



## 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)**

**9th May 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Special Intention.

**Sunday @ 9-30am.**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Eileen McKiernan.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Joseph Fisher.

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> May (7pm) SH.**

Dominic & Vance Green.

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May (10.30) St.R's**

***Sorry, No Mass today.***

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May (12) SH.**

Fr. Donald Gordon.

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> May (10.30) St.R's**

Harry Knotman.

**6.00pm SH**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May (7pm) SH.**

John, Dorothy & Marjorie

Meakin.

**Next Weekend.**

**Saturday @ 5pm.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Jack & Bridie Phillips.

**Sunday @ 9-30am**

**St. Richard's Church.**

Kathy Brown.

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Margaret Barlow.

**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.**

### **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**

John Gilligan.

Margaret Brereton.

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### **Anniversaries**

Wilfred Frost.

Fr. Donald Gordon.

George Williams.

Thomas Trumble.

Annie Unsworth.

Bertha Power.

Alba Crompton.

Barbara Duffy.

Jean Neary.

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### **Collection Last Week.**

Envelopes: £320-00

Loose Plate: £236-00

CAFOD Box:

PTF. £114-00

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading – Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26.34-35.44-48.**

*Christ has revealed that God's love extends to everyone.*

**Second Reading – First letter of St. John 4:7-10.**

*John insists that the more fully and completely we know God, the more the reality of God's love dawns on us. We are called to love one another as God has loved us.*

**Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17.**

*Jesus spends his last hours with his closest companions, speaking of love – abiding in joy, living each day with joy, and bearing the fruits of love and joy.*

*A reminder that Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension.*

*Mass times are:-*

*St. Richard's @ 10.30am & Sacred Heart @ 6.00pm.*

*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 laying down of Jesus' life out of love is the theme of today's Gospel. In these final weeks of Easter we listen again to the words of Jesus at the last Supper. Jesus offers himself as the model of love, willing to go so far as to suffer danger and death to express his love. The Second Reading today explains this more fully. John is writing to the early Christian Community and tells them to "love one another since love comes from God." And in the First Reading we learn that God loves everybody. Peter has been hesitant to go into the home of Cornelius, because he is a Roman soldier. But when he does, the Holy Spirit is poured upon everyone in the house. The people receive faith just as the disciples did at Pentecost.*

*As followers of Jesus today, we are called to love ourselves and others outside our own circle. Following his own example, Jesus taught us to reach out to those who are poor, excluded and marginalised. Let us carry on breaking barriers to reach out to others. Jesus teaches us not just to love those who love us, but to love our enemies too. It takes great courage and conviction to understand that we must love one another as Jesus loves us. And there is a further dimension. Pope Francis taught us in his encyclical "Laudato Si" to hear "the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth". We are called to care for the whole earth community, described by Pope Francis as "our common home". As we approach Pentecost let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and let us remember, as last week's Gospel strongly suggested, that all things and all people are connected and united in the great love of God our Father.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS.**

*Many thanks to all those who have put in Mass Intentions at St. Richard's Church. If anyone would like Mass to be celebrated for a loved one, or for a special anniversary, please let Fr. Paul or Deacon Ken know asap. Always best to write the Mass Intention down on an envelope along with a preferred date. We will try our best to fit it in on or as close to the date as possible.*

## **READERS AT MASS.**

*If you would like to do a reading at any time please speak to deacon Ken, for Sacred Heart Church, or Fr. Paul for St. Richard's. Many thanks to all those who have been reading so far.*

## **SYNOD 2020.**

*Any of the Synod helpers are invited to the third online reflection meeting with the Synod Team this Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> between 7pm-8.30pm. If you would like to join the reflection evening please contact Fr. Paul on [stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk) and he will send you the link. Please join us on Wednesday and for any other meetings we may have very soon.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*There are lots of items on the News concerning the lifting of Covid restrictions. As and when they happen we will let you know what is happening and when. Whilst everything looks hopeful we will not know until the Archdiocese have been informed what we can or cannot do by the Government authorities. For example, we can now have funerals in Church, with up to 30 people, and weddings too with the same number. It looks like we may be aiming to celebrate First Holy Communions in the autumn. So please watch this space for more details.*

## **ST.JOHN RIGBY PARISH OFFERING.**

*It would be a great help and much appreciated if more people gave their donation by Standing Order. Standing Order Forms are available at the back of church. Please take one and once you have completed it post it through the presbytery door. This will allow your weekly contributions to be automatically sent from your bank to the Parish account. Thank you for your continued support.*