



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 August 2023. 20th Sunday of the Year. (A)

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Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.

William Freeman &
Brian Higham.

Sunday 20th August

St. Richard's Church
9:30am.

Kath Urmston.

Sunday @ 11:00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

John Meakin &
Elizabeth Hulmes.

Mon 21st Aug. SH..

Sorry, No Service Today.

Tue 22nd Aug St. R's. 10-30am.

Maria Baxendale.

Requiem Mass S/H. 12pm.

for David Devine.

Wed 23rd Aug. SH. 10:30am.

Mary Ann & Thomas O'Connell.

Thur 24th Aug St. R's 10:30am

Ernest and Cecilia Daniels.

Fri 25th Aug .SH..

Sorry, No Service Today.

Next week

Sat. 26th August S/H 5pm.

Julia & Adrian Kelly.

21st Sunday of the Year

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Bernard Higgins and
Elizabeth Hulmes.

Sunday 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eric Gaskell & Delia
Barrett.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
Fr. Strowbridge.
John Blears.
Nora Smith.
Jed Bamber.
Cheryl Morris.
Pat Woodward.
Dennis Green.
Shelia Ratcliffe.
Maureen Blears.
Jean Culkin.
Phyllis Smith.
Harry Doyle.
Janina Herko.
Peter Weatherhead.
Neil Gunson.
Jean Rafferty.
Teresa Gallagher.
Jimmy Allen.
Elaine Owen.
Frank Vose.
Sheila Holden.
Teresa Ward.
Christopher Holding.
Doreen Hayes.
Dominic Kearns.
Chris Weatherhead.

Lately Dead

Kathleen Hughes.
David Devine.
John Byrne.
Marion Smith.
Ava Hunter
Joyce Gorton.

Sick List Con.

Brian Smith.
Mary Griffin.
Markus Ndreca.
(Prem. Baby).

Anniversaries

Sheila Mary Dainty.
Irene Dawber.
Brian Doherty.
Norman Welch.
Jane Strowbridge.
Edward Higginson.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Romans 11:13-15.29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Response to the Psalm....

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

If anyone would like to add any items for the Newsletter each week then please let Deacon Ken or Fr. Carl know by Wednesday evening at the latest.

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*We Welcome into our Parish next week through Baptism
Sophia Margaret Corns
& Isabelle Faith Ivie.*

Sacred Heart Parish Centre is now closed until further Notice.

Gospel Reflection.

We admire the mother or father who really fights for their child. They won't take no for an answer if their child is being bullied or treated unjustly in any way, they will fight for the best medical treatment for their sick child. The woman in the gospel is like that. She has a sick child and really wants healing. Who would not want the same? She almost forces Jesus into curing her little daughter. Her persistence is an effect of her faith, and because of her faith Jesus cures her child. Do we have the same faith? Do we fight for what we believe is true? Would we fight in the face of injustice?

The Legion of Mary

In response to Our Lady's request at Fatima, to Sister Lucia, for the First Saturdays Devotion for world peace and to make reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, there will be an opportunity to go to Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, commencing 2nd September 2023. Details as follows:

10.00am - 10:30am Reconciliation and Exposition (whilst praying the rosary)

10:30am - Mass

All are welcome to attend. Coffee and tea will be available in the Gordon Room after Mass.

Flower help needed.

Help is needed at Sacred Heart with the flowers for church, the ladies who do them are not well, they wouldn't mind helping or giving someone tuition. Please contact Deacon Ken.

New Altar Servers

Calling all boys and girls who have made their First Communion! If you would be interested in serving at the Altar and helping our current servers, I would be really glad to hear from you. Serving the Lord at Mass is a privilege and brings great rewards; it would be lovely to see new faces to enhance our current team of servers. So if you are interested, please see Fr Carl after any Mass.

Communion of Both Kinds.

We have now reintroducing the chalice at Holy Communion. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice and it's advised not to receive from the chalice if you are feeling unwell. The Bishops have asked that 'intinction' (dipping the host into the chalice) is not to be practiced, but we are still to receive the host in the hand as this is more hygienic for those who distribute the host.

Veneration of the 'Holy Hand'

Veneration and blessing of the 'Holy hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith' will take place at St Oswald's Church, Ashton in Makerfield on Sunday 27th August at 3:00pm.

Mass will be available and the principal celebrant will be Canon Aidan Prescott VG.