



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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13th Feb. 2022. 6th Week of the Year- C

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Elizabeth Gaskell.

Sunday February 13th

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Eileen & Denis McKiernan.

Sunday @ 10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Michael & Sean Grainey.

Mon. 14th Feb. at SH 10am.

Bernard & Vincent Killeen.

Tue 15th Feb. St.R's. 10.30am

Patrick Joseph Higgins.

Wed 16th Feb. 12noon SH

Francis Rigby.

Thur 17th Feb. St.R's. 10-30am

Geraldine Mary Baker.

Fri 18th Feb. SH. 10am.

Willie Connolly.

Next Weekend

Sat. Sacred Heart @5pm.

Private Intention (VA).

Sunday February 20th.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Emma Newton.

Sunday @10-30am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Bridie Phillips .

We welcome into our Parish Myla Lesley and Dexter James who will be baptized next Sunday.

Thank you for the donation of £160 in memory of Sean McLoughlin. A pair of new candles for the altar.

Sacred Heart Parish Centre is open for functions.

We have snooker and dominoes on Friday nights. The Friendship Club on Wed. afternoon 1pm till 4pm and Craft every other Thurs. from 17th Feb. 1pm till 4pm.

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
 Eileen McAlister.
 Joyce Gorton.
 Nora Smith.
 Jed Bamber.
 Cheryl Morris.
 Eileen Watkinson
 Shelia Ratcliffe.
 Maureen Blears.
 Jean Culkin.
 Phyllis Smith.
 Bernadette
 Boardman.
 Peter Weatherhead.
 Neil Gunson.
 Jean Rafferty.
 Teresa Gallagher.
 Dennis Green.
 Jimmy Allen.
 Elaine Owen.
 Frank Vose.
 Sheila Nyland.
 Janina Herko.

Lately Dead

Martin Higgins.
 Francis Hankinson.
 Bessie Ellison.
 Samuel Bradshaw.
 Yvonne Woodcock.

Anniversaries

Joan Morris.
 Sandra Unsworth.
 Albert Woodward.
 Bill Dickinson.
 Catherine Kelly.
 Edward Foster.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading –Prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8.

Jeremiah's prophecy is uncompromising and challenging. Trusting in God alone rather than in human strength and wealth is something we are all called to do.

Second Reading – St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12-16

Paul says that without Christ's resurrection, his teaching makes no sense. As Christians we are called to live and die by this.

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:17.20-26

Luke's Beatitudes are more uncompromising than Matthew's. It is poverty, pure and simple, that is blessed. The challenge for us is to dare to believe.

Please keep safe everyone and look after each other. If you feel you have any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, please stay at home until you feel better. Please follow all the guidelines listed at this time.

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 teaching in all three of the readings this weekend contains a strong challenge, to risk living a life of faith opposed to a life of comfort and luxury. Jeremiah reminds his followers not to seek security in that which seems powerful and strong. Paul suggests that faith in Jesus means nothing unless we believe in the resurrection. And in the Gospel, Luke's version of the Beatitudes tells us that we are blessed if we walk and journey with those who suffer in this world. Faith in Jesus makes massive demands of us, but such faith also offers infinite rewards in return. The life of faith stands in radical contrast to the values of this world. Faith, hope, and love are not always easy virtues to have and live out, but they are the foundational graces offered to all those who follow Jesus.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2022.

An early notice that First Holy Communion celebrations will (hopefully) take place in May this year. The children at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, are beginning their preparation this week. Sacred Heart, Hindsford and St. Richard's, Atherton, will start their preparation during Lent. We will get letters out to parents as soon as we have the preparation dates. The hope is that we can have children from the different schools celebrating at the same Mass. However, due to covid regulations, this has not always been possible. So, we will make provisional plans and hope that all will be well to celebrate First Holy Communions in May. The dates are as follows: -

Saturday May 7th at 11am- children from St. Richard's, Atherton.

Saturday May 14th at 11am – children from Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

Saturday May 21st at 11am – children from Sacred Heart, Hindley Green.

CONFIRMATIONS 2022.

Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) are invited to register their interest to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. Registration will close on Monday March 21st. to register you will need to visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click "Register For Confirmation" at the top right hand side of the page. Information concerning the preparation for Confirmation will be found on the same website page. Once we have an idea how many young people wish to be confirmed we will then sort out celebration dates for the whole Deanery.

LGBT+ GATHERING.

The next gathering of the Archdiocesan Support Group for LGBT+ will take place in St. Richard's, Atherton, on Sunday 20th of February at 2.00pm. The gathering will begin with Mass at 2pm followed by a discussion and a bit of social time. If you wish to attend, please contact Fr. Stephen Maloney on 0151-2878787 or by email frsmaloney@aol.com

MOBILITY SCOOTER.

A Mobility Scooter has become available from one of the families in the Parish. It works perfectly well and has just been serviced. If anyone in the Parish needs it then please contact Fr. Paul and he will give you the contact details for the family.

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Last week we received an update concerning the easing of Covid restrictions.

Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time.

Opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue.

A slow return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass – please note that Holy Communion will remain under ONE kind, the sacred Host, for the time being.

There is no need for social distancing in church, but it would still be good to have part of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable.

Good ventilation should continue – in other words, keep the windows open.

The use of Holy Water can now be reintroduced.

These guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.

Response to the Psalm....

"Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord".