



# 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)**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2022. 21st Sunday of the Year. C

### 21st Sunday of the Year C Saturday.

Sacred Heart @ 5pm.

Julia Kelly.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Shelia Barnes.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

John Meakin.

Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. S H 10am.

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. St. R's. 10-30am

David John Urmston.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. SH. 12noon

Teo John Joseph Kavanagh.

St. Richard's at 1.30pm

Funeral Mass for James Johnson

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. St. R's. 10-30am

Jim & Marjorie Dawson.

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. SH 10am.

Sorry. No Service Today.

Next weekend.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. SH 5pm.

Mary Ann & Thomas O'Connell.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Emma Newton &

Claire Hodson.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Eric Gaskell.

### 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.  
 Theresa Yates  
 Frank Burke

### Lately Dead

Thomas Johnson.  
 Irene McIntyre.  
 Wilfred Dillon.  
 Brett Jones.  
 Margaret Patterson.

### Anniversaries

Sheila Mary Dainty.  
 Irene Dawber.  
 Brian Doherty.  
 Susan Starkey.  
 Jane Strowbridge.

(Organist)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

#### First Reading- Isaiah 6:18-21

*The Church must be the Church for the whole world.*

#### Second Reading Letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

*There is no healing without change. God the Father is healing us by changing us.*

#### Gospel Reading – Luke 13:22-30

*Jesus tells us to use the narrow door, which makes us concentrate on the road ahead, not the door itself.*

Deacon Ken is trekking Norway from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September and would like your support. It's raising money for Francis House, which is a children's hospice. If you could put your donation in an envelope and mark it Francis House, it will get to me. The trek is costing £1500, and I must raise a min. £1000.

*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

**This weekend we welcome Caiden into the family of the Church through Baptism.**

**Parish Centre open for functions.**

**Slimming World Tuesday**

**Friendship Club Wednesday.**

**Craft every other Thursday**

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*When we come to some magnificent building, wherever it may be in the world, with a wide, impressive doorway, entry into that building may seem very easy. Yet we may only be visiting that building for a short time. To really enter a building, that is to really belong to that place, needs more than a grand entrance. We need to find some indication that this is a place we belong to, a place that has been prepared for us. Perhaps this is behind the idea of the narrow door that Jesus asks us to try to enter through in today's Gospel. How narrow is it? Just as narrow as we are, because it fits us and no one else.*

*What exactly that doorway means in our own lives is something we have to discover for ourselves. It probably means accepting some sort of sacrifice. Our lives are limited, but we still waste a lot of time and energy thinking of the things we don't have and haven't done and miss out what is laid before us. The great doorway, the magnificent arch we might want to walk through, can give us the delusion that we are great, as the doorway is great. The small and narrow way teaches us humility, but it also shows us that we enter God's Kingdom through a doorway shaped for us by God himself.*

## **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.*

## **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 – 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Liverpool Cathedral – 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.**

*Thanks to those Eucharistic Ministers who have volunteered to help distribute Holy Communion at St. Richard's on Sunday morning. Before we set up a rota this is the last call to any others who would like to help. Hopefully the Rota will be available next weekend.*

## **PRAYER BREAKFAST.**

*Important Notice – the venue for the next Prayer Breakfast has been changed. It will now take place in the Meeting Room at Atherton parish Church next Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. At the breakfast we meet with our friends from the other churches in the area, share breakfast together then pray together for a few moments. Please come along and join us.*

## **PRAYER WALK.**

*On Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Prayer Walk around all the churches in the Atherton area. We are hoping to start the walk at Atherton Parish Church at 2pm. Please come along and join us and bring your walking boots! Also please pray for good weather.*

## **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....**

*"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News."*