



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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Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

29th August 2021– 22nd Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret Vose.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Kevin Brady.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Anne Wyatt.

Mon.30th Aug. at SH 10am.

Mary Desmond.

Tues.31st Aug St.R's 10.30am.

Maria Baxendale.

Wed.1st Sept. 12noon SH

Rosleen Duffy (sick).

Thur. 2nd Sept. St. R's 10.30

Denise Tomkins.

Fri.3rd Sept. SH.7pm.

John Thompson.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Mary McGrath. (sick).

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Angela Walters.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eucharistic Service.

Why not visit the CAFOD website if you wish to find out how to help cafod.org.uk

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.

Eileen McAlister.

Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith.

Jed Bamber.

John Atkins

Eileen Watkinson

Shelia Ratcliffe.

Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin.

Nora Hamilton.

Bernadette

Boardman.

Peter Weatherhead.

Neil Gunson.

Frank Vose.

Teresa Gallagher.

Dennis Green.

Jimmy Allen.

Bill Usher.

Mary McGrath.

Lately Dead

Christopher Harrison.

Christine Shovelton.

Michael Moran.

Pamela Corbett.

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Anniversaries

Janet Kotecka.

Maureen Gore.

Margaret Mary Hunt.

Edward Shaw.

Mary Scallon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8.

Moses urged the people to be faithful to God's Law, which is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom.

Second Reading – Letter of St. James 1:17-18.21-22.27.

It is NOT enough to listen to the Word of God, we must put it into practice in our daily lives.

Gospel Reading – Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23.

Jesus tells the Pharisees that they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God, and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of heart.

Please Remember!!!

If you feel unwell, especially if you feel you have symptoms of the Coronavirus then you MUST STAY AT HOME.

Please stay safe!

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.

Not so much a Gospel Reflection this week but a wonderful reflection, printed on the back of the Funeral Leaflet for Christine Shovelton. A wonderful, childlike view of what it means to go to Heaven.... "Water Bugs & Dragonflies".

Then the dragonfly remembered the promise: the next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk will come back and tell where he went and why. Without thinking, the dragonfly darted down. Suddenly he hit the surface of the water and bounced away. Now that he was a dragonfly, he could no longer go into the water.

"I can't return" he said in dismay. "At least I tried, but I can't keep my promise. Even if I could go back, none of the water bugs would recognise me in my new body. I guess I'll just have to wait until they become dragonflies too. Then they will understand what happened to me, and where I went." And the dragonfly flew off happily into its wonderful new world of sun and air.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

We are gently easing back to celebrating Mass as we were used to, but please remember that sadly we are not yet through the Pandemic and certain guidelines still have to be followed in Church.... Face coverings still remain mandatory for all those attending a church service.

Social distancing will not be mandatory but please respect the space of those around you.

Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive AND leave.

The collection basket should NOT be passed around – please leave your collection as you leave church.

Further details may emerge soon.

CAFOD.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world every week. As we see the devastating news on our TV screens, they have been helping with those fleeing Afghanistan at this very difficult time. Everyone is shocked and very concerned by the Taliban takeover of the vast majority of the country. The generosity and compassion of the Catholic community throughout the world has allowed CAFOD to work together with communities in Afghanistan since the 1980s, supporting local organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people. At the present we do not have a direct appeal from CAFOD for help but, since the situation is changing daily, they may well need our help very soon. Please keep the people there in your prayers and watch this space for further details of appeals.

SEASON OF CREATION.

During the past 18 months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 Pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy theory. Sadly, there are plenty who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the UN warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about the terrible fires in Europe and the USA, as well as unprecedented flooding in towns and cities throughout the world.

*In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these very issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's year to help us focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the "World Day Of Prayer For The Care Of Creation" on September 1st and runs until the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. In the past we have had weekly meetings during this season. Instead this year, because of the ongoing restrictions, we will use some of the reflections during Mass and share some of the stories on the Newsletter.*

ORDINATION OF BISHOP TOM NEYLON.

Please remember to pray for your new Bishop, Bishop Tom Neylon, this coming Friday, as he is ordained as the new auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. For those going to the Cathedral for the Ordination on Friday, please be there early. You will need to be seated in the Cathedral by 11.30am.