

St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

Incorporating the Former Parishes of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, St. Richard's, Atherton & Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

Priests: Fr. Paul Seddon. (Tel: 883395) Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

10th October. 2021–28th Sunday of the Year.

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<u>Saturday @ 5pm.</u> Sacred Heart Church.

Eddie Shaw.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

<u>St. Richard's Church.</u> Steven Langin.

Sunday @ 10-30am. Sacred Heart Church.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Mon.11th Oct. at SH 7pm.

Rosleen Duffey.(sick)

Tues.12thOct. St.R's.10-30am

Service of the Word.

Wed 13th Oct. 12noon SH

Anne Wyatt.

Thur.14th Oct.St.R's.10-30am

Service of the Word.

Fri 15th Oct. SH.7pm.

Fr. Michael Goslin.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Sr.Catherine Vose.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Alan Ariss.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Teresa Weatherhead.

Please pray for all those who are preparing for Baptism and First Holy Communion at this special time

Sacred Heart Parish Centre is now open for functions, We have snooker and dominoes on Friday night. Friendship Club Wednesday afternoon 1pm till 4pm. Craft Club starting 21st Oct. 1pm till 4pm. Halloween night 23rd Oct. £5 Bar, Pie & peas, bingo, raffle. 7-30pm till 11pm. By Ticket only.

Pray for our sick
Joan Baines.
Eileen McAlister.

Lately Dead
Mary Brookes.
Fr.Brendan Rice.

Joyce Gorton. . Nora Smith. . Jed Bamber. . .

John Atkins Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe. Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin. Mary McGrath.

Bernadette Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson. Frank Vose. Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green. Jimmy Allen. Bill Usher. Phyllis Smith. **Anniversaries**

Enid Baron. Mary Rigby.

Fr. Michael Goslin. Winifred Mary Tindall.

Betty Smith.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Wisdom 7:7-11.

According to Solomon, prayer leads to wisdom, which is far more important than any created thing.

Second Reading – Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13.

Nothing in creation can ever be hidden from God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:17-30.

Those who leave everything to follow Jesus will receive far more than they ever gave up in the first place.

On Sunday the Legion of Mary will lead the rosary before Mass.

Hopefully we will be able to say it before Mass for the following months.

16th October (Saturday) Cannon McNally will lead the rosary at St. Jude's at

2.00pm. Tea/Coffee and biscuits afterwards. All are welcome.

30th October the L.O.M. are visiting Ladyewell near Preston.

10.45am outside the church. Return approx. 3.30pm.

Packed Lunch

Tea /Coffee available to purchase £10

4 places left. Contact a legionary a.s.a.p. or ring Susan on 07952822440.

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 - stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

In the Gospel today Jesus encounters a young man who wishes to become a disciple. He knew the commandments by heart and had probably tried his very best to live by them throughout his life. Jesus certainly noticed something wonderful in him and perhaps would have loved him to be one of his followers. However, Jesus gave him a final challenge, "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow me." The man walked away sad. He had great wealth. It was then that Jesus uttered those very uncomfortable words, "How hard It is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of Heaven!" It's not that we need to get rid of everything now but ask ourselves what our true goal is — is it the riches of this word, or the glory of being with God in his Heavenly Kingdom.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Don't forget to check the latest guidelines and keep safe during the pandemic. Many of the guidelines, including hand sanitising and wearing face masks are still required in church. Please Remember. Any Symptoms you must stay at home. Further details may emerge soon.

ROSARY DURING OCTOBER.

October is traditionally the month of Mary, so we will be having Rosary at the following times:-BEFORE the 12noon Mass every Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church.

AFTER the 10.30am Mass in St.Richard's Church every Thursday

Please come along and join us in prayer.

AFGHAN REFUGEES - EMERGENCY APPEAL.

Please visit the CAFOD website – cafod.org.uk – to find out more. There is however another website, care4calais.org/Afghan-refugees-appeal, who are directly helping the refugees who are already in this country at the moment.

A MESSAGE FROM FR.PAUL.

Dear Parishioners & Friends, last Monday I received the news that I have been tested positive for Covid 19. It was a bit of a shock in that I had been feeling relatively well over the past few weeks. However, I suddenly started to feel unwell early on Sunday afternoon. I decided to go for a PCR test straight away and the result, as I say, was positive. This means that I now have to self-isolate for approximately 10 days. Only at the end of this time will I be able to have another PCR test — if that one comes back negative then I can get on with life as normal, whatever normal is now! On the whole, although I do feel rough at times, I am OK. It's like having a really bad flu at the moment. I felt really poorly on Sunday and, whilst I am far from 100%, I am starting to feel slightly better. This means that I obviously cannot celebrate public Mass until at least October 14th. Some of the parishioners are kindly putting on a Service of the Word on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.30am. I think this reminds us that the coronavirus is still around. I have been vaccinated twice yet I still managed to get it. Please be careful and vigilant in all that you do. And if you feel any symptoms please go for a PCR test STRAIGHT AWAY. You don't need to book an appointment. Hopefully, please God, I will be better soon and looking forward to seeing you all in church in the very near future.

Assuring you of my Love & Prayers,

Fr.Paul.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS.

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion on the following dates:-

October 16th – Sacred Heart, Hindsford, children in St. Richard's at 10am. October 16th – St. Richard's children in St. Richard's at 12noon.

Response to the Psalm....

"Fill us with your love that we may rejoice".