



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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18th July 2021– 16th Sunday of the Year.

16th Sunday of the Year.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Peter & Frances Donohue.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Gordon Halliwell.

Mon. 19th July.

7pm at SH - Patrick Donnelly.

Tues. 20th July.

10.30 St.R's - .

12noon. (SH)

Funeral Mass for
Margaret Doherty.

Wed. 21st July

12noon SH - Private Int. (RLC).

Thur. 22nd July

10.30 St.R's - John Burke.

Fri. 23rd July

10.30am St.R's

Funeral Mass for
Denis McKiernan.

7pm SH - Tommie Barrett.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Sr. Catherine Vose.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

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.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Lately Dead

Margaret Doherty.

Rita Gregory.

Denis McKiernan.

Michael Deagan.

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Anniversaries

James Peter Molloy.

Richard Holland.

Gwenneth Hamer.

Kevin John Mullaney.

Thomas Gaskell.

Martin Mugan.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6.

The leaders of Israel are indicted for their neglect of the people, but better leaders are promised for the future.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

By his death Christ Jesus broke down the wall between Jews and gentiles, and united all people as children of the one Father in heaven.

Gospel Reading – Mark 6:30-34.

We see the care of Jesus for his apostles as well as his compassion for the people he visits in all the towns and villages.

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!

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 Jesus sees the people as sheep without a shepherd. They need his guidance and his love and the hope that he brings. There are many times when we too may feel sheep without a shepherd. It is then that we need guidance, help and hope that comes from knowing God. The best way to go about this is through prayer. How can we claim that we know God if we don't speak to him or if we do not listen to him? As we continue our journey of faith let us pray that today's Gospel may bring us the hope and comfort we need to continue as we face trials and tribulations each and every day of our lives. May the love of God remind us that Jesus is our shepherd and that we are called to listen to his voice and follow in his footsteps.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

We have received the following advice from the Archdiocese concerning the easing of Covid restrictions from next Monday, July 19th

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore an obligation to the attendance at Sunday Mass at this point. In preparation for the legal changes to Covid regulations that will come into force next week this is what is being offered as the way forward for EVERY Parish in the Archdiocese:-

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. (Basically we will continue as we are until we feel the need to re-open spaces in our churches if and when more people wish to attend)

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.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP TOM NEYLON.

Last week the Archbishop announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon to be the new Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. Archbishop Malcolm has now confirmed that he will ordain Fr. Tom as Bishop on Friday 3rd September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

We ask that you should be in your seats by 11.30am at the latest. Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral. We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE – HINDLEY GREEN.

You are invited to a Parish Centre Meeting at 7.30pm this coming Monday 19th July. This is to discuss the use of the Parish Centre, which has now ceased trading as a club, to start planning events in the parish. Hopefully we can get a group of people together who are interested in carrying it forward and working together to make it work as a Parish asset. All welcome.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

We wish all the children and staff of our schools a very happy, peaceful and well-deserved 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