



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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1st August 2021– 18th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Steven Smith.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Ken Long.

Mon. 2nd Aug. at SH

7pm Ellen O'Shea.

Tues. 3rd Aug. St. R's

10.30am Peter Conor.

Funeral Mass at 1pm

Herman St. John

Wed. 4th Aug 12noon SH -

Sheila Smith 97yrs.

Thur. 5th Aug. St. R's

Funeral Mass at 12noon

Ellen Baxter.

Fri. 6th Aug. SH.

7pm Jenny Higginson.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Tony Sutton.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Kenneth Thorvik.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

People of the Parish.

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

Thomas McLoughlin.

Rita Gregory.

Denis McKiernan.

Ellen Baxter.

Herman St. John.

Christine Shovelton.

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Anniversaries

Vincent Egan.

Rosalind Redmond.

Evelyn Egan.

Peter Woodward.

Cecilia Smith.

Maureen Gore.

Margaret Marie Hunt.

Edward Shaw.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Exodus 16:2-4.12-15.

The starving people ask Moses to feed them then the Lord rains down food from Heaven.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:17.20-24

According to St. Paul, many pleasures are "illusory". He prescribes a total renewal in the way we think: a return, in other words, to the way God created us to be.

Gospel Reading – John 6:24-35.

People were expecting Jesus to be like Moses, providing them with daily bread. Instead, Jesus offers them food unlike any other.

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.

Some people often complain of feeling empty inside. Often this is a sense of dissatisfaction. They look for the latest gadget, or the trendiest look, thinking this will help them feel better and happy. For many, life becomes a never-ending round of acquiring and disposing. In today's Second reading, St. Paul talks about "illusory desires". In his day, people were craving something that lasted and was worth a lot to them. However, St. Paul reminds them that nothing will fill this emptiness except the kind of nourishment that comes from God. Jesus makes this point in today's Gospel. When we gather in company with one another and with Jesus, we are being invited into a relationship at its most intimate and lasting. We savour something of the divine life of Heaven. Hearing the Word of God, we are renewed. Consuming the Body of Christ, we are recreated. Changed to become like Jesus, we too, can become bread for the world. As we think about today's Gospel let us continue to pray for the many people throughout the world who go without the food and drink they need each day. The world has enough resources, at the moment, to support and feed everyone. Let us pray that richer countries may share more and look after each other. But let us pray too that, when we feel like we need nourishment and fulfilment in life, we will turn to the Lord who feeds the spiritually poor and hungry in their great need. Prayer and spending time with the Lord is our way to finding such fulfilment. Let us pray that we can indeed be people of prayer. For if we do not talk to God, or listen to him through his Word, how can we claim that we know him and that we are his followers today?

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.*

THANK YOU.

Anne, Catherine, Janet, Rachael, Helen & families wish to thank everyone for your kind words and support, sympathy cards, Mass intentions and donations of £500 to Wigan & Leigh Hospice in memory of their father Denis McKiernan. Thanks also to everyone who attend the Funeral Mass. Your kindness is much appreciated at this sad time.

THOMAS McLOUGHLIN.

An early notice that the Funeral Mass for Thomas McLoughlin will take place in St. Richard's Church on Monday August 9th at 10.30am. We don't usually have services on Monday but this is because the Mass will be led by Thomas' two brothers, Fr. John and Fr. Kevin. Please keep Thomas' family and friends in your prayers at this time.

CHRISTINE SHOVELTON.

We received sad news this week of the sudden death of Christine Shovelton. Christine did lots of work in St. Richard's Parish before moving to Cumbria a number of years ago. We will let you know when her funeral will take place as soon as possible. Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers.