



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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2nd Oct. 2022. 27th Sunday of the Year. C

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm
William Dalton.

Sunday 2nd October
St. Richard's Church 9-30am.
Jessica Ellison.

Sunday @ 11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
Ron Hickman.

Mon. 3rd Oct. S H .10am
Eucharistic Service.

Tue 4th Oct. St.R's.10-30am
Margaret Higgins.

Wed 5th Oct. SH.12noon
Funeral Mass for Brian Clarke.

Thur 6th Oct. St.R's.10-30am
Enid Kenwright.

Fri. 7th Oct. SH .10am
Eucharistic Service.

Next weekend.
Sat 8th October. SH 5pm.
John Thompson.

28th Sunday 9th October.
St. Richard's Church.9-30am
Clive Pritchard.

Sunday @11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
John & Elizabeth Vose.

**Next Sunday we welcome
 into our Parish through
 baptism
 Noah Murphy**

**Parish Centre open for
 functions.
 Slimming World Tuesday
 4-30pm & 7-30pm.
 Friendship Club Wednesday
 1pm to 4pm.
 Craft every other Thursday
 1pm to 4pm.**

Pray for our sick	Lately Dead	Anniversaries
Joan Baines.	Keith Marsh.	Jean McSheen.
Eileen McAlister.	John Brian Gregson.	William Battersby.
Joyce Gorton.	Enid Kenwright.	William Dalton.
Nora Smith.	Margaret Ann Higgins.	Frank Ingram.
Jed Bamber.	Margaret Patterson.	.
Cheryl Morris.	Betty Hulmes.	.
Pat Woodward.	Brian Clarke.	.
Shelia Ratcliffe.	Jean Ann Connell.	.
Maureen Blears.	.	.
Jean Culkin.	.	.
Phyllis Smith.	.	.
Harry Doyle.	.	.
Janina Herko.	.	.
Peter Weatherhead.	.	.
Neil Gunson.	.	.
Jean Rafferty.	.	.
Teresa Gallagher.	.	.
Dennis Green.	.	.
Jimmy Allen.	.	.
Elaine Owen.	.	.
Frank Vose.	.	.
Sheila Nyland.	.	.
Teresa Ward.	.	.
Christopher Holding.	(Organist)	.
Doreen Hayes.	.	.
Sheila Holden.	.	.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4
The prophet Habakkuk is overwhelmed by all the violence he sees and asks why God tolerates evil deeds.

Second Reading St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
St. Paul teaches that "the spirit of timidity" does not come from God and that we should not be ashamed of our testimony to Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading – Luke 17:5-10
According to Luke, the ones closest to Jesus believe they need more faith. So, they ask the Lord to "increase their faith"

**We welcome into our Parish through Baptism this Sunday
 Leo Thomas Buckley**

*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.

Today's readings are all about faith, particularly the importance of being bold and never being ashamed of "witnessing to the Lord". Faith is the persistence of reaching out to Jesus and trusting in God's power and authority. Faith is responding with love to forgiveness received, not letting fear get the upper hand, being willing to take risks. Faith is giving praise to God, having confidence in God's desire for justice and being willing to ask Jesus for all that we need.

Throughout Luke's Gospel, the closest followers of Jesus reveal their own mixed level of faith. They have left homes and jobs and families to follow Jesus. It has not been easy, as they have encountered hostility from many who oppose him. Still, they have stuck around even for the final journey towards Jerusalem. In our own days of turmoil and fear, we can perhaps sympathise with the disciples when faith wavers. It is easy to lose sight of God's Spirit at work in the world. As we live in this somewhat difficult world, we must remember that faith is the bridge that leads us closer to God. Only then, like the disciples, will we really understand all that has gone on, and then we will see God's true plan.

Sacramental Preparation 2023

This is a notice for parents of baptised Catholic children who are in Year Four or above, if they wish their child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive First Holy Communion, there will be an invitation to attend preparation meeting in January 2023. More details will follow nearer the date.

The Legion of Mary.

Friday 7th October is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, after the Eucharistic Service the Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary with a break for tea and biscuits in the interval. All welcome.

Christmas Fair.

Our Christmas Fair will be Sunday 20th November, to help with our stalls we are looking for Raffle prizes, 2nd hand toys, gifts, bottles for tombola. And any help if you are available.

St. Richard's Masses.

If you are requesting a certain date could you please hand it in at least two months in advance. To email it's a temporary one (strichards13@gmail.com) this is till Fr. Paul is back.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

To donate, text:

HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2.

HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3.

HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.

HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time and the opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue. We are keeping some parts of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable. Covid guidelines will continue to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.

Response to the Psalm....

"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."