



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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24th April. 2022. 2nd Sunday of Easter - C

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

John Thompson.

Sunday 24th April

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Aniela Koryl.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Joan Baines Ints.

Mon. 25th April S H 10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 26th April St.R's. 10.30am

The Crank Family.

Wed 27th April 12noon SH

Marcus Reid.

Thur 28th April St.R's

10.30am

The McCoy Family.

Fri. 29th April. SH 10am.

Eucharistic Service.

Next weekend.

Sat 30th April. Sacred Heart.

Pat Shaw & Baby Bowden.

2nd Sunday of Easter

31st April.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Michael Coffey.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church

The Meakin Family.

We welcome Mileja & Mason who will be baptized this weekend.

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.

Lately Dead

Geoff Knowles.

Gerry Williams

Anniversaries

Kenneth Long.

Sheila Lomas.

Bernard Cunliffe.

Jean Cunliffe.

Stephanie Healey

Thomas McKinstry.

Joe Picton.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people came to them for healing.

Second Reading – Book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19

John recounts the vision that led to him writing the Book of revelation. The Risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the future.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31.

The Risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples and commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

Slimming World in the Parish Centre every Tuesday from 5-30pm until 7pm.

Parish Centre meeting Monday 25th April at 7pm.

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.

The last words of Jesus in today's Gospel should bring us all some hope and comfort. He says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet still believe." Doubting Thomas, as he is often referred to, represents all those who want to know more and are not to take the words of others for granted. It is Thomas' personal integrity and inner searching which brings him to a personal experience of the Risen Jesus. This should encourage all those who want to know more, who are not satisfied with easy answers, to keep on asking questions because, very often, the questions are more important than the answers.

We are Jesus' disciples today and are called, not just to continue Jesus' mission of bringing God's love into the world, but also to be the presence of Jesus in our world each day. The people mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles today recognised that the disciples had something special, and they wanted to be part of it. So, they came for blessing and healing. As we think about Thomas' story this weekend let us pray that we, and all those we know, may return to the Lord and recognise the Risen Jesus in the sacraments and especially in those around us.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

The Ukraine collection of money will continue, after Mass as usual, and online. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION.

A reminder that the children from all three schools in the parish are invited to attend the next First Holy Communion Preparation Session this Tuesday in St. Richard's Church at 4pm and Thursday in Sacred Heart Church at 3.30pm. The dates for the First Holy Communion celebrations are as follows: -

Saturday May 7th at 11am- children from St. Richard's, Atherton. (St.R's Church)

Saturday May 14th at 11am – children from Sacred Heart, Hindsford. (St.R's)

Saturday May 21st at 11am – children from Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.

(SH Church)

SVP MEETING.

The next meeting of the Deanery SVPO group will take place in St.Richard's Church after the 10.30am Mass on May 5th. The meeting is open to everyone who may be interested in joining the group. The group tries to meet regularly to raise much needed funds for the poor and needy in our own communities and communities throughout the world. Why not give it and try and come along to the next meeting?

IOLANTHE.

The Three Towns Opera Group are staging a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Iolanthe" in St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh, from May 17th-21st. tickets are priced at £12 & £14 (concessions available) and are available from Ratcliffe Sports, Bradshawgate, Leigh, or by phoning 01942-605369.

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 be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.

Response to the Psalm....

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Alleluia!"