



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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8th August 2021– 19th Sunday of the Year.

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Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Tony Sutton.

Sunday @ 9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Kenneth Thorvik.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

People of the Parish.

Mon.9th August.

St. R's 10-30am.

Requiem Mass for

Thomas McLoughlin.

SH at 7pm.

Margaret Barlow.

Tues.10th Aug. St. R's

Sorry No Mass today.

Wed.11th Aug. SH -

Sorry No Mass today.

Thur. 12th Aug. St. R's

Sorry No Mass today.

Fri.13th Aug. SH.7pm.

Ken Ormrod.

Next Weekend.

Saturday @ 5pm.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eddie Shaw.

Sunday @9-30am.

St. Richard's Church.

Eucharistic Service.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Josephine Corcoran.

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.

Bill Usher.

Jimmy Allen

Lately Dead

Ellen Baxter.

Herman St.John.

Thomas McLoughlin.

Christine Shovelton.

Pamela Corbett.

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Anniversaries

Alan Liptrot.

Jimmy Hitchen.

Joan Moore.

Robert Musker.

Arthur Rosbotham.

Cecilia Smith.

Maureen Gore.

Margaret Mary Hunt.

Edward Shaw.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading – Book of Kings 19:4-8.

The Prophet Elijah, afraid for his life and discouraged by everything that was happening to him, prays for death but God has other plans for him.

Second Reading – St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:30-5:2.

According to St.Paul we should get rid of all negativity and, instead, try to imitate Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Gospel Reading – John 6:41-51.

Jesus IS the Bread of Life, come down from Heaven to bring eternal life to all those who share in his feast.

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.

The Gospel this weekend reminds us of the gift of the Bread of Life. Jesus reminds his disciples that he IS the Bread of Life. But many of those listening to him cannot accept him and reject him. The same people who knew Mary and Joseph, and had spent time with them throughout their days in Nazareth could not understand how this young man, who they had presumably known since he was a boy, could get all this knowledge and claim that he was the son of God. Yet Jesus continued to proclaim himself as “the living bread”, which they must eat if they want to live forever. As we continue to celebrate the Eucharist may we always be aware of this precious gift of Jesus in Holy Communion. May we never take it for granted but always acknowledge it as one of the greatest gifts in the Church, the very source and summit of everything we do and believe in as God’s family today.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

A reminder that some of the Covid restrictions will continue in Church....

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.

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 its traditional 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.

CAFOD THANKYOU.

Many thanks to all of you who have continued to support CAFOD especially during the pandemic.

We received the following message this week... “Thanks to your donations, CAFOD have been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million people are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We’ve always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you”.

LEGION OF MARY.

The Legion of Mary are hoping to begin meeting again very soon, hopefully at the end of this month. If anyone from anywhere in the Parish would like to join you would be very welcome to do so. More details soon.

MASS INTENTIONS.

Just a reminder that, if you have any Mass Intentions, please be aware that there is a bit of a backlog. It is always best to put a date on the Mass Intention, especially if it is for an anniversary. We still cannot guarantee that we can celebrate the Intention on the date but we will try our best. Remember that there are much fewer Masses at the moment – only usually three in St. Richard’s Church and five in Sacred Heart Church every week, which means we cannot cover all the Mass Intentions as quickly as we would like to.