



# 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)**

24th July. 2022. 17th Sunday of the Year C

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### Saturday.

#### Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Tina Leigh-Baker.

#### Sunday 24th July

#### St.Richard's Church 9-30am.

Christine Shovelton.

Josephine Shovelton.

Jolanta Jedruszewska.

#### Sunday @ 10-30am.

#### Sacred Heart Church.

Jessica Ellison.

#### Mon.25<sup>th</sup> July S H

Sorry, No Service Today.

#### Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July St.R's.10.30am

Connie & Paul Seddon.

#### Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July SH.12noon

Mary Slade.

#### Thur 27<sup>th</sup> July St.R's10.30am

Thomas McLoughlin.

#### Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> July. SH

Sorry, No Service Today.

#### Next weekend.

#### Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July.SH 5pm.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

#### St. Richard's Church.9-30am

Margaret Hibbert.

#### Sunday @10-30am.

#### Sacred Heart Church.

## **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. (Organist)

Sheila Holden.

## **Lately Dead**

Thomas Johnson.

Eileen Watkinson.

Brendan Burke.

Irshad Ahmed.

## **Anniversaries**

Catherine Cooper.

Gwenneth Hamer.

Kevin Mullaney.

Thomas Gaskell.

Martin Mugan.

Placid Tyrer.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

### First Reading- Genesis 18:20-32

*Abraham, the friend of God, asks God to have mercy on a sinful city.*

### Second Reading – St. Paul to the Colossians 2:12:14.

*Paul assures us that God's forgiveness is total and absolute.*

### Gospel Reading – Luke 11:1-13

*Jesus teaches those who follow him to call God "Father" and invites them into his own life of prayer*

**Slimming World every Tuesday 4-30pm and 7-30pm.**

**Deacon Ken is away in Lourdes from 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> July.**

*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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**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. 1pm till 4pm.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*In the readings this weekend we see two people praying. In the Old Testament Reading Abraham, who is referred to as a “friend of God” – because of his great faith and good deeds – asks God’s forgiveness for Sodom and Gomorrah. After a great deal of interrogation, God assures him that even if just 10 people were faithful in each city, then those cities would be spared. Abraham’s prayer reveals the justice of God, the God who will not punish the innocent along with the wicked. In the Gospel Reading we see an even deeper intimacy than that of God and Abraham. Jesus prays as more than a friend. He prays as the eternal Son of God. He prays with the closeness of someone at the heart of the Holy Trinity, as he calls God, “Abba Father”. If we follow Jesus throughout Luke’s Gospel, we will see him praying to the Father on many significant moments in his life. According to Luke it is during Jesus’ final journey to Jerusalem that the disciples ask him how to pray, and Jesus teaches them the “Our Father”.*

*As we pray the Our Father today, and hopefully every day, let us never underestimate the true meaning of the prayer. God the Father IS Our Father, and he loves us just as much as he loves his Son, Jesus. May we try to do the same with those around us in our lives each day.*

## **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.*

## **PRAYER WALK.**

*A little reminder that the Prayer Walk, which was going to take place later this month has now been put back to Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The walk is an invitation to join with all our friends from the different churches in the area and walk to each church to say a prayer outside. We have done this during the Pandemic, on the Feast of Pentecost. The walk will take approximately two hours. More details nearer the time.*

## **PRAYER BREAKFAST.**

*Many thanks to all those who came to the first of our Prayer Breakfasts last Saturday. The next one will take place in St.Richard’s on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. Sadly, no cooked breakfast, but a time of sharing stories and joining with others in prayer. We could do with a few volunteers to help on the morning. If you can help in any way please contact Fr.Paul as soon as possible.*

## **PHONE LINE AT ST.RICHARD’S.**

*Apologies to anyone who may have left a message on the answer machine at St. Richard’s recently and have not received a reply. Unfortunately, the answer machine hasn’t been working properly and several messages were lost. If you phoned and left a message it would sound normal. However, the messages could not be heard. A technician from BT came out at the end of last week and the problem seems to have been solved. Please remember to leave your name and number when you phone. It’s amazing how many people don’t!*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*Once again, we are seeing Covid infections on the rise, so we still need to be vigilant and look after one another. 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....**

*“On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.”*