



St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

Incorporating the Former Parishes of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, St. Richard's, Atherton & Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

Priest: Fr. Carl Mugan. (Tel: 392922)
Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

15th October 2023. 28th Sunday of the Year. (A)

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Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.

Peter Chaloner &
 Kathleen Murphy.

Sunday 15th October
St. Richard's Church 9:30am.

60th Wedding Anniversary
 Louis & Pat Donoghue.

Sacred Heart Church 11am.
 Ken Long & Bridie Phillips.

Mon. 16th Oct. S/H. 10am.
 Eucharistic Service.

Tue 17th Oct. St.R's. 10-30am.
 Agnes Melling.

Wed 18th Oct. S/H. 9:30am
School Harvest Mass
 Joan Baines (sick).

Wed 18th Oct. St.R's 3pm
Funeral Service
 James Hesketh.

Thur 19th Oct. St.R's 10:00am
Requiem Mass
 Kathleen Heveran.

Fri. 20th Oct. S/H. 10am.
 Eucharistic Service.

Next week
Sat 21st October S/H 5pm.
 Barrett & Vickers Families.

29th Sunday of the Year
St. Richard's Church 9-30am
 Ronnie Kenwright.

Sacred Heart Church 11am
 In Thanksgiving (SL)
 In Thanksgiving (SH).

The Christmas Fair is going to be 19th November. Do we would like donations of gifts, bottles, second hand toys in good condition. Our next meeting is this Monday 16th October in the Gordon Room at 7pm. All Welcome.

*Sacred Heart Parish Centre
 Is now close temporarily until
 further Notice*

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
 Fr. Strowbridge.
 Mary Griffin.
 John Blears.
 Nora Smith.
 Jed Bamber.
 Cheryl Morris.
 Pat Woodward.
 Dennis Green.
 Shelia Ratcliffe.
 Maureen Blears.
 Jean Culkin.
 Phyllis Smith.
 Harry Doyle.
 Janina Herko.
 Peter Weatherhead.
 Neil Gunson.
 Jean Rafferty.
 Teresa Gallagher.
 Jimmy Allen.
 Elaine Owen.
 Frank Vose.
 Sheila Holden.
 Teresa Ward.
 Christopher Holding.
 Doreen Hayes.
 Dominic Kearns.
 Chris Weatherhead.
 For a friend
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Lately Dead

Kathleen Hughes
 (Nee Gerrard)
 Gillian Shawcross.
 Ava Hunter.
 Doreen Eckersley.
 Louise Wyatt.
 Keith Roberts.
 James Hesketh.
 Kathleen Heveran.
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Sick List Con.

Tony Unsworth.
 Brian Smith.
 Markus Ndreca.
 (Prem. Baby).
 Carol Kinsella.
 Kevin Maguire.
 Lily Susan Bullough.
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Anniversaries

Mary Lowe.
 Vera Young.
 Stephen Grundy.
 Mary Rigby.
 Hilda Collins.
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(Organist)

READINGS FORTHE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

If anyone would like to add any items for the Newsletter each week then please let Deacon Ken or Fr. Carl know by Wednesday evening at the latest.

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Gospel Reflection.

The parable of the wedding in today's gospel was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a real one. It is an invitation to aim at the good life. The invitation to the kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter where we are in life, we are all welcome in the kingdom, we all have an invite. We should shake off our past and any feelings of guilt or injustice and dress in the clothes of a new, more loving person.

Suggestion Box

I asked last week for everyone to think about the things we do well in the parish and the things that we don't do so well and even the things we don't do at all. You will find a suggestion box at the back of church (with a suggestion form) for comments and suggestions for the future. Please remember to be generous and kind in your remarks. If you feel that you can offer your time to help in any way it would be very much appreciated by everyone. Once the suggestions are collected, I will then call a 'Parish meeting' to discuss them and to put a plan together for St John Rigby Parish.

Parish Meeting

*Thank you for your suggestions so far. A parish meeting will be held at **St. Richard's Catholic Club on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm.** All are welcome to attend to discuss our way forward, to discuss the suggestions that I have received and to explore new opportunities for volunteering and helping out in the parish. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the meeting.*

The Legion of Mary

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evening in the Gordon room, everyone welcome and find out more about the work of the Legion. Please join us to pray the Rosary before Mass on Wednesday at 10am also the first Sunday of every month at 10-30am.

First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, next time 4th November 2023.

*Details as follows: 10.00am - 10:30am Reconciliation and Exposition (whilst praying the rosary)
10:30am – Mass.*

All are welcome to attend. Coffee and tea will be available in the Gordon Room after Mass.

You are invited to join us on a coach trip to visit Skipton Artisan Market Sunday 3rd December 2023

See notice in the porch for more details. £10 deposit by Sunday 29th October 2023

Collection for Ukraine.

Since the war started in Ukraine we have had collection boxes at the back of Church.

We have now handed over to the Archdiocese £3225 in donations which you have given to help Ukraine in their plight to overcome the losses they have had. Thank You All.

Card Class – St. Richard's Club

The card class has resumed on Thursdays at 10.00am in St Richards club.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

After our successful St. John Rigby pilgrimage this year, we have booked again for next year, Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August. If you are interested please contact Lauren Morrison.

Tel. 0741416414. Thank You.

We have had an email from Colette Burke; she is preparing to return to Lima to help with the Missionaries of Charity (the Brothers of Mother Teresa). If anyone is wishing to make a donation please put it in an envelope with her name and it will be given to her before she leaves 5th Nov.