



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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22nd August 2021– 21st Sunday of the Year.



21st Sunday of the Year.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Kathleen Fox.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Emma Newton.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

John Meakin.

Mon.23rd Aug. at SH 7pm.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Tues.24th Aug. St. R's

PLEASE NOTE earlier

Start time of 10am.

Phillip Costello.

St.R's at 11am

Funeral Service for
Pamela Corbett

Wed.25th Aug 12noon SH

Christine Schofield.

Thur. 26th Aug. St. R's 10.30

Thomas McLoughlin.

Fri.27th Aug. SH.7pm.

Eric Gaskell.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret Vose.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Kevin Brady.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Anne Wyatt.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

John Atkins

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Nora Hamilton.

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Jimmy Allen.

Bill Usher.

Lately Dead

Martin Culkin.

Christine Shovelton.

Pamela Corbett.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Christopher Harrison.

Anniversaries

Brian Doherty.

Veronica Ford.

Eric Gaskell.

Susan Starkey.

Jane Strowbridge.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Joshua 24:1-2.15-18.

Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32.

St.Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and his Church.

Gospel Reading – John 6:60-69.

The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision, like the people in the Old Testament reading – to stay with him or to leave.

Please Remember!!!

If you feel unwell, especially if you feel you have symptoms of the Coronavirus then you MUST STAY AT HOME.

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.

Today's First reading deals with a renewal ceremony concerning the Covenant God had made with his people. This took place in Shechem, shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua calls upon them to make a choice. They must either serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. As the tribes of Israel declared, "We will serve the lord." It reminds us of the continuing call to repentance and commitment we must all make at some stage in our lives of faith. In a similar way, Jesus calls upon the people who listen to him speak about the "Bread of Life" to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, many of them doubted his Word, despite witnessing all the healings and miracles he had done in their presence. Even amongst the Twelve a traitor lurked. Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leave him, he let them go. It wasn't necessarily great crowds he wanted to see, but people who were committed to him and to his Word.

As we continue our lives of faith may we always know what it means to follow Jesus. It is not the words we speak that matters but the commitment of our hearts and our very lives. As we are told to go forth to share the Word of God at the end of Mass, may we have the strength and grace to do just that, and allow the Jesus who is with us in each other and through the Eucharist, shine out upon those we meet each day.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Don't forget that, whilst many aspects are getting back to normal, we are not yet through the Pandemic and certain guidelines still have to be followed in Church....

Face coverings still remain mandatory for all those attending a church service.

Social distancing will not be mandatory but please respect the space of those around you.

Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive AND leave.

Holy Communion is now in its traditional place during Mass but 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 soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

A reminder that First Holy Communion celebrations will commence after the summer, during the months of September and October. We didn't have the celebrations this year or last year due to the Covid lockdowns, so it will be great to celebrate with the children. They will be prepared in school then the celebrations themselves will take place in the two churches on different Saturdays during September and October. More details nearer the time.

LEGION OF MARY.

The Legion of Mary – Our Lady Queen of All Angels – will have their first meeting since the Covid restrictions this coming Thursday August 26th 7.00pm in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green. We would love to welcome new members 18 years old and above. Work is varied, always carried out in two's. The Legion of Mary will help you see Christ in others and to serve them in whatever way you can. Why not come along to the first meeting to find out what it is all about? If you wish to learn more some of the members will be available after Mass on August 22nd. Please come along and give it a try.

WELCOME.

This week welcome into the Parish Family little Mia Ivy King. May God bless her and all those preparing for Baptism at this time.