



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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20th June 2021– The 12th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

John Flynn.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Eveline Orsi.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Michael Halliwell.

Mon 21st June (7pm.) SH.

For the health of Mary &
Malcolm Vickers.

Tues 22nd June (10.00) St.

R's

Funeral Mass for Eveline Orsi.

Wed 23rd June (12) SH.

Edward Fox.

Thur 24th June (10.30) St.

R's

Tony McKiernan.

Fri 25th June (7pm) SH.

Pat McGuinness.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Joe Siney.

Sunday @9-30am

St. Richard's Church.

Karen Hill.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret Barlow.

Please remember that if you are unwell or awaiting a test result please **STAY AT HOME**. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has not been reintroduced. Please take care of yourself and others.

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.

Teresa Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Lately Dead

Eveline Orsi.

Maureen Whittle.

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Anniversaries

Michael Halliwell.

Edward McHugh.

Liam Disley.

John Collins.

Molly O'Halloran.

Amanda Toothill.

Paula Szykar.

Carol Ann Gibson.

Jeffrey Arrowsmith.

Stephen Jones.

Laurence Baines.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Job 3:1,8-11.

The Book of Job reminds us that, no matter what is happening in our lives, no matter how stormy life becomes, God has set bounds for them.

Second Reading – Letter of St. Paul to the Cori. 5:14-17.

Because Christ has died for us, the life of one is to be lived for the life of all God's people.

Gospel Reading – Mark 4:35-41.

We hear the story of the calming of the storm on the lake. It doesn't matter what we are threatened with, as long as we remember that Christ is with us to put an end

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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SYNOD 2020.

After many months of prayer, discussions, meetings, deliberations and recollection, the Archdiocesan Synod reaches its climax this weekend with a special service in Liverpool Cathedral. Every Parish in the Archdiocese has a number of Synod Members who have done lots of work over the last few months so that we can get to the stage we are at now, the final Mass to celebrate the work of the Synod, to pray that all our recommendations will be put into place so that we can become the Church that God is calling us to be. Many of you in the Parish who are NOT Synod members have still played your part by joining in prayer and coming to the different reflection meetings, when we were able to have them. Thanks to all of you for all your help and support, and especially for your prayers during this very important process. Whenever we think of the Church when we were young, all of us perhaps can share stories of what it was like then, and how it has changed so much over the years. The Synod came about because we realised and understood that we need to change even more to adapt to these present times, before and after Covid. Sadly not everyone can attend the Mass in the Cathedral, but you should be able to follow it and watch part of it by going to the Archdiocesan website. In the meantime, today and perhaps for the rest of the week, please join in saying the Synod Prayer....

*Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place our Synod into your hands.
Be with each member of our Synod and guide them with the help of your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
so that we may become ever more closely the Church you are calling us to be.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, AMEN.*

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

A reminder that, for the foreseeable future, we will still have to wear facemasks in Church, sanitise our hands and keep social distancing. The numbers of new infections continue to rise in our local area so we must be vigilant and stay safe as much as we can. These are a number of the recent changes:-

Weddings and baptisms with up to 30 adults.

For funerals numbers limited to the capacity of people able to fit into each church with present social distancing guidelines.

PARISH FUNERALS.

Although they are always sad occasions, especially for the families who have lost loved ones, it has been good to welcome back Funeral Masses in Church. The restriction has eased slightly. Until just two weeks ago only 30 people were allowed to attend but this has now changed to the total present capacity of the church, with the usual social restrictions. This also depends on how many helpers we can get for each service. Usually we would always encourage people to attend funeral Masses to support the family and to pray for those who have gone before us. We hope that this can continue to happen in the very near future, but it does, of course, depend on the spread of the new Delta variant and any further restrictions the government may have to impose. As soon as we hear anything further we will let you know.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

We are hoping to celebrate the First Holy Communion after summer, in the months of September and October. We will probably prepare the children for First Holy Communion in school, following the Archdiocesan preparation programme. Please watch this space for further details. It has been a difficult time for everyone, especially for the schools who have somehow managed to keep educating the children and welcoming them into the three schools of the Parish in such very difficult and challenging times. Thanks to all our schools for the wonderful work they are doing.