



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)

6th June 2021 – The Body & Blood of Christ.

Corpus Christi.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Annie O'Neill.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

David Baxter.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Private Intention (V).

Mon 7th June (7pm.) SH.

Samantha Tatlock.

Tues 8th June (10.30) St. R's

Sorry, No Mass today.

Wed 9th June (12) SH.

Mgr. Austin Hunt.

Thur 10th June (10.30) St. R's

Peter Burke.

Fri 11th June (7pm) SH.

Bridie Phillips.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Joseph Fisher.

Sunday @9-30am

St. Richard's Church.

Geoff Arrowsmith.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

James Rafferty.

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.

If anyone is in need of a reclining chair, please see Deacon Ken.

We welcome into our Parish Indie Rae Horan and Isla Rose Scarborough who will be Baptised this Sunday.

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

Eveline Orsi.

Fr. Bert Shaw.

David Baxter.

John Bernard Poyner.

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Anniversaries

Michelle Ward.

John Bennet.

Margaret Hoare.

Nellie Dickinson.

Francis Smith.

Mary Ellen Eccles.

Barney Tobin.

Geoff Cooke.

Ron Hillsden.

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Collection Last Week.

Envelopes: £272-50

Loose Plate: £139-00

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Exodus 24:3-8.

The writer of the Book of Exodus describes the solemn Covenant made between God and Moses on behalf of his people on Mount Sinai.

Second Reading – Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15.

Through the redeeming work of Christ, God has entered into a new and eternal covenant with his people.

Gospel Reading – Mark 14:12-16. 22-26.

The Gospel of Mark describes the preparation and the celebration of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died.

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 – SYNOD 2020.

On this great feast of the most holy Body & Blood of Christ we renew our gratitude to God for this very special gift. In our celebrations of this Sacrament we are witnesses of the self-giving love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The presence of Christ within us is renewed through the gift of the Eucharist, and we become more deeply the member of the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world. Our Archdiocesan Synod is just two weeks away now. Once again we ask God to bless the work of the Synod. We are the Body of Christ. Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully the beauty and the mercy of Christ Jesus in all that we do in his name.

Merciful Father,
we humbly thank you for the love you have revealed
in the precious gift of the Body and Blood of your Son.
May our Synod be an instrument in your hands.

As you have fed us may we work to feed our hungry sisters and brothers throughout the world.

As you have blessed us so may you make us a blessing to the people you call us to serve.

You have shown us your great mercy.

Help us to bring your forgiveness and love into the world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, AMEN.

SYNOD 2020.

Despite it being in the wrong year, the Synod is still 2020 after the year in which it should have taken place. Only two more weeks now until the final Synod Day on June 19th, followed the next day by the Synod Mass in Liverpool Cathedral on June 20th. Sadly we cannot invite you to the Mass itself due to strict numbers following Covid restrictions. However, hopefully you will be able to livestream. We will share with you the code the week before the Mass itself. Please pray that the Synod goes well and that it will, indeed, help us to become the Church God is calling us to be.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

As and when any Covid restrictions are lifted we will let you know. However for the foreseeable future we will still have to wear facemasks in Church, sanitise our hands and keep social distancing. These are a number of recent changes:-

Since the most recent changes last Monday, May 17th -

Funerals, weddings and baptisms with up to 30 adults.

No earlier than June 21st (depending on latest data) –

Numbers only limited to the capacity of people able to fit into each church.

PARISH CENTRES.

Sadly, due to the losses during the pandemic, we have to inform you that licensed trading activities have now ceased at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Hindley Green, and Sacred Heart Parish Centre, in Hindsford. As we look towards the future for these parish premises, we are reviewing the possibility of forming Parish Hall Committee to lead the running of the premises without licensed trading activities. Your participation in this is welcomed and if you feel that you could help or learn more, please contact Fr. Paul or Deacon Ken and they will add you to the list. A meeting to discuss this further will be arranged in the near future and possibly a visit to another parish where a parish hall is operating successfully in this way to give us an idea of the way ahead.

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.

