

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)

Lately Dead

(Nee Gerrard)

David Devine.

Nellie Corkhill.

Ava Hunter.

Kathleen Hughes

Doreen Eckersley.

Margaret Derricott.

17th September 2023. 24th Sunday of the Year. (A)

24thSunday of the Year A Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.

Andrew Donahue& Sheila Holden. (90yrs).

Sunday 17thSeptember
St. Richard's Church 9:30am.
John Burke.

Sunday @ 11:00am. Sacred Heart Church.

Evelyn Griffin &.
Marjorie Meakin.

Mon. 18th Sept. S/H. 10am. Eucharistic Service.

Tue19thSept.St. R's.10-30am.

Agnes Melling.

Wed 20th Sept.S/H. 10:30am

Melvin Macnamara.

Thur 21st Sept St.R's10:30am

Deceased members of Arrowsmith & Donohoe Family.

<u>Fri. 22nd Sept. S/H. 10am.</u> Eucharistic Service.

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Next week

Sat 23rdSeptember S/H 5pm.
Margaret & Sr. Catherine Vose.

25th Sunday of the Year

<u>St. Richard's Church 9-30am</u> Gertrude and Leonard

Sandelands.

Sunday 11-00am

Sacred Heart Church.

Oakes & Guy Families & Thomas & Margaret McLoughlin.

Is anyone interested in helping with the Christmas Fair at Sacred Heart Hindley Green this year, if so, we are having a meeting in the Gordon Room, Sacred Heart Presbytery this Monday 18th September 7pm.

We welcome into our Parish Aslan Joshua Alkaya who will be baptized next Sunday. Sacred Heart Parish Centre Is now closed 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.

Anniversaries

Norman Welch.
James Horan.
Norman Atherton.

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Sick List Con.
Tony Unsworth.
Brian Smith.
Markus Ndreca.
(Prem. Baby).
Carol Kinsella.

(Organist)

Kevin Maguire.

READINGS FORTHE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 18:21-35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy- seven times.

Response to the Psalm....

"The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy"

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 we hear in this week's gospel deals with the healing of hurts between people, that is, the way to resolve differences, to heal the breaches that often come between members of families and members of churches, to dissolve the resentments and settle the bitter feuds and the fights that sometimes break out.

But now we want to speak about forgiving one another; the only way to break through the resentment barrier that separates us from each other. Forgiveness, of course, is the virtue we most enjoy, and least employ, in our Christian experience. We all love to be forgiven -- we expect it, and want it. But we find it a struggle to forgive; we resist it, and refuse often to do it.

Jesus is telling us that forgiveness occurs when we stop saying, "Look what you're doing to me," and start saying, "What can I do to relieve your hurt?" That is when we forgive, when we are no longer concerned about self, but are concerned about what we are doing to someone else as retaliation for what they have done to us.

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. Members of the Legion also available to say the Rosary at the Chapel of Rest on request.

First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, next time7th October 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.

New Altar Servers

Calling all boys and girls who have made their First Communion! If you would be interested in serving at the Altar and helping our current servers, I would be really glad to hear from you. Serving the Lord at Mass is a privilege and brings great rewards; it would be lovely to see new faces to enhance our current team of servers. So, if you are interested, please see Fr Carl after any Mass.

Communion of Both Kinds.

We have now reintroducing the chalice at Holy Communion. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice and it's advised not to receive from the chalice if you are feeling unwell. The Bishops have asked that 'intinction' (dipping the host into the chalice) is not to be practiced, but we are still to receive the host in the hand as this is more hygienic for those who distribute the host.

<u>Card Class – S Richard's Club</u>

The card class has resumed on Thursday's at 10.00am in St Richards club.

Calling all Knitters and Crochets.

Can you help to knit or crochet orange flowers for 'The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women' in November, we want to create a display of orange flowers for Leigh Parish Church, where we will also be holding a candle lit vigil.

See Poster in porch for further information and patterns.

<u>Wigan Musical Theatre Group</u> are presenting an authentic Victorian Music Hall In St.Michael's Hall, Shaw Street Wigan, Thursday to Saturday 13thOctober 2023. Tickets £9/£10 each and can be ordered by telephone 07598508004 or email WMTG@gmail.com