



# 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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19th March. 2023. 4th Sunday of Lent. A

## **4th Sunday of Lent A**

**Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

*Evelyn Griffin.*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Richard's Church 9-30am.**

*Leonard & Gertrude Sandilands.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Dorothy Meakin.*

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. S H. 10am.**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. St. R's. 10-30am**

*Brian Tomkins.*

**Funeral Service @ 11am. (R)**

*John Healy.*

**7pm. Stations of the Cross.**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar.**

**Funeral Mass @ 10am. (R)**

*Kathleen Finch.*

**SH. 12noon.**

*Jimmy Rafferty.*

**Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. St. R's. 10-30am**

*Patrick & Catherine Lyons.*

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. SH. 5-45pm.**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**6pm. Stations of the Cross.**

**Next week**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March. SH 5pm.**

*Helen Prior (sick).*

**5th Sun of Lent 26<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

**St. Richard's Church. 9-30am**

*Aniela Koryl.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Thomas Winrow &*

*Ellen Connolly.*

Parish Centre next concert,  
 1<sup>st</sup> April Folk Night. Tickets £5  
 23<sup>rd</sup> April St. Georges Day  
 Proms in Church followed by  
 Cheese and wine in the Centre.  
 Tickets £5

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

## **Pray for our sick**

Joan Baines.  
 Fr. Strowbridge.  
 Joyce Gorton.  
 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.  
 Mary Griffin.

## **Lately Dead**

Harry Mercer.  
 John Healy.  
 Andrew Usher.  
 Barry Gallagher.  
 Kathleen Finch.  
 Michael O'Rourke.  
 Bridie Griffiths.

## **Anniversaries**

David Meehan.  
 Elsie Byron.  
 Mary Ratchford.  
 Francis Walsh.  
 Anne Pennington.  
 Magdalen Robinshaw.  
 Ruth Price.  
 Michael O'Halloran.  
 Dorothy Stephenson.

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

### **First Reading- Samuel 16:1-6.10-13**

*God chose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be King of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.*

### **Second Reading- St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Paul tells the people of Ephesus that now Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their new state.*

### **Gospel Reading- John 9:1-41**

*Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.*

Easter cards are now in the shop at Sacred Heart Church.

*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.*  
 Deacon Ken - ka.holding1@gmail.com  
 Fr. Paul - stjohrighby@rcaol.org.uk

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*The Gospel story this weekend is a lesson on growth in faith. The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, "Lord, I believe." His journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is part of our journey from darkness to light. This season of Lent is part of our journey. May we have the faith of the man in today's Gospel and choose the light of God's love. May this light always guide us in the way of Christ Jesus himself.*

## **EASTER SERVICES.**

*An early notice that service during Easter Week are as follows: -*

*Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> – The Chrism Mass in Liverpool Cathedral at 7.00pm.*

*Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Lord's Supper in Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm.*

*Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of the Lord's Passion in both Sacred Heart Church & St. Richard's Church at 3.00pm.*

*Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> – The Easter Vigil in St. Richard's Church at 8.00pm.*

*Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Morning Mass in St. Richard's Church at 9.30am & Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am. (with a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny!)*

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.**

*Many thanks to those who came along to the first preparation meetings last week. The next meetings will be on the following dates: -*

*St. Richard's Church, Atherton, Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.*

*Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green, Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm.*

*The First Holy Communion Celebrations themselves will take place in May.*

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.**

*During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) along with Prayer and Exposition will take place every Saturday morning between 11-12noon. Next Saturday Exposition and Reconciliation will take place in St. Richard's Church.*

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER.**

*During Lent we will have a time of prayer every Wednesday evening at one of the two churches each week. This week, an hour of Exposition and Gospel Reflection will take place in Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please come along and join us in prayer.*

*Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Richard's every Tuesday at 7pm and Sacred Heart Church every Friday at 6pm.*

## **CONFIRMATIONS 2023.**

*The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year officially closed on Friday. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able register online with the Archdiocese at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click on "Register For Confirmation". Please do so as soon as possible. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.*

## **CAFOD LENT WALK.**

*Emre Gungor (Altar server) is doing a 200km walk for CAFOD and is looking for sponsors if anyone would like to donate. All money is going to CAFOD. Thank You.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2023.**

*Prices for the trip 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August. We've cut it short, people complained.*

*Standard Rooms- £265pp. Please note all the En-suite rooms are now sold out. Prices include bed & breakfast, evening meal & coach. If we get any more interested the price will drop further. There are still a few places left for anyone who is interested. Please contact Lauren Morrison on 07414146414. Please note once paid it is non-refundable. Thank You*

## **Response to the Psalm....**

*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want".*