



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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27th June 2021– The 13th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Joe Siney.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Karen Hill.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret Barlow.

Mon 28th June (.) SH.

Sorry, No Mass today.

St's Peter & Paul. (Holy Day)

Tues 29th June (10.30) St. R's

Jean & Ken Gorse

Sacred Heart 7.30pm.

People of the Parish.

Wed 30th June (12) SH.

Ellen O'Shea.

Thur 1st July (10.30) St. R's

Peter Connor.

Fri 2nd July (.) SH.

Sorry, No Mass today.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Private Intention (V).

Sunday @ 9-30am

St. Richard's Church.

Ellen O'Shea.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Jenny Higginson.

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.

Church Cleaners, are you will to carry on cleaning the Church? A list in the porch, please tick your name if the answer is yes. At the moment it will be every two weeks.

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.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Lately Dead

Eveline Orsi.

Maureen Whittle.

Peter Connor.

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Anniversaries

Winifred Kay.

Phillip Robinshaw.

Michael Halliwell.

Paula Szytkar.

Carol Ann Gibson.

Jeffrey Arrowsmith.

Stephen Jones.

Gillian Anne Catterall.

Joseph Harding.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24.

God did not make us for death but life, and life with him for all eternity.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15.

St. Paul appeals to the people of Corinth to contribute to a collection for the poor in the V=Church at Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading – Mark 5:21-43.

Both of the miracles in today's Gospel Reading are signs of God's power, restoring life and death through Jesus.

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.

In the Gospel today we hear two different healings performed by Jesus. We hear of the healing of Jairus' daughter, and the healing of the woman with the haemorrhage. Whilst Jairus, the synagogue official, actually approached Jesus and made his request to save his daughter, the woman took the matter into her own hands and touched Jesus. Her faith was rewarded. However, just as she was going to disappear into the crowd, Jesus sought her out. He wanted to know who she was. He wanted to deal with her on a personal level. Besides, he knew that power had gone out of him so he insisted on having a face-to-face encounter with her. He realised that she didn't just need physical healing, but psychological and spiritual healing too. After all her years of sickness she was perhaps feeling bad about herself and could have felt alienated from God and the people around her.

So Jesus met her. In the encounter we see the sensitivity and courtesy of Jesus. In those days a woman with a haemorrhage had no business being in such a crowded place. By touching Jesus she placed herself in the spotlight. Jesus did not scold her or tell her off but commended her for her great faith and hope. "My daughter", he said, "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint." It was not enough for the woman to simply touch Jesus. So many other people touched him too. But she touched him with faith, and with hope. Faith enabled this poor, frightened, sick, untouchable woman to recognise Jesus' power, and she awakened that power with one touch of his garment. Jesus let her know that he was happy for her in saying to her, "Your faith has saved you," he was telling her that she had played a part in her own healing. As we continue our journey of faith, whatever we may have in our lives that we feeling is holding us back, or causing us anxiety or worry, let us open up our hearts to Jesus, like the woman and Jairus, the synagogue official in today's Gospel. May this same Jesus heal us of all those things that stop us from the being the people that God wants us to be.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Following on from the government's recent announcement regarding Covid restrictions, we will still have to wear facemasks in Church, sanitise our hands and keep social distancing. The numbers of new infections are continuing to rise throughout the country at the moment. Whilst most of us now have had two vaccine jabs we still have to remain vigilant and do the right thing to protect ourselves and others. Whenever the government issues any kind of change, the Archdiocese instruct us as to what we need to do next, and what changes can or cannot be made. A reminder that these are a number of the recent changes:-

Weddings and baptisms with up to 30 adults.

For funerals numbers limited to the capacity of people able to fit into each church with present social distancing guidelines.

SYNOD 2020.

Please take home one of the sheets from the back of Church concerning the Archdiocesan Synod, which ended with a celebration in Liverpool Cathedral last weekend. It reminds us of the process of the Synod and the way ahead. Many thanks to all the Parish Synod members who have given up so much time to be part of the process, and to Nora and Sue for preparing the sheet for us. As soon as we hear anything more concerning the direction that the Synod takes us we will let you know. In one sense, it didn't end last weekend. It has only just begun!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

We are hoping to celebrate the First Holy Communion after summer, in the months of September and October. We will probably prepare the children for First Holy Communion in school, following the Archdiocesan preparation programme. Please watch this space for further details. It has been a difficult time for everyone, especially for the schools who have somehow managed to keep educating the children and welcoming them into the three schools of the Parish in such very difficult and challenging times. Thanks to all our schools for the wonderful work they are doing.