



## 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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### 6th March. 2022. 1st Week of Lent- C

#### **1st Week of Lent (C)**

##### **Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart @ 5pm.**

*Rosaleen Duffey.*

**Sunday February 6th**

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

*Francis Hankinson.*

**Sunday @ 10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Michael Gallagher.*

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar. at SH 10am.**

*Margaret Delaney.*

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Mar. St.R's. 10.30am**

*Fred Barnes.*

**Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12noon SH**

*Tony Messenger.*

**St.R's Church at 2pm.**

*Funeral Mass - Brenda Keleher.*

**Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. St.R's. 10-30am**

*John Neary.*

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. SH. 10am.**

*Thomas Delaney.*

**Stations of the Cross - 10.30.**

##### **Next Weekend**

**Sat. Sacred Heart @5pm.**

*Donald Davies.*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

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

*Kenneth Torvic.*

**Sunday @10-30am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Thomas Joseph Barrett.*

**Parish meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the Summer Fair, all who are interested welcome.**

**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.**

#### **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**

Samuel Bradshaw.  
 Yvonne Woodcock.  
 Brenda Keleher.

#### **Anniversaries**

Evelyn Silcock.  
 Molly Hooton.  
 Sean Graineey.  
 Margaret Delaney.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

##### **First Reading- Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

*We are called to walk in the ways of God and listen to his voice.*

##### **Second Reading – St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13**

*Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

##### **Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13**

*Jesus, like Moses, before him, retreats into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days and nights and rejects the temptations put before him.*

**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.**

*As we begin the season of Lent the Gospel reminds us of the temptations placed upon Jesus during his time in the desert. These 40 days gave him the time he needed with God the Father to pray and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He needed to be in the wilderness to embrace the calling God had given to him. Sometimes we can go through the wilderness too, as we face the difficulties this life can bring. During Lent let us pray for the courage and strength that only God can bring so that we, like Jesus, may see the work of God in our lives, even in those moments when we feel alone, empty and afraid.*

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

*Tuesdays at 7pm in St. Richard's Church.*

*Friday at 10.30am (after 10am Mass) in Sacred Heart Church.*

*We will also have a couple of Taize Prayer Meetings in both churches during Lent. More information in the Newsletter next week.*

## **TAIZE PRAYER.**

*As part of our Lenten devotions, we are going to have two Taize Prayer evenings in the Parish. The Taize Prayer should last approximately an hour and will take place on the following dates: -*

*Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Richard's Church at 7pm.*

*Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Sacred Heart Church at 7pm.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.**

*A Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been arranged from the Deanery from April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2022. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa on 07780064502.*

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE.**

*During this time of unrest in the Ukraine, we can pray for a peaceful solution and an end to the sufferings of so many innocent people. So let us come together to pray for peace. Over the next few weeks, after 10.30am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday, we will pray the Rosary in St. Richard's Church. Then, on Thursdays only, the church will remain open for private prayer until 1pm. Let us come together to pray for peace at this very important time.*

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES.**

*Would those people who usually use Gift Aid envelopes for the weekly collection please collect their new boxes of envelopes from the back of church. Your box is marked with your name and address. For those people who use Standing Order no action is required. Anyone who would like to switch from using an envelope to a Standing order payment please take one of the leaflets from the back of church. A big thank-you to everyone who is paying by Standing Order since it is very helpful in collecting your donation to the church.*

## **SVP MEETING.**

*The next meeting of the Deanery SVP will take place in St. Richard's Parish House after the 10.30am Mass on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*Although the Government have now withdrawn ALL Covid restrictions we are still being urged to be careful and stick with the following as guidelines, in order to protect ourselves and others in church. Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time.*

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

*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.*

*The use of Holy Water can now be reintroduced.*

*These guidelines will be reviewed again prior to Holy Week.*

## **Response to the Psalm....**

*"Be with me, O Lord, in my distress".*