comfort. He promises that the Holy Trinity will find a home in all of us.

The Legion of Mary are requesting from Parishioners any items you may have religious books or memorabilia you would like to donate for our stall. We would be grateful if it could be left at the back of Church in the shop. Many Thanks.

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.

Today's readings all contain teaching for us as individuals, but also as the Body of Christ in the world. The early Church struggled to discern between true and false teaching and to preserve the community from all attempts to divert attention from Jesus' teaching about welcoming everyone, including sinners, into God's Kingdom. Pope Francis himself has sometimes reminded us that we should never turn the Church into a kind of private members club. Everyone, no matter how long they have been away from the Church, should be made welcome. The story from the Acts of the Apostles, and from St. John's Second Reading, remind us that we are "guests" at Jesus' table, not bouncers or hosts, controlling who is welcome. Jesus himself is the feast and he is the one who invites everyone to come to him. Every member of the Church is a sinner, but every member is welcomed by the love and mercy of Jesus. As we continue to celebrate the great season of Easter, let us pray that we may overcome our fears and prejudices and welcome everyone, for in God's house EVERYONE is welcome to the table of the Lord.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

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CONFIRMATION MEETING.

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with Confirmation preparation this year and those who were able to attend the meeting last Wednesday. The next meeting of helpers will take place at St. Richard's on Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm. If you think you would like to help, please come along to the meeting. All welcome.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2023

We are hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Walsingham during the summer of 2023. If you are interested, please put your name and contact number on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Once we know how many people are interested, we will be able to give more information concerning possible dates and costs. Lauren Morrison 07414146414

ST. JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE.

In September 1972, St. John Rigby College in Orrell opened as the first Catholic 6th Form College in the country. As part of the college's anniversary celebrations, there will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm at 11am on Sunday July 3rd in the College Sports Hall. Mass will be followed by refreshments and a chance for those with an association with the college to reacquaint themselves with the college and meet old friends. If you attended the college and would like to go to the Mass, please book a place via the College website www.sjr.ac.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the preparation for the First Holy Communion celebrations this year. A special thank you to all the catechists, the staff in all the schools, and everyone else who played a part in helping the preparation and celebrations go so well, especially in these difficult times. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

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 continue to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.

Response to the Psalm....

"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."