



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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6th Feb. 2022. 5th Week of the Year- C

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Denis Newlove.

Sunday February 6th

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Sandra Roberts.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eucharistic Service.

Mon. 7th Feb. at SH 10am.

Jess Harrison & Gerald Dootson.

Tue 8th Feb. St.R's. 10.30am

The Geraghty Family.

St.R's 11.30 – Funeral Service for Martin Higgins.

Wed 9th Feb. 12noon SH

Maureen Whittle.

St.R's 2pm – Funeral Mass for Bessie Ellison

Thur 10th Feb. St.R's. 10-30am

A Special Intention.

Fri 11th Feb. SH. 10am.

John Thompson.

Next Weekend

Sat. Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Elizabeth Gaskell.

Sunday February 13th.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Eileen & Denis McKiernan.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Michael & Sean Grainey.

This Sunday we welcome into our Parish through Baptism Ruben Whiteway.

Sacred Heart Parish Centre is open for functions. We have snooker and dominoes on Friday nights. The Friendship Club have started their Wednesday afternoon 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.
 Bernadette Boardman.
 Peter Weatherhead.
 Neil Gunson.
 Jean Rafferty.
 Teresa Gallagher.
 Dennis Green.
 Jimmy Allen.
 Elaine Owen.
 Frank Vose.
 Sheila Nyland.
 Janina Herko.

Lately Dead

David Wyatt.
 Elfriede Cunliffe.
 Bessie Ellison.
 Francis Hankinson.
 Martin Higgins.

Anniversaries

Bridie Phillips.
 Doreen Smith.
 Louise Derricott.
 Francis Rigby.
 Stanley Unsworth.
 Michael Doherty.
 Margaret Holding.
 Jess Harrison.
 Rosalind Richardson.
 Arnold Southern.
 Anne Weilding.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Isaiah 6:1-8.

A vision of God's holiness and glory left the prophet Isaiah feeling unclean. Nevertheless, Isaiah became God's messenger.

Second Reading – St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul, to whom the Risen Jesus appeared, felt completely unworthy. By God's grace, he changed from persecuting Christians to becoming a great apostle.

Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11

Peter was another who felt unworthy to be in the company of Jesus. Assured of God's favour, he was sent out to become a fisher of God's people.

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 had made his home in a fishing port, and in today's Gospel we see him walking along the side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was teaching from Simon's boat. Although the men had caught nothing that night, Jesus suggested they go fishing again. When they did, the boat nearly sank, the nets were torn, because the catch was the biggest they had ever caught. Simon recognised Jesus as the Son of God and declared those famous words, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus ignored these words and chose Simon as one of his followers. He had more belief in Simon than Simon had in himself. Even though we are often very aware of our short-comings and limitations, Jesus has faith in us too. He tells us each day, "Do not be afraid". May we answer his call as Simon did and become his disciples in our lives today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2022.

An early notice that First Holy Communion celebrations will (hopefully) take place in May this year. The children at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, are beginning their preparation this week. Sacred Heart, Hindsford and St.Richard's, Atherton, will start their preparation during Lent. We will get letters out to parents as soon as we have the preparation dates. The hope is that we can have children from the different schools celebrating at the same Mass. However, due to covid regulations, this has not always been possible. So, we will make provisional plans and hope that all will be well to celebrate First Holy Communions in May. The dates are as follows: -

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

Saturday May 14th at 11am – children from Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

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

LOURDES MASS.

A Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Church of Christ the King & Our Lady, Queens Drive, Liverpool, L15 6YQ (just at the end of the M62) on Friday 11th of February at 7.30pm. It would be good for all those who usually go to Lourdes to attend the Mass, since there hasn't been a pilgrimage to Lourdes for the last couple of years. You don't need to book. Everyone welcome.

SVP THANK YOU.

The St.Vincent de Paul Society have sent a big thank-you for the donations towards the Children's Christmas Appeal this year. From the parishes of St.John Rigby and St.Margaret Clitherow we raised £1800. Through your generosity the SVP were able to give £3000 in food vouchers to the schools in the area. Many thanks and well done everyone.

LGBT+ GATHERING.

The next gathering of the Archdiocesan Support Group for LGBT+ will take place in St.Richard's, Atherton, on Sunday 20th of February at 2.00pm. If you wish to attend please contact Fr.Stephen Maloney on 0151-2878787 or by email frsmaloney@aol.com

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Last week we received an update concerning the easing of Covid restrictions.

Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time.

Opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue.

A slow return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass – please note that Holy Communion will remain under ONE kind, the sacred Host, for the time being.

There is no need for social distancing in church, but it would still be good to have part of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable.

Good ventilation should continue – in other words, keep the windows open.

The use of Holy Water can now be reintroduced.

These guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.

Response to the Psalm....

"Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord".