



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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11th July 2021– 15th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Bridie Phillips.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Denis McKiernan.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Dorothy Meakin.

Mon 12th July (7pm.) SH.

Anna McGoldrick.

Tues 13th July (10.30) St. R's

Michael Deagan.

SH 2pm. Year 6 Leavers Mass.

Wed 14th July (12) SH.

Edward Higginson.

Thur 15th July (10.30) St. R's

John Burke.

Fri 16th July (12noon) SH.

Requiem Mass.

Teresa Weatherhead .

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Peter & Frances Donohue.

Sunday @9-30am

St. Richard's Church.

Teresa Weatherhead.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Gordon Halliwell.

Please remember that if you are unwell or awaiting a test result please **STAY AT HOME**. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has not been reintroduced. Please take care of yourself and others.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

John Atkins

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Martin Culkin

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Lately Dead

Theresa Weatherhead.

Denis McKiernan.

Michael Deagan.

Rev.Norma Earle.

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Anniversaries

Lyn Edwardson.

James Sargeant.

Peter Jolley.

Catherine Cooper.

Gordon Halliwell.

Anne Lister.

Stephen Jones.

Gillian Anne Catterall.

Josephine Harding.

Dorothy Southern.

Noreen Blezzard.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Amos 7:12-15.

The prophet Amos is faithful to the task God has given to him, even though he is rejected by those to whom he is sent.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Paul gives thanks to God for all the great spiritual gifts he, and all his followers, have been given by God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 6:7-13.

Jesus sends out his disciples in twos, to the towns and villages where they share the Good News with others.

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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus sends out his disciples in twos to the different towns and villages in the area. This disciples themselves were amazed by what they were able to do in Jesus' name. it was a real encouragement for them to keep on believing in Jesus and living out his Word. So often we need such encouragement to keep on journeying in faith. So how often o we encourage others? How often do we say thank-you to someone who has helped us? Do we ever say positive things to people, or do we just focus on the negative all the time? In all our life choices, do we ever stop to consider what Jesus would do in that particular situation? As we continue our journey of faith and gather together more and more after the awful year we have all had, let us pray that the enthusiasm the disciples shared in the Gospel today may be something we have too. Let us pray that, like them, we too may share the Gospel message in our own little way.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Hopefully this week we will find out more about the easing of Covid restrictions in our churches. Many of you will have heard the announcing of the latest easing of Covid restrictions in terms of mandator wearing of masks, safe distancing, etc. in church we only change when we are given the go-ahead to do so by representatives of the Archbishop's Council. So it is still a case of watch this space. We may need to have restrictions for a while yet. So hopefully we will find out soon. In the meantime please keep sanitising your hands, wear a facemask, and do all that you can to stay safe and keep other people safe too..

PARISH FUNERALS.

At the moment we are able to have full Funeral Masses or Services in church. Numbers are still limited, however, to the capacity of each church within the social distancing guidelines. Please be aware also that we still have to wear facemasks and, like Sunday Mass, Holy Communion will be distributed as you leave.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On Tuesday this week Pope Francis announced that the new Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool will be Fr.Tom Neylon. Fr.Tom will be ordained in Liverpool Cathedral as Bishop on September 3rd, the feast of Gregory the Great, the Pope who was responsible for sending Paulinus and other Christians to our country at the end of the 6th Century to spread the Gospel message. Fr.Tom was actually ordained by Pope John Paul II in Heaton Park in 1982. He was based in St.Helens as Parish Priest for many years though he moved to Widnes just over a year ago. He is a very friendly person who will make a brilliant bishop for the Archdiocese. The only problem he has is that he supports Warrington! So please keep Bishop-elect Tom in your prayers at this time. We look forward to welcoming into the area in the not too distant future.

REV.NORMA EARLE.

Many people in the Atherton area will know the Rev.Norma Earle. It is with great sadness that we have to report her death this week after a very short illness. Norma was one of the Independent Methodist ministers in Atherton for many years. She was the chair of the Churches Together in Atherton gatherings for quite some time, and she regularly visited different churches in the area over the years. She was a great friend to many and will be greatly missed. Please keep Norma and her family in your prayers at this time. Her funeral celebration will take place in Atherton this Wednesday at 12.15.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

This week all the schools in the area finish for a well-deserved summer break. It must be the worst ever year on record for everyone, especially the schools who have done so much for the children this year. We hope all the children and staff have a lovely and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming them back at the end of the summer. Thanks to all of you, students and staff, for all the hard work over this very difficult year.