



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)

15th August 2021– Assumption of Our Lady.

20th Sunday of the Year.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eddie Shaw.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Eucharistic Service.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Josephine Corcoran.

Mon.16th Aug. at SH 7pm.

Stephen & Louise Barrett .

Tues.17th Aug. St. R's

Sorry No Mass today.

Wed.18th Aug.12noon SH -

Sorry No Mass today.

Thur. 19th Aug. St. R's 10.30

John & Jean Neary.

Fri.20th Aug. St.R's.

1.45pm Funeral Mass

for Christine Shovelton.

SH.7pm

Bridie Phillips .

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Kathleen Fox.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Emma Newton.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

John Meakin.

Please Remember!!!

If you feel unwell, especially if you feel you have symptoms of the Coronavirus then you **MUST STAY AT HOME**. At the moment we still need to follow all the safety guidelines unless instructed otherwise by the Archdiocese. Please stay safe!

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.

Nora Hamilton.

Bill Usher.

Jimmy Allen

Lately Dead

Ellen Baxter.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Pamela Corbett.

Christine Shovelton.

Christopher Harrison.

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Anniversaries

Kathleen Rudd.

Irene Dawber.

Winifred Simpson.

Annie Gaskell.

Edward Higginson.

Cecilia Smith.

Maureen Gore.

Margaret Marie Hunt.

Edward Shaw.

Mary Scallon.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Revelations 11:19,12:1-6,10.

Mary is the disciple in whom we see, as in a mirror, all that we can become through God's grace, despite our human weaknesses. The Book of Revelation links us to the woman who, through the birth of her Son, is instrumental in crushing the power of evil.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26.

Orthodox icons of the Dormition of Mary tell of the belief that at her death Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven as a foretaste of the Resurrection. They express the hope that all human experience is destined for glory through the saving power of Jesus.

Gospel Reading – John 6:51-58.

As an unmarried woman, Mary had no status in Israel. As an unmarried mother she risked public shame and death by stoning. She had nothing, yet she believed that God's power could make her a blessing for the world.

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady this weekend, we must always remember Mary's role in drawing us closer to Jesus, her Son, and to one another. In John's Gospel the beloved disciple is a model for all followers of Jesus. As he died upon the Cross, Jesus tells the disciples, believed to be John, to cherish Mary as his mother, and Mary is told to care for John as her son. When the Church is born by the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Mary is there, at the heart of the community of those who worship Jesus and seek in his name to create a world after God's own heart.

Mary's questions in the Gospel narratives are our questions too – how is it that God can work through such weak instruments as we feel ourselves to be at times? Why does God sometimes seem to hide from us when we search with such anxiety? How can the tasteless water of our lives be turned into the life-giving wine of God's grace? Mary's song can also be our song, exulting in a God who enters fully into all that is fragile and earthy in human experience.

God transforms the daily details of our lives into a song of glory. The fullness of life is ours for the asking, if we are willing to pay attention to God's Word and, like Mary, treasure all that we know of Jesus and ponder it in our hearts. God will dethrone all the false idols we create and teach us to nurture a spirit of grateful humility. God will satisfy our deepest hungers if we are willing to turn away from false securities. Above all, God will bless us with mercy when we face the truth of our own poverty with hope and confidence. We are blessed not because, by some accident of birth, we are members of God's Church, but because we have learned to hear the Word of God and keep it.

WELCOME.

Welcome to the Parish Family little Bella who was baptised in St. Richard's Church last weekend. Please keep all our baptism families in your prayers at this special time.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING.

As we see Covid restrictions easing more and more many hospitals and care homes will now allow visitors, including priests, to visit. If someone from your family is very poorly, please don't leave it until the last minute before you contact a priest. With priest shortages it may not be possible to find someone who is free. Please be pro-active about this. If a member of your family is in any of the local hospitals there will be an "on-call" priest who the staff can contact. If your loved one is in a care home it still may not be possible since not all care homes are open as yet for visitors. Please check with staff and arrange for one of the priests to visit as and when it is convenient for all. The Sacrament of the Sick is a prayer for healing and forgiveness. Let us pray for all those who receive this wonderful sacrament, a real gift from God.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

A reminder that some of the Covid restrictions will continue in Church....

Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those attending a church service.

Social distancing will not be mandatory any longer – though churches may create space for those who feel more vulnerable.

Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

The capacity of each church for ALL services will depend on the space available.

Holy Communion will be restored to its traditional place in the Mass (please continue to follow the directions of the stewards who will invite you forward row by row)

Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.

Mass will end in the traditional way.

Singing can be restored.

Hymn books and service sheets can be used but only ONCE A DAY.

The collection basket should NOT be passed around – please leave your collection as you leave church.

Further details may emerge in the coming weeks.