



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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18th Sept. 2022. 25th Sunday of the Year. C

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Sacred Heart 5pm

Jean Jones.

Sunday 18th September

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

John Burke.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Frances Mahon (sick).

Mon. 19th Sept. S H .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 20th Sept St.R's. 11-00am

St. Richard's Funeral Mass

For Margaret Ann Higgins

Wed 21st Sept. SH. 12noon

Christine, Peter, Frank & Billy.

Thur 22nd Sept. St.R's. 10-30am

Betty Hulmes

Funeral Mass 12pm.

For Enid Kenwright.

Fri. 23rd Sept. SH .

Sorry, No Service Today.

Next weekend.

Sat 24th Sept. SH 5pm.

Marjorie Meakin.

26th Sunday 25th Sept.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Pamela Maruoka.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Oakes & Guy Family.

We welcome into our Parish Charlie James Millin Who will be Baptised next Sunday.

There will be a meeting of the SVP on Sunday 18th September held at St. Ambrose Hall at 12-15pm after 11pm Mass. All interested are invited to come

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

Keith Marsh.
 John Brian Gregson.
 Wilfred Dillon.
 Brett Jones.
 Margaret Patterson.
 Betty Hulmes.
 Margaret Ann Higgins.
 Enid Kenwright.

Anniversaries

Thomas McLoughlin.
 Norman Welch.
 James Horan.
 Norman Atherton.
 Anne Brown.

First Reading – Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos speaks very blunt terms. Religious observance without concern for justice towards those who are poor is nothing but empty show.

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Prayer is essential, not only in individual terms but as the obligation of the whole community. It is important for the common good that we take our responsibility to pray seriously, even when we cannot see the results.

Gospel Reading – Like 16:1-13.

The parable of the dishonest steward appears baffling at first sight. But the key is the final comment: whoever is faithful in little is faithful in everything.

Parish meeting Monday 26th September 7pm in the Gordon Room about the Christmas Fair.

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 parable of the dishonest steward is difficult to understand at first sight, but it makes a great telling point. Virtue needs to be kept in practice as much as any skill we may have in life. A pianist can't learn to play a concerto without practicing. We cannot grow in faith, hope and love unless we practice them on a day- to- day basis. Small acts of kindness, justice and faith are not insignificant to God. The mystic, Julian of Norwich, tells us that God notices not only great deeds, but also those that are small and simple, because not even the least of our good deeds will be forgotten.

Virtues, like vies, are cumulative. They gather a momentum of their own. So, our little daily acts of goodness become embedded in us and develop into habit of grace, just as negative habits can do too, if we are not careful. So let us pray that we may be "Christ to others" in the way we live our daily lives. Jesus calls us not only to hear the Gospel but to live it in the small actions of our lives. This is the best way we can share the Good News with others.

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued the following statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth.

'I am deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow.

On 21st April 1947, her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth saying, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong". Today we give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70year reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much respect and love people had for her.

'She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth and her pride in our country.

'May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord'

Prayer.

Father, Creator of all, you fashion all people in your likeness and shower them with your grace and manifold gifts. We give you thanks for the long reign of your servant Queen Elizabeth II who, steadfast in your love, faithfully served the nation for 70years. May her faith in you and her loyal service never be forgotten. May she enjoy the light of your glory in all eternity.

Compassionate Christ, bless the family and friends of the Queen, for whom this loss is a moment of Great sadness. Help them shoulder their private grief in the midst of their public lives. We pray that your yoke will be easy and your burden light for our new Monarch, King Charles III. Give him the grace to reign wisely, always faithful to your name.

Spirit, Comforter, We pray for ourselves and all people who mourn the passing of our Queen. Like her, may we all draw strength from your love and face each new day with hope. Pour your consolation into every grieving heart so that doubt may turn into certainty and sadness give birth to gratitude. Amen.

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: -

Liverpool Cathedral – 17th-20th September.

Response to the Psalm....

"Praise the Lord, who raises the poor."