



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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Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

26th March. 2023. 5th Sunday of Lent. A

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm.

Helen Prior (sick).

Sunday 26th March

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Aniela Koryl.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church

*Thomas Winrow &
Ellen Connolly.*

Mon. 27th Mar. S H. 10am.

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 28th Mar. St.R's. 10-30am

Eileen & Dennis McKiernan.

7pm. Stations of the Cross.

Wed 29th Mar. SH. 12noon.

*John Henry Smith &
Sylvia Denton.*

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

The Sick People of the Parish.

Fri 31st Mar. SH. 5-45pm.

Eucharistic Service.

6pm. Stations of the Cross.

Next week

Sat 1st April. SH 5pm.

Gaskell Family.

Palm Sunday 2nd April.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

The Sandiland & Cuff Families.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Winifred Sherlock.

Parish Centre next concert,
1st April Folk Night. Tickets £5
23rd 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

Doreen Rigby.
Olive Hayes.
Bernard Green.
Thomas McGrath.

(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks to the community in exile, "I shall put my Spirit in you, and you will live."

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Paul focuses on how God's Spirit lives in us.

Gospel Reading- John 11:1-45

The extraordinary account of the final sign that Jesus gave, the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

BAPTISMS.

We welcome Hanna Mary Elizabeth Graetzer-Long, who will be Baptised this 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.
 Deacon Ken - ka.holding1@gmail.com
 Fr. Paul - stjohrigby@rcaol.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

This weekend we hear the wonderful story of the raising of Lazarus, Jesus' friend. The story reminds us of so much, but especially the gift of new life from God, if we continue to have faith in him. The raising of Lazarus perhaps prepared the people, the disciples included, for the Resurrection of the Lord himself. Would they have believed this to be possible at this time? As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter let us pray that the wonderful light of Christ may come into our lives as it did for Lazarus in the Gospel today.

EASTER SERVICES.

Service times during Easter Week are as follows: -

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

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

Saturday April 8th – The Easter Vigil in St. Richard's Church at 8.00pm.

Sunday April 9th – 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!)

CHRISM MASS.

For those of you may wish to travel to Liverpool Cathedral for the Chrism Mass on April 5th, a coach will be departing St. Ambrose Barlow, Astley, and Holy Family, Boothstown. If you wish to book a place on the coach please contact the Parish Secretary, Liz, on 0161-7902390 and leave your name and number. This is purely on a first come first served basis. The price for coach travel will depend on how many people sign up.

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 Sacred Heart 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 St. Richard's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday March 29th. 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 last week. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able register online with the Archdiocese at 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 14th to 18th August. We've cut it short, people complained. Standard Rooms- £265pp. Please note all the Ensuite 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....

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption".