



## 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)**

**25th April 2021**

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

John Kennedy.

**Sunday @ 9-30am.**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Kevin Brady.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Ken Long.

**Mon 26th April (7pm) SH.**

Bernard Derbyshire.

**Tues 27th April (10.30) St.R's**

Patrick & Catherine Lyons.

**Wed 28th April (12) SH.**

Anne Wyatt.

**Thurs 29th April (10.30) St.R's**

Fred Rothwell.

**Fri 23rd April (7pm) SH.**

Dorothy & Ron Hickman.

**Next Weekend.**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Fr. Joe Weston.

**Sunday @9-30am**

**St. Richard's Church.**

John McKiernan.

**Sunday @10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

In Thanksgiving.

**Please remember that if you are unwell or awaiting a test result please STAY AT HOME. People who are vulnerable or who feel unsure about returning to Mass need to consider the wisdom of doing so. 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.

### **Lately Dead**

### **Anniversaries**

Fr. Joseph Weston.

Ken Long.

Sheila Mary Lomas.

Sheila Grace Musker.

Bernard Cunliffe.

Stephanie Healey.

Mary Royle.

John Burke.

Terrence Trueman.

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### **Collection Last Week.**

Envelopes:£426-00

Loose Plate:£103-00

CAFOD Box:

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

### **First Reading – Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12.**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers the gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.*

### **Second Reading – First letter of St.John 3:1-2.**

*Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation in life is to grow in the Father's likeness.*

### **Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18.**

*Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for his sheep.*

*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.**

*The life of a shepherd was very different in Jesus' day. Shepherds did not "drive" their sheep. They walked with them, or went ahead of them if the path was narrow, as they still do in some countries around the world today. Shepherds knew each sheep by name and understood their needs. The sheep recognised the shepherd's voice and trusted that the shepherd would keep them safe. The grasslands which carpeted the Judaeen hillsides would soon turn brown, so shepherds would need to keep leading their sheep to fresh pasture. When the time came to move on, the shepherd would call the sheep and, hearing their names, they followed willingly. Wherever the shepherd went, the sheep followed.*

*In today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, leading us, his flock, to where he knows we will find fulfilment and nourishment. He knows each of us by name, and lays his life down to protect us. As we think about Jesus as our Good Shepherd this weekend, perhaps we should think of how good we are at being shepherds to others. How do we lead them closer to God? How do we bring peace, hope and happiness to the people we see each day? Only Jesus can be the Good Shepherds. But we can be "mini-shepherds" too, encouraging others to listen to the voice of THE Good Shepherd who calls us all to follow him.*

## **MIDWEEK MASSES.**

*Please note that you can attend Mass during the week INSTEAD of Sunday if you like. The usual Mass structure will be as follows:-*

**Monday at 7.00pm – Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.**

**Tuesday at 10.30am – St.Richard's, Atherton.**

**Wednesday at 12noon – Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.**

**Thursday at 10.30am – St.Richard's, Atherton.**

**Friday at 7.00pm – Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.**

*Please note that these times and days are subject to change, depending on the funerals which must always have priority.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS.**

*We are running short of Mass Intentions at St.Richard's Church at the moment. If anyone would like Mass to be celebrated for a loved one, or for a special anniversary, please let Fr.Paul know asap. Always best to write the Mass Intention down on an envelope along with a preferred date. We will try our best to fit it in on or as close to the date as possible.*

## **SYNOD 2020.**

*Any of the Synod helpers are invited to the third online reflection meeting with the Synod Team this Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> between 7pm-8.30pm. If you would like to join the reflection evening please contact Fr.Paul on [stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk) and he will send you the link. Please join us on Wednesday and for any other meetings we may have very soon.*

## **ST.JOHN RIGBY PARISH OFFERING.**

*For those people support Gift Aid your new box of envelopes is now available at the back of church. If you have not already done so, please collect your box which should be marked with your name. Covid 19 restrictions have made the collection of weekly offerings very difficult. It would be a great help and much appreciated if more people gave their donation by Standing Order. This applies whether you Gift Aid or not. Standing Order Forms are available at the back of church. Please take one and once you have completed it post it through the presbytery door. This will allow your weekly contributions to be automatically sent from your bank to the Parish account. Thank you for your continued support.*