



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)

21st November. 2021– Christ the King.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

The Faithful Departed.

Sunday @ 9.30am

St. Richard's Church.

Eileen & Michael Moran.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

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Mon. 22nd Nov. at SH 7pm.

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Tues 23rd Nov. St. R's. 10am

Peter Cosgrove.

Wed 24th Nov. 12noon SH

Requiem Mass

Joan & John Mann.

Thur. 25th Nov. St. R's 9.30am.

Funeral Mass for

Mychajlo Kopyczyn.

Fri 26th Nov. SH. 7pm.

The Faithful Departed.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Tracy Smith.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Edwina Gallagher.

**Christmas Cards are now in
the repository shop, packs
or single**

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 every two weeks
Thursday 1pm till 4pm.
The next Saturday night
function is on the 4th Dec.,
staring Ruth Welch, Bingo,
music & raffle.
By ticket only £5 on sale
now.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
Eileen McAlister.
Joyce Gorton.
Nora Smith.
Jed Bamber.
Theresa Thompson.
Eileen Watkinson
Shelia Ratcliffe.
Maureen Blears.
Jean Culkin.
Phyllis Smith.
Bernadette
Boardman.
Peter Weatherhead.
Neil Gunson.
Jean Rafferty.
Teresa Gallagher.
Dennis Green.
Jimmy Allen.
Bill Usher.
Frank Vose.
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Lately Dead

John Atkins.
John & Joan Mann.
Maria Gibbons.
Mychajlo Kopyczyn.
Sandra Roberts.
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Anniversaries

Antoinette Murphy.
Jenny Higginson.
Dennis Yates

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Daniel 7:13-14.

*Daniel's vision is one in which God conquers over all evil, cruel
and abusive, and restores the triumph of goodness.*

Second Reading – Book of the Apocalypse 1:5-8.

*John's vision is one in which the enemies of God's purposes will be
confounded, not by being overthrown but by realising the immensity
of God's love.*

Gospel Reading – John 18:33-37.

*Jesus comes face to face with the greatest power in the world, with
nothing but the weapon of truth and love as his protection.*

This weekend we welcome Sebastian into our Parish Family.
Please keep all the children and families preparing for baptism
in your prayers at this special time.
Christmas Bingo in the Parish Centre Wednesdays 8th & 15th
December.

*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.

Today's feast of Christ the King should bring us lots of hope. All of us, who claim to be Jesus' followers, are called to share in his threefold ministry as prophet, priest, and king. Called to prophecy, we are invited to be courageous in proclaiming by words and actions the righteousness and love of God. Called to share in the priesthood of all believers, we are invited to make every aspect of our daily lives, however small or seemingly trivial, an offering of love and service to God and to others. We are also called to live by the values of God's Kingdom, by helping to build a community of believers with Christ our King always at the centre.

Jesus came as a very different sort of King. At Christmas we celebrate a King born in a stable, who becomes a refugee and a foreign migrant, who becomes a working man and takes the side of those who are marginalised. At Easter we celebrate a King who makes himself the servant of others and who dies alone on a Cross. The message is very clear, we must open our minds and our hearts to welcome and share the story of Jesus, the Servant King.

NEW DEANERIES & NEW DEANS.

As part of the response to Synod 2020 most of the deaneries in the Archdiocese are being merged as a way of looking ahead and working together more. Our deanery, the Deanery of Leigh, will be twinned with the Wigan Deanery. The new Dean will be Fr. Gordon Abbs who is based at All Saints, Golborne. Watch this space for further information.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

An early notice that Mass times for Christmas are: -

Christmas Eve.

Sacred Heart at 5.00pm & St.Richard's at 7.00pm.

Christmas Day.

St.Richard's at 9.30am & Sacred Heart at 10.30am.

SYNOD PASTORAL PLAN.

After the meeting of the Synod in June this year, work began on preparing a Pastoral Plan which would guide the Archdiocese in the years to come, based on the outcome of all the meetings. This plan will be launched next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Every parishioner will receive a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a meeting to hear more about it. Copies of the plan will be available online from next weekend. Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020. To find out more you are welcome to attend any of the following open meetings: -

Saturday 4th December 11am-12.30pm in St.Mary's Church, Leyland.

Tuesday 7th December 7pm-8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree.

Thursday 9th December 7pm-8.30pm on Zoom.

LEGION OF MARY REUNION.

The Legion of Mary will be having a reunion on Thursday December 9th in Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm, preceded by the Rosary at 7.00pm. followed by a buffet in the Parish Centre afterwards. Tickets for the buffet are £7 each available from Legion members and Susan on 07952822440. The Legion of Mary will be having the Rosary in Church on the first Sunday of every month before the 10.30am Mass. Please come along and join them in prayer.

500 CLUB.

Please reminder that the St. Richard's 500 Club will be closing in December. All members must contact their banks to stop their direct debits or standing orders since there will be no more draws taking place after December. Many thanks to all those who have helped or supported the 500 Club in any way. It has helped the Parish a great deal over the years.

Response to the Psalm....

"The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed".