



## 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 July 2021– 17th Sunday of the Year.

#### **17th Sunday of the Year.**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Sr. Catherine Vose.

**Sunday @ 9-30am.**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Thomas McLoughlin.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Margaret & Thomas Morris.

**Mon.26<sup>th</sup> July.7pm at SH**

Michael Barrett.

**Tues.27<sup>th</sup> July.10.30am St. R's**

Shannon Mackey.

Funeral Mass at 2pm

for Rita Gregory

**Wed.28<sup>th</sup> July 12noon SH**

Andrew Walsh.

**Thur. 29<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am St. R's**

June Cawley.

**Fri.30<sup>th</sup> July 7pm SH.**

Bridie Phillips .

**Next Weekend.**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Theresa Weatherhead.

**Sunday @9-30am.**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Steven Smith.

**Sunday @10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Ken Long.

**Please Remember!!!**

If you feel unwell, especially if you feel you have symptoms of the Coronavirus then you **MUST STAY AT HOME**. At the moment we still need to follow all the safety guidelines unless instructed otherwise by the Archdiocese. Please stay safe!

#### **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.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Nora Hamilton.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Bill Usher.

Jimmy Allen

#### **Lately Dead**

Denis McKiernan.

Rita Gregory.

Ellen Baxter.

Margaret Doherty.

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#### **Anniversaries**

Paul Anthony Connell.

Rita Tarney.

Irene Welch.

Mary Churchhouse.

Dorothy Southern.

Noreen Blezzard.

Cecilia Smith.

Maureen Gore.

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

**First Reading – Second Book of Kings 4:42-44.**

*The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha shared with the hungry was a sign of God's concern for all his people.*

**Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6**

*St. Paul pleads with the people of Ephesus to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.*

**Gospel Reading – John 6:1-15.**

*Like Elisha, in today's First Reading, Jesus feeds the people in their great need.*

*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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## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*Just to remind you of the latest easing of the Covid restrictions from next Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> ....*

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

*Social distancing will not be mandatory any longer – though churches may create space for those who feel more vulnerable. (Basically we will continue as we are until we feel the need to re-open spaces in our churches if and when more people wish to attend)*

*Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.*

*The capacity of each church for ALL services will depend on the space available.*

*Holy Communion will be restored to it's tradition place in the Mass (please continue to follow the directions of the stewards who will invite you forward row by row)*

*Holy 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 in the coming weeks.*

## **SYNOD 2020 UPDATE.**

*After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his Council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place in Leeds last week. During the week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions to the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the Pastoral Plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy each day insured our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.*

*It was a hard week but one full of energy and life. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life-giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole Synod journey.*

*The ideas – and here were many of them – have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather and try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his Council will review the Plan and, with the Pastoral Plan Group, will work out how to rollout the Plan towards sharing it with the rest of the Archdiocese at the end of November.*

## **ORDINATION OF BISHOP TOM NEYLON.**

*Anyone wishing to attend the Ordination of the new Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Bishop Elect Tom, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, please contact [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) BEFORE July 30<sup>th</sup>.*

## **THANKYOU.**

*The family of Theresa Weatherhead have sent the following message....*

*“Peter, Chris, Jen and all the family would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their help, love and support for Theresa throughout her life and for ourselves over the recent weeks.”*

## **SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE – HINDLEY GREEN.**

*Thankyou to the parishioners and people who attended the committee meeting to discuss ways of continuing to use the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, last Monday. The Parish Centre remains closed until all plans are put in place for people to use the venue safely. Further meetings are planned to make the Centre work for all interested groups in the area. More details to follow.*