



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 Sept. 2022.23rd Sunday of the Year. C

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm
 Tony Messenger.

Sunday 4th September
St. Richard's Church 9-30am.
 Harry Knotman.

Sunday @ 11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
 Mary Halton.

Mon.5th Sept. S H .
 Sorry, No Service Today.

Tue 6th Sept. St.R's.10-30am
 Denise Blacker-Hamlin.

Wed 7th Sept. SH.12noon
 David Murray.
 Funeral Mass in **St.R's at 12**
 for Betty Hulmes.

Thur 8th Sept.St.R's.10-30am
 Jessica Ellison.

Fri. 9th Sept. SH .
 Sorry. No Service Today.

Next weekend.
Sat 10th Sept. SH 5pm.
 Margaret & Sr. Catherine Vose.

24th Sunday 11th Sept.
St. Richard's Church.9-30am
 Harry Rodman.

Sunday @11-00am.
Sacred Heart Church.
 Michael Glore.

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.
 Wilfred Dillon.
 Betty Hulmes.
 Margaret Patterson.

Anniversaries

Mary Margaret King.
 Edna Theresa Atkins.
 Lynn Unsworth.
 Michael Sullivan.

(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Wisdom 9:13-18

Human reasoning is unsure, but Wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches us what pleases God.

Second Reading St Paul to Philemon 9-10.12-17

St.Paul speaks about a runaway slave whom he converted to Christianity, who, instead of a slave, has become "dear brother".

Gospel Reading – Luke 14:25-33

.Jesus commends a radical life without possessions and human ties, providing we weigh up the costs first.

Meeting in the Parish Centre Monday 12th September at 7pm, all welcome, as we need help to organise our future events.

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.

One of the most persistent calls of Jesus is the call to live a simple life. Today's Gospel ends with the words of Jesus: "None of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions." The call to give up our possessions and give money to the poor is a constant theme throughout the teaching of Jesus. The first Christians in Jerusalem did this, and throughout history many others have done it and still do. The Gospels challenge always to see the face of Christ in the poor and needy we may encounter each day. Jesus himself always went the "extra mile" with people throughout the Gospel passages. Perhaps think of the Woman at the Well, the story of Zacchaeus, the ten lepers, and the many different accounts of Jesus reaching out to people. We don't just have to give financially. Sometimes our time and presence are what people need most. As we listen to today's Gospel story may it inspire us to reach out to the poor and needy in whatever way we can.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

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HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.

HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.

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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 – 15th-17th September.

Liverpool Cathedral – 17th-20th September.

SABBATICAL LEAVE.

As I leave the Parish this week for my Sabbatical, I just wish to assure you of my prayers when I am away, especially during the times when I am on retreat – on Lindisfarne, Perth, and the Island of Iona. Whilst it will be good for me to have some time off, I will really miss you and Parish life in general. I hope to return refreshed and feeling generally much better and less stressed. The life of a priest can be very difficult at times, but it can also be very rewarding. Please make Fr. Patsy Foley very welcome. It was good of the Archbishop to invite him to cover for my time away, and very good of Fr. Patsy to agree to help out. Although it doesn't feel like it at the moment, December isn't that far away, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Take care and God Bless,

Fr. Paul

DEANERY SYNOD COUNCIL.

Very soon every deanery in the Archdiocese are going to form a Deanery Synod Council (DSC). This is in response to the Archdiocesan Synod we held a few years ago. The Council is being set up to encourage more people to get involved with the direction of each Deanery and Parish. Every Deanery Synod Council needs one volunteer from every Parish. If you would like to volunteer, can you please contact the Dean, Fr. Gordon Abbs, to declare your interest. Fr. Gordon lives at St. Catherine's Church in Golborne. You contact him on 273851 or email lgcadmin@rcaol.org.uk

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....

"O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next."