



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)

24th October. 2021– 30th Sunday of the Year.

30th Sunday of the Year.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Lyn Doyle.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Eileen McKiernan.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Bernadette & Terry Flanagan

Mon.25th Oct. at SH 7pm.

Fr. Michael Goslin.

Tues.26th Oct. St.R's.10-30am

Denise Tomkins.

Wed 27th Oct. 12noon SH

Margaret Vose.

Thur.28th Oct.St.R's.10-30am

Thomas McLoughlin.

Fri 29th Oct. SH.7pm.

Moir Sheehan.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

William Pendlebury.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Peter Yates.

Annie & Bob Prior.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Anastasia & Al Jackson.

**Please pray for all those
who are preparing for
Baptism and First Holy
Communion at this special
time**

**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 starting Thursdays
1pm till 4pm. fortnightly.**

**Clocks go back 1hr next
weekend 30th October**

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

John Atkins

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Mary McGrath.

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Kathleen Lee.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Jimmy Allen.

Bill Usher.

Phyllis Smith.

Lately Dead

Mary Brookes.

Tony Barrett.

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Anniversaries

Joseph Atherton.

Shaun Garry.

Winnie Foster.

Jack Young.

Bill Needham.

Ronnie Kenwright.

Bettie Smith.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9.

Jeremiah gathers the people who turn back to God. It is a sign of the homecoming that God desires for all of us.

Second Reading – Letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6.

Christ, the High Priest, offers prayers and intercession to the Father that we might have life in its fullness.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:46-52.

The healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is a sign of the gift of faith which alone comes from Jesus so that we may be his followers.

On Sunday the Legion of Mary will lead the rosary before Mass.

Hopefully we will be able to say it before Mass for the following months.

30th October the L.O.M. will be visiting Ladyewell near Preston.

9.30am outside the church. Return approx. 3.30pm.

Packed Lunch Tea /Coffee available to purchase £10

There are the Pious List at the back of Church to take away ready for November, when masses will be said for them. Please return before November. Thank You.

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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Fr. Paul – stjohrigrby@rcaol.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, sits by the side of the road as the crowds pass by. We see Bartimaeus today sitting in a doorway, or by a lamp post, with a paper coffee cup begging for pennies and trying to find a bed to get some rest. We don't know how Bartimaeus lost his sight, but he feels the loss and wants to see again. More deeply he wants to meet Jesus because he recognises him as the Son of God, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" he cries. Jesus replies by asking him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus blesses him with sight, but also blesses him with something greater, the gift of faith.

Jesus asks each one of us, "What do you want me to do for you?" We are invited to tell him our needs, our sufferings, our joys and sorrows. Like Jesus, can we say "Hello" to the woman sitting under the lamp post near the station? Can we buy them a sandwich when they are hungry? Jesus calls us to do this because they are the face of Christ in our world today. Whether in word or in deed, each one of us are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around us. By our love we are called to renew the faith of others who have lost their hope, their future and their sight.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Don't forget to check the latest guidelines and keep safe during the pandemic. Many of the guidelines, including hand sanitising and wearing face masks are still required in church. Please Remember. Any Symptoms you must stay at home. Further details may emerge soon.

ROSARY DURING OCTOBER.

Please try your very best to join us in praying the Rosary:-

BEFORE the 12noon Mass every Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church.

AFTER the 10.30am Mass in St. Richard's Church every Thursday

Please come along and join us in prayer.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD.

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of vulnerable communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

THANK YOU.

A big Thank-you to everyone who played a part in preparing the children for their First Holy Communion this year. All the Masses seemed to go very well and we were even blessed with good weather – not bad for October! A special thanks to Fr.Leo Cooper and Fr.Chris Fallon for helping Fr.Paul during his Covid illness. If it were not for them, the celebrations may have had to be cancelled. Please keep the children in your prayers at this very special time.

REMEMBRANCE MASSES.

An early notice that in a few weeks' time we will celebrate two Remembrance Masses in the Parish when we will pray especially for all those who have passed away in the last year.

The Masses are as follows:-

Tuesday November 2nd – St.Richard's Church at 10.30am.

Wednesday November 3rd – Sacred Heart Church at 12noon.

The Archbishop will be celebrating a similar Mass for all the priests who have died over the last year in Liverpool Cathedral on Friday November 12th at 7pm. All welcome.

Response to the Psalm....

"What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad".

