



# 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)**

11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022. 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year. C

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**Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm**  
 Margaret & Sr. Catherine Vose.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**St. Richard's Church 9-30am.**  
 Harry Redman.

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**  
**Sacred Heart Church.**  
 Michael McGlore.

**Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. S H .10am**  
 Eucharistic Service.

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Sept St.R's.10-30am**  
 Betty Hulmes.

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. SH.12noon**  
 Special Intention TG.

**Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. St.R's.10-30am**  
 Maria Baxendale.

**Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. SH .10am**

**Next weekend.**  
**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. SH 5pm.**  
 Jean Jones.

**25th Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.**  
**St. Richard's Church.9-30am**  
 John Burke.

**Sunday @11-00am.**  
**Sacred Heart Church.**  
 Frances Mahon (sick).

**Pray for our sick**

Joan Baines.  
 Eileen McAlister.  
 Joyce Gorton.  
 Nora Smith.  
 Jed Bamber.  
 Cheryl Morris.  
 Pat Woodward.

Shelia Ratcliffe.  
 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.  
 Doreen Hayes.  
 Sheila Holden.

**Lately Dead**

Thomas Johnson.  
 Irene McIntyre.  
 Wilfred Dillon.  
 Brett Jones.  
 Margaret Patterson.  
 Betty Hulmes.

(Organist)

**Anniversaries**

Thomas O'Connell.  
 Bernard Southern.  
 Catherine Woodward.  
 Marie Campbell.  
 Patricia Devereux.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading- Exodus 32:7-11.13-14**

*When the Israelites returned to the worship of idols, God showed mercy to them.*

**Second Reading St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17**

*Paul was the arch-persecutor of Christians, yet God was endlessly patient with him.*

**Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-32**

*The parable of the Prodigal Son assures us that mercy will be shown to every sinner who turns back to God.*

“My son was lost and is now found”.

**Parish Centre open for functions.**

**Slimming World Tuesday**  
**Friendship Club Wednesday.**  
**Craft every other Thursday**

*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 we hear the wonderful story of the Prodigal Son. There are so many different aspects to the story that can help us in our faith and in our lives each day. It is about forgiveness, acceptance, love, everything! Jesus wanted to emphasise the great love that God has for each of us by repeating the point in three separate stories. First, he shared the story of the shepherd looking for the lost sheep; then, about a woman searching frantically for a lost coin; then finally, about a father who embraces his lost son. Each story ends, not in reprimand, but in rejoicing.*

*It would be interesting how the story of the Prodigal Son unfolds after the Gospel story ends. For example, are the brothers reconciled to each other? Did the Prodigal Son go off again with more of his father's money? Or did he settle down once again, lesson learned, to work on his father's farm? Jesus includes the resentful older brother in the story because he wants us to act in a very different way than him. It can be a struggle, but forgiveness and acceptance can change people's lives.*

*So, which of the people in the story do we identify with the most? There is probably a little bit of them in each one of us. Are we like the elder son, jealous of those who seem to be getting along in life better than us? Are we like the prodigal Son, able to recognise our mistakes and come back home? Hopefully there is something of the father in us who loved his son so much that he didn't reprimand him but rejoiced and gave thanks when he came home.*

## **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.*

## **WELCOME TO FR.FOLEY.**

*We offer a very warm welcome to Fr.Patsy Foley who will be joining us in the Parish for a few months. Please make Fr.Foley very welcome as he begins his time here in St.John Rigby Parish.*

## **RELICS OF ST.BERNADETTE.**

*In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will make a tour of England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people to come together to celebrate the love and life of St. Bernadette in a church close by. The relics will visit the following churches very soon: -*

*St. Mary's, Chorley – 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Liverpool Cathedral – 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September.*

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL.**

*A warm welcome back to school to all the children and staff of our three primary schools and St.Mary's High School. We hope you had a lovely summer break – where did it go – and that you are looking forward to a good year at school. Take care and God Bless.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.**

*Thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers who have offered to help distribute Holy Communion at the 9.30am Mass at St.Richard's. Copies of the rota are available in the Sacristy. If there are any days you cannot do, then please organise a swap with one of the other ministers. Many thanks.*

## **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....**

*"I will leave this place and go to my father."*