

# 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 Nov. 2022.32nd Sunday of the Year. C

**Anniversaries** 

Harold Cooper.

Maria Anna Owens.

32nd Sunday of the Year C Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm

Pious List.

Sunday 6th November St.Richard's Church 9-30am.

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Kopyczyn. Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Teresa Baxter.

Mon.7th Nov. S H .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 8th Nov. St.R's.10-30am

Ronnie & Enid Kenwright.

Wed 9th Nov. SH.12noon

Fr. Thomas Delaney.

Thur 10th Nov.St.R's.10-30am

Martin O'Neil.

Fri. 11th Nov. SH .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Next weekend.

Sat 12th November. SH 5pm.

Joseph Atkinson.

33rd Sunday 13th November. St. Richard's Church.9-30am

Sandra Morris.

Sunday @11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Pious List.

We welcome into our Parish Clover Bea Wilcock who will be Baptised this Saturday.

**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 Joan Baines. Patricia Ann Hardman. Agnes Patricia Green.

Eileen McAlister. Edna Donelan. Joyce Gorton.

Nora Smith. Jed Bamber.

Chervl 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. Evelyn Griffin.

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.** First Reading- Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

(Organist)

In this book, new ground is broken in that people are prepared to die rather than submit to pagan worship, because they believe that the virtuous rise to new life, which will never end.

## **Second Reading St Paul to Thessalonians 2:16-3:5**

Paul reminds his readers that God is faithful and will guard them and keep them safe even in the most difficult times.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 20:27-38

Sadducees did not believe that the dead will rise again. Many Pharisees did believe in the resurrection. Jesus speaks on behalf of the resurrection and eternal life with God.

Parish Centre meeting next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7pm in the centre. All welcome.

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. Deacon Ken - ka.holding1@gmail.com Fr. Paul - stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk

# **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

Many Pharisees believe in the resurrection of the dead, and this is a reminder to us that they were progressive in their theology, and in fact shared many insights with Jesus when they met him. The sad fact about the Sadducees, who belonged mainly to the ranks of the Temple priests, was that they clung to more ancient expressions of theology. This difference between the Pharisees and the Sadducees is still important to us today, as we strive to understand some of the Gospel accounts. They formed part of the theological teaching that Jesus grew up with and came to understand himself. The Pharisees and the Sadducees believed in the Word of God in the Old Testament. Yet the Word of God in our tradition is not a text, but a person, the person of Jesus, the Word made flesh

Sadducees would not accept Jesus for who he was because they were not prepared to move beyond the very literal interpretation of the first fine book of the Old Testament. Their understanding of God was, therefore, very limited. They avoided the insights of the prophets and many of the other books. They cut themselves off from anything new being revealed by God – in Jesus' case, the revelation of God through Jesus. If only they could have had the openness of St. Paul, who was prepared to broaden his theological outlook by listening to the one who is the Word of God made flesh, and who alone can reveal the real face of God.

# **Sacramental Preparation 2023**

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 applications 2023.**

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

## Christmas Fair.

Our Christmas Fair will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, to help with our stalls; we are looking for Raffle Prizes, 2nd hand toys, gifts, bottles for tombola. And any help if you are available.

### **Christmas Cards.**

All the Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diary's, etc. are now for sale in the Repository shop.

### 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 (<u>strichards13@gmail.com</u>) 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.

#### **Donations for Peru.**

Colette Burke would like to thank you for the donations, which amounted to £570. She departs for Peru on Friday.

## **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....

"I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord."