



## 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)**

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Pentecost Sunday.

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Marcus Reid.

**Sunday @ 9-30am.**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Mary & Alan Charlton.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Geraldine Clarkson.

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May (7pm) SH.**

Sean Murphy for his health.

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May (10.30) St. R's**

Dennis Duffy.

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May (12) SH.**

Patrick Howard.

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May (10.30) St. R's**

Joan Baxter.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May (7pm) SH.**

Special Intention to St. Monica.

**Next Weekend.**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Fr. Thomas Delaney.

**Sunday @ 9-30am**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Cirroc Smith.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Neil Burrows.

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.

Most of you will remember Colette and the boys and brothers in Peru, at the moment all the boys and two of the brothers have all got Covid. Please pray for them.

#### **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.

#### **Lately Dead**

Dennis Duffy.

Gerald Warren.

Caroline Jones.

Michael Hoggitt.

June Woods.

#### **Anniversaries**

Michael Gallagher.

Sr. Catherine Vose.

Marcus Reid.

David France.

John Manning.

James Hanna.

Rose Mary Hughes.

Anthony Rigby.

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#### **Collection Last Week.**

Envelopes: £376-00

Loose Plate: £143-00

CAFOD Box:

World Com. £75-50

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading – Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11.**

*Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and the great effect it had on them.*

**Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13.**

*The Holy Spirit brings different gifts to different people, for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.*

**Gospel Reading – John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

*The Risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.*

*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 – SYNOD 2020.**

*As we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Synod we listen to a reflection and prayer from the Archdiocesan Synod, which takes place in June....*

*On this great feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church we thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. We pray for our Synod, which will take place next month, and ask God to guide all those who will take part. May this be a moment of blessing and renewal for all the members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.*

**Merciful father, Faithful God,**

**our Church has never lacked the life-giving presence of your Holy Spirit.**

**May your Holy Spirit always be at work among us,**

**helping us to be more like Christ in our love of you and of our neighbour.**

**We ask your blessing upon our Synod.**

**May we be truly open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

**Help us to become ever more fully the Church that you are calling us to be. AMEN.**

## **PENTECOST WALK.**

*As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this week we are invited to join in a socially distanced walk around all the churches and chapels of Atherton on Sunday afternoon. The walk begins at the Parish Church at 2pm and hopefully will end at St.Richard's Church approximately 3.50pm. If you would like to join us for part of the walk or just to join us outside Church in prayer then please come along. The full list of times is displayed at the back of Church. Please pray for good weather!*

## **READERS AT MASS.**

*If you would like to do a reading at any time please speak to Deacon Ken, for Sacred Heart Church, or Fr. Paul for St. Richard's. Many thanks to all those who have been reading so far.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*There are lots of items on the News concerning the lifting of Covid restrictions. As and when they happen we will let you know what is happening and when. These are a number of recent changes regarding what we can and cannot do in Church:-*

*Since the most recent changes last Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> -*

*Funerals, weddings and baptisms with up to 30 adults.*

*No earlier than June 21<sup>st</sup> (depending on latest data) –*

*Numbers only limited to the capacity of people able to fit into each church.*

## **PARISH CENTRES.**

*Sadly, due to the losses during the pandemic, we have to inform you that licensed trading activities have now ceased at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindley Green, and Sacred Heart Parish Centre, in Hindsford. As we look towards the future for these parish premises, we are reviewing the possibility of forming Parish Hall Committee to lead the running of the premises without licensed trading activities. Your participation in this is welcomed and if you feel that you could help or learn more, please contact Fr.Paul or Deacon Ken and they will add you to the list. A meeting to discuss this further will be arranged in the near future and possibly a visit to another parish where a parish hall is operating successfully in this way to give us an idea of the way ahead.*

*However, we are pleased to confirm that the easing of government restrictions over indoor hospitality means that we are now able to plan the re-opening of St.Richard's Parish Centre. This is provisionally planned for Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. We hope that you will try your best to support the re-opening of the Parish Centre in whatever way you can.*

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.**

*We are hoping to celebrate the First Holy Communions after summer, in the months of September and October. Please watch this space for further details.*