



# St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

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

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

23rd Oct. 2022. 30th Sunday of the Year. C

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**Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm**  
 Marianna Thompson (*sick*).

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**St. Richard's Church 9-30am.**  
 Betty Hulmes.

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**  
**Sacred Heart Church.**  
 Marie Burrows.

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. S H .10am**  
 Eucharistic Service.

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. St.R's.**  
 Sorry, No Mass Today.

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. SH.12noon**  
 Eucharistic Service.

**Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. St.R's. 11-00am**  
 Please note time change.  
 Memorial Mass for  
 Rosalind Richardson.

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. SH .10am**  
 Eucharistic Service .

**Next weekend.**  
**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> October. SH 5pm.**  
 Tony Whitehead.

**31st Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**  
**St. Richard's Church. 9-30am**  
 Shaun Pendlebury.  
**Sunday @ 11-00am.**  
**Sacred Heart Church.**  
 William Pendlebury.

Tickets on sale for  
**Halloween Night in the  
 parish centre, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
 October £3 each with  
 Pasties and peas, Bingo.**

Parish Centre open for  
 functions.  
**Slimming World Tuesday  
 4-30pm & 7-30pm.**  
**Friendship Club Wednesday  
 1pm to 4pm.**  
**Craft every other Thursday  
 1pm to 4pm.**

**Pray for our sick Lately Dead**

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 Nyland.	.
Teresa Ward.	.
Christopher Holding.	.
Doreen Hayes.	(Organist)
Sheila Holden.	.
Evelyn Griffin.	.

**Anniversaries**

Shaun Garry.  
 Winnie Foster.  
 Jack Young.  
 Bill Needham.  
 Joseph Webster.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading- Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19**

*The Lord hears our prayers and calls us to serve him with all our hearts.*

**Second Reading St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*In all circumstance of our lives, God is always with us.*

**Gospel Reading – Luke 18:9-14**

*It is those who acknowledge their own sin and weakness who are open to receive God's mercy.*

We welcome Ruby Marie Joan Williams who will be Baptised this Sunday and Edie Rae Lynch-Mather who will be Baptised next Sunday.

*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.**

*We can find many similarities between the world we live in and that of our readings today. In many parts of the world, poverty, hunger and death are a stark reminder of how powerful people treat those who are powerless. Sadly, our world does not put an equal value on every life. Even our own hearts can sometimes become hardened to the suffering of those around us and we can find ourselves tempted to a way of thinking that is like that of the Pharisees. If we are not careful, we can offer the minimum required to fulfil the law of our Christian faith without touching the core of its meaning.*

*And yet, at the deepest level of our relationship with Jesus, we want our hearts to be open, to be expanded, to envelop the needs of others and to fill the world with God's love. And the Good News is that we can do it. We may not be in a real prison, but we might find ourselves in the "prison" of righteous judgment like the Pharisees or in the "prison" of unforgiveness or ingratitude. The tax collector, from today's Gospel image, found the forgiveness of God to be more than he hoped for. He went home with a heart that knew God's love in its healing fullness and this same gift is ours for the asking. Armed with such loving hearts, we cannot help but be Good News for all those we meet.*

### **St. Richard's**

*We have a memorial Mass for my beautiful mum, Rosalind Richardson on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at St. Richard's Church Atherton M49 0AQ at 11-00am followed by some refreshments in the Catholic Club next door. We would love anyone who knew my mum from Church to come along to celebrate my mum's life, so colourful clothes would be preferable rather than black. Please could you sign upon the list at the back of Church or feel free to message me on 07799433400 or email me on [katemoyse1979@outlook.com](mailto:katemoyse1979@outlook.com). Thank you Kate, Alan and David Richardson*

### **Christmas Fair.**

*Our Christmas Fair will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, to help with our stalls; we are looking for Raffle Prizes, 2nd hand toys, gifts, bottles for tombola. And any help if you are available.*

### **Christmas Cards.**

*All the Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diary's, etc. are now for sale in the Repository shop.*

### **St. Richard's Masses.**

*If you are requesting a certain date could you please put your name and contact details, hand it in at least two months in advance.*

*To email its temporary one ([strichards13@gmail.com](mailto:strichards13@gmail.com)) this is until Fr. Paul is back.*

### **Donations for Peru.**

*A few years ago Colette Burke was going to Lima to the Brother's who run a special school for boy, which she has done for a number of years. She has asked me if anyone can help with donations, she is returning in November. If you wish to contact her tel; 07877114534*

## **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.*

## **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....**

*"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."*