

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)

31st October. 2021– Feast of All Saints.

31st Sunday of the Year.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

William Pendlebury.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Peter Yates. Annie & Bob Prior.

Kathleen Lee.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Anastasia & Al Jackson. (sick)

Mon. 1st Nov. at SH 7pm.

Margaret Cunliffe.

Tues. 2nd Nov. St. R's. 10-30am

Remembrance Mass.

Wed 3rd Nov. 12noon SH

Remembrance Mass.

Thur. 4th Nov. St. R's. 10-30am

Kathy Brown.

Fri 5th Nov. SH. 7pm.

The Faithful Departed.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

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Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Nora Finn.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

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**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.
The next Saturday night
function is on the 4th
December, starring Ruth
Welch, Bingo, music & raffle.
By ticket only £5 on sale
now.**

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.

Joan Mann

Lately Dead

John Mann.

Kathleen Lee.

Mary Brookes.

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Anniversaries

Terence James Horan.

Agnes Patricia Green.

Alan Whittle.

Irene Kennedy.

Baby Oreanna.

Nora Finn.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14.

John sees a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12.

*Jesus shares the words of the Beatitudes, and says to us all,
"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven".*

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.

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

We welcome into our Parish, Maria Kay, Rory Campbell and Finley David who were baptised last Sunday. God bless their parents.

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.

During the whole of our lives we have the project of becoming a saint. No one becomes a saint overnight. Each of us will fail from time to time but we must get back up again and believe we are on the path to Heaven. One of the great things about all the saints we know is that many, if not most of them, were great sinners too. What made them saints was their turning back to God and believing in his love and forgiveness. If we fall again, we can get up again. All of us may stumble along the way, but in company with and supported by Our Lord, we will grow closer to God. As we pray today perhaps we can all make a simple resolution that no one else needs to know, and seek something in our lives that may lead us to holiness and becoming a saint. Perhaps you may decide to be a person of peace, being at peace with one's self and bringing peace to others. Or it may be living our lives with gratitude for every blessing, whatever it may be. Or it may be sharing the Good news in a very simple way of living it out in our lives. Perhaps read today's Gospel, the Beatitudes, and choose a few of them. Can we be the "Blessed" people Jesus is talking about in the Gospel? We may only do ONE of those things for now, but at least that is a start. The journey with God begins again every day. Let us pray that this journey, our faith in him and God's love for us, will bring us to salvation and all the saints and children of God in Heaven.

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.

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. This weekend we will listen to a letter from the Archbishop on the subject of Climate Change.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

*An evening of musical entertainment will take place next month. The evening, entitled "All Together Now" features hit songs from all the musicals and promises to be a wonderful evening. Some of the people in the Parish are appearing – don't worry Fr. Paul and Deacon Ken won't be singing! The concerts take place on the following dates in different venues:-
Friday November 12th – Bedford Sports & Social Club, Leigh at 7.30pm.
Saturday November 13th – Lowton Social Club, Lowton at 7.30pm.
Sunday November 14th – The Mill, Market Street, Atherton at 3.00pm & 7.30pm.
Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased online at ticketsource.co.uk*

REMEMBRANCE MASSES.

*A reminder that this week we will celebrate two Masses of Remembrance in the Parish to pray for those who have passed away in the last year. When you arrive at church, please check that the name(s) of your loved one(s) are on the list. Mass times are: -
St. Richard's Church – Tuesday at 10.30am.
Sacred Heart Church – Wednesday at 12noon.
The Archbishop will be celebrating a 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....

"Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord".

