



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)

12th Sept. 2021– 24th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Tony Sutton.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Brenda Charlson.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Mon.13th Sept. at SH 7pm.

Sheila Smith (sick).

Tues.14th Sep St.R's 10.30am.

Gerard Dixon.

Wed 15th Sept. 12noon SH

Marjorie Meakin.

Thur. 16th Sept. St. R's 10.30

John Burke.

Michael Seddon

Fri.17th Sept. SH.7pm.

Thomas Barrett.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Michael Moran.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

James Nester.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Andrew Walsh.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

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.

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Jarlath Donelan.

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Anniversaries

Bernard Southern.

Catherine Woodward.

Patricia Devereux.

Marie Campbell.

Josephine Critchlow.

Annie Gaskell.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Isaiah 50:5-9.

For Isaiah the just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with them at all times.

Second Reading – Letter of St. James 2:14-18.

According to the apostle James, faith without good works is dead. We are called to live out our faith to the full.

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-35.

Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no real idea of what it actually means.

We welcome into our Parish Charlie James, Noah James and Ida May Stafford who will be baptized this Sunday.

Please Remember!!!

If you feel unwell, especially if you feel you have symptoms of the Coronavirus then you **MUST STAY AT HOME.**

Please stay safe!

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.

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do the people say I am?" His disciples tell him that they think he is Elijah or John the Baptist. Then Jesus asks them, "Who do you say I am?" Silence is all around, until Peter dares to answer, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus congratulates Peter on his answer, at least until Jesus speaks of his inescapable fate of his suffering and death. Peter denies that this should happen, "This must not happen to you." Then Peter is rewarded with Jesus' famous rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter is clearly not thinking in the way that God wants him to think.

Is this just a story about Peter? Or is it a story for all of us? The answer should be obvious – it is for everyone. But how do we engage with the story today? The answer to that may not be as difficult as we think if we consider what Jesus actually said to Peter. Those words "Get behind me" are, in the original Greek of the Gospel, the same expression that Jesus used when he called his disciples to "follow me". To get behind Jesus is to follow him. That is the task of every disciple. Following Jesus was literally what his disciples did when they were journeying, but the really sign of our following him today is to do his holy will.

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.

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. Further details may emerge soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS.

Very soon a number of children from our Parish schools will be making their First Holy Communion. It is great that we are now able to celebrate with them. The children will be prepared in school and will make their First Holy Communion on the following dates:-

October 2nd – Sacred Heart, Hindsford children in St. Richard's at 10am.

October 9th – Sacred Heart, Hindley Green children in Sacred Heart at 10am.

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

October 16th – St. Richard's children in St. Richard's at 12noon.

UN Climate Change Conference.

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

WELCOME TO THE PARISH.

Welcome to the Parish Charlie, Noah, Ida May & Rosie who are to be baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.