St John Rigby Parish

## 14th January 2024- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## NEWSLETTER

Incorporating St Richards, Sacred Heart (Hindley Green) and Sacred Heart (Hindsford) Churches

## MASS THIS WEEK - 14th Jan - 21st Jan 2024

Saturday 13 Jan - 5:00pm. Sacred Heart - Tom Bretherton & Tony Sutton

Sunday. 14 Jan - 9:30am St Richards - People of the Parish Sunday. 14 Jan - 11:00am. Sacred Heart - Kathleen Murphy Monday. 15 Jan - 10:30am Sacred Heart - Margaret Barrett

Tuesday. 16 Jan - 10:30am St Richards - Mrs Breen

Wednesday 17 Jan - 10:30am Sacred Heart - Private Intention

Thursday 18 Jan - 10:30am St Richards - PJ Finn. Friday 19 Jan - NO MASS

Second Sunday. Sacred Heart 5pm - Thomas & Michael Barrett / 9:30am St Richards - Jean & Ken

Gorse 11:00am Sacred Heart - Geraldine & Joseph Clarkson

Sacramental Programme 2024. We will soon be be beginning our Sacramental Programme to prepare our primary school children in year 4 and above for First Holy Communion in the early summer of 2024. Information will normally be sent through our schools (St Richards, Sacred Heart - Hindley Green and Sacred Heart Hindsford) and through our newsletter. If your child doesn't attend a Catholic school please contact Fr Carl who will be happy to discuss enrolling your child onto the programme. This year we will be insisting that children attend Mass regularly before receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and will have needed to complete the programme in full. We look forward to welcoming our children and their parents / carers onto the programme and to celebrating with them in the summer.

We pray for those who have died recently.

Kevin Maguire, Kevin Moran, Paul Horrocks and John Coneely,

Congratulations to our young people. We were happy to welcome Bishop Tom Neylon to Holy Family church on Tuesday night (9th January) who celebrated a wonderful Confirmation service covering both St John Rigby and St Margaret Clitherow parishes. We congratulate nearly 30 young people who received the Sacrament. The "Liverpool Called" website will soon be available for young people to register their interest in being Confirmed later in the year, otherwise please speak to Fr. Carl.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** After our successful pilgrimage last year, we have booked again for next year, Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 2024. If you are interested, please contact Lauren Morrison. Tel. 0741416414.

Thank you - Deacon Ken. After many years of service Deacon Ken will be leaving the presbytery at Sacred Heart Hindley Green this weekend to move into a new home in Westleigh. We wish Deacon Ken best wishes for the future and a happy retirement. I'm sure we will see him from time to time across the parish and the deanery in Wigan and Leigh.

**Dr Austen Ivereigh.** Author of the highly-acclaimed biography of Pope Francis, Dr Austen Ivereigh is a writer, journalist and commentator on religious and political affairs. He will share his insights and expertise with an audience at St Anne's Overbury Street on Sunday evening at 6.00pm on 28th January 2024. The event will be live-streamed and recorded. Everyone is most welcome to attend.