



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)

17th October. 2021– 29th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Sr. Catherine Vose.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Alan Ariss.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Mon. 18th Oct. at SH 7pm.

Rose Mary Foster.

Tues. 19th Oct. St. R's. 10-30am

Thomas McLoughlin.

Funeral Service at 11.30am

for Mary Brookes

Wed 20th Oct. 12noon SH

Ints. Fr. Strowbridge.

Thur. 21st Oct. St. R's. 10-30am

Harry Knotman.

Fri 22nd Oct. SH. 7pm.

Edward Topping.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Lyn Doyle.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Eileen McKiernan

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Bernadette & Terry Flanagan

***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 nights.
Friendship Club Wednesday
afternoons 1pm till 4pm.
Craft Club starting 21st Oct.
1pm till 4pm. Fortnightly.
Halloween night Saturday
23rd October. Tickets £5
Bar, Pie & peas, bingo, raffle.
7-30pm till 11pm.
By Ticket only.**

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.

Phyllis Smith.

Lately Dead

Mary Brookes.

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Anniversaries

Mary Lowe.

Vera Young.

Stephen Grundy.

Fr. Gerard Bone.

Hilda May Collins.

Jean Heron.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Isaiah 53:10-11.

The Lord calls us to commit ourselves to him. While that might involve suffering, there is a promise of joy to come.

Second Reading – Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16.

In following Jesus, Christians follow someone who, like them, have experienced the difficulties and hardships of life. We can be comforted that God is merciful.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:35-45.

Jesus is a different leader. Rather than seek glory, he seeks to be a servant and to sacrifice his life for others.

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.

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.

There are the Pious List at the back of Church to take away ready for November, when masses will be said for them. Please return before November. Thank You.

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.

The Gospel offers an enormous challenge to Jesus' followers. Here we see God's only Son prepared to be not the one served but the one who serves, and he urges his disciples to live their lives in the same way. The pagans, Jesus says, had rulers who lorded it over them. But Christianity is about a rethinking of leadership and the way everyone lives. It may seem hard, for putting others first all the time may go against our survival instinct, but the Gospel offers hope too. The disciples went on to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to spread the Good News, taking Jesus' message to heart. So, they show us that ambition and pride can give way to self-giving and humility. We can all follow in the footsteps of the one who paid the ultimate ransom. We are set free by Jesus' perfect sacrifice to discover and develop all that is best of our humanity, for the greater glory of God. Remember Jesus' words, "anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant". Let us pray that we may live God's way rather than the way of the world and help make our world a much better place.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Following his week or two with Covid Fr. Paul is getting steadily better and has been told he is no longer under house arrest!

"I'm still not 100% but I am much better than I was. I can now celebrate Mass and try to get back to normal as I am no longer infectious! I have been advised by the Archdiocese to rest as much as possible over the next few weeks as the effects of Covid do linger for a while and I must admit I do feel tired a lot of time. Thanks for all your prayers and good wishes. They were greatly appreciated. So please stay safe everyone. You don't need to get Covid so please do everything you can to avoid it. It is still very much out there."

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.

Please try your very best to join us in praying the Rosary:-

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.

REMEMBRANCE MASSES.

An early notice that in a few weeks' time we will celebrate two Remembrance Masses in the Parish when we will pray especially for all those who have passed away in the last year. The Masses are as follows:-

Tuesday November 2nd – St. Richard's Church at 10.30am.

Wednesday November 3rd – Sacred Heart Church at 12noon.

The Archbishop will be celebrating a similar Mass for all the priests who have died over the last year in Liverpool Cathedral on Friday November 12th at 7pm. All welcome.

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.

October 17th – Sacred Heart children in Sacred Heart Church at 10.30am.

Response to the Psalm....

"May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you".