



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)

4th Dec. 2022. Second Sunday Advent. A.

2nd Sunday of Advent A
Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm
Josephine Busby.

Sunday 4th December
St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Sunday @ 11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
William Gaskell.

Mon. 5th Dec. S H .10am
Eucharistic Service.

Tue 6th Dec. St.R's.10-00am
Funeral Mass, Norah Hampson.

Wed 7th Dec. SH.12noon
Geoff Coyne.

Thur 8th Dec. St.R's.10-30am
Leonard Beach.

Fri. 9th Dec. SH .10am
Eucharistic Service.

Next weekend.
Sat 10th December. SH 5pm.
Jimmy Rafferty.

Third Sunday of Advent A.
11th December.
St. Richard's Church.9-30am
Hilda Grundy 100 Birthday.
Sunday @11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
Margaret & Thomas Morris.

Sacred Heart Hindley Green.
Christmas Cards, Calendars,
Diary's, Etc. are now on sale
in the repository shop.

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.	Patricia Ann Hardman.	Teresa Rawsthorn.
Eileen McAlister.	Evelyn Griffin.	Thomas Cunliffe.
Joyce Gorton.	Anthony Wood.	Bill Smith.
Nora Smith.	Sheila Nyland.	Robert Coote.
Jed Bamber.	Norah Hampson.	Alice Rosbotham.
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 Holden.	.	.
Teresa Ward.	.	.
Christopher Holding.	(Organist)	.
Doreen Hayes.	.	.
Dominic Kearns.	.	.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10
We hear about the coming of the Messiah, and the kind of justice and peace he will bring.

Second Reading St Paul to Romans 15:4-9
St. Paul talks of the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same way Christ Jesus treats us.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:1-12
We hear the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us that what he said to those on the banks of the River Jordan, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand”.

There will be carols by candle light with a brass band on Sunday 11th December 7-30pm till 9pm at Sacred Heart Hindley Green. Tickets £5

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.

In today's First Reading, Isaiah foretells that, even though the family tree of Jesus, King David's father, has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless, from that stump a new shoot will spring – a true King filled with the Spirit and blessed with all the virtues of his ancestors. The new King, the Messiah, will be a champion of the poor and will restore peace.

In the Gospel, Matthew introduces John the Baptist as the herald, for told by the prophet Isaiah, of the long-awaited Messiah, and the one who prepared the people to receive him and accept him into their hearts. Matthew presents Jesus as the one who would fulfil the Old Testament promises.

Paul, in the Second Reading to the Romans, also sees Jesus in this way, as the fulfilment of God's promises, and promises peace and everlasting life to those who believe in him.

Sacramental Preparation 2023 at Sacred Heart Hindley Green.

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 a preparation meeting in January 2023. More details will follow nearer the date.

Sacred Heart School Reception class Hindley Green applications 2023.

Families are warmly invited to come and tour the school. Please contact the school on 01942 767768 to book a place.

Christmas Masses.

As per usual Christmas Masses are in big demand, so as not to disappoint anyone we will have a list of names to be offered for the masses. These will be read out at each church over the Christmas period. Please put the names forward so we can compile the list.

St. Richard's Masses.

If you are requesting a certain date could you please put your name and contact details, hand it in at least two months in advance.

To email its temporary one (strichards13@gmail.com) this is until 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.

Warm and Cosy.

Our Parish centre at St. Richard's Atherton will be open Thursdays after 10-30am. Mass. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and wifi and friendly company.

Chocolate Bingo.

Sacred Heart School Hindsford are having a Chocolate Bingo, Thursday 8th December from 2-30pm. All Welcome.

Walsingham Pilgrimage.

Parish of St. John Rigby Pilgrimage to Walsingham 14th -17th August 2023, a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. Please give your name and tel. no, with the deposit to Lauren, the weekend 17/18 December.

Advent Taize Service.

Sacred Heart Church 14th Dec. @ 7pm.

St. Richard's Church 20th Dec. @ 7pm.

Christmas Mass Times.

Christmas Eve Sacred Heart 5pm. St. Richard's 7pm.

Christmas Day St. Richard's 9-30am. Sacred Heart 11am