



# St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

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

**Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon. (Tel: 883395)**  
**Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)**

22nd Jan. 2023. 3rd Sunday of the Year. A.

## 3rd Sunday of the Year A Saturday.

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

Mary Tierney.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

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

Jeff Arrowsmith.

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Joan Baines (sick).

**Mon. 23rd Jan. S H .10am**

Eucharistic Service.

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. St.R's. 10-30am**

Kevin Dean.

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. SH. 12noon**

John Wood.

**Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. St.R's. 10-30am**

Tony McKiernan.

Sandra Morris.

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. SH .7pm.**

Eucharistic Service.

**Next week**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January. SH 5pm.**

Wyn Walsh (sick).

**4th Sunday of the Year**

**29<sup>th</sup> January.**

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

Ayhan Gungor.

**Sunday @11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Joseph Clarkson.

We welcome Matilda-Grace McGrath will be Baptized this Sunday

Parish Centre open for functions.

Slimming World Tuesday 4-30pm & 7-30pm.

Friendship Club Wednesday, 1pm till 4pm.

Craft every other Thursday.

We are having a concert on 4<sup>th</sup> February with Jez, we have booked him before which was a good night.

Tickets £5, Bingo & Raffle.

## 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 Holden.  
 Teresa Ward.  
 Christopher Holding.  
 Doreen Hayes. (Organist)  
 Dominic Kearns.  
 Mary Griffin.

## Lately Dead

John Stafford.  
 Keith Whittle.  
 Norah Hampson.  
 Margaret Dootson.  
 Mildred Meadows.

## Anniversaries

Mary Jolley.  
 Peter Lynch.  
 Linda Bullock.  
 Edward McHugh.  
 Henry Scott.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

### First Reading- Isaiah 8:23-9:3

*The prophet Isaiah predicts future liberation for an oppressed people.*

### Second Reading St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17

*Paul launches a passionate appeal for unity in the community at Corinth.*

### Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:12-23

*The wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus.*

*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.**

*Although Jesus brought the light of God into the world, not everyone welcomed it. Sadly, some refused his light and chose to remain in darkness. This is why he called people to repentance: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." To repent means to acknowledge the times when we have chosen the darkness, and to open ourselves to God's wonderful light. For those who accepted him, Jesus truly became the light of their lives, and the light of the world. As we continue our journey of faith, how do we show, by the lives that we live, that Jesus is our light today? We still walk in the bright light Jesus brought into our world. By living in this light, we become a source of light to others, a lamp for their steps and a light for their paths.*

## **PARISH OPEN MEETING.**

*We are hoping to have an Open Meeting for the Parish in the very near future. It will be the first time we have been able to do this for quite a while due to Covid restrictions. If you may remember, the Parish of St. John Rigby was established in 2019 but we were severely restricted from meeting due to the Covid outbreak. Our churches were closed for many months. It will be good to meet together to look at the future and make plans as we continue our journey of faith together.*

## **EMAIL ADDRESS AT ST. JOHN RIGBY.**

*A number of people have been using the old email address to contact Fr. Paul. This means that a number of emails have been left unread. Can you please use the new one, which is actually over two years old now, [stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk) Fr. Paul can no longer access the old email address, [paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul.clitherow@yahoo.co.uk) so please double check you use the new one (on the front of the Newsletter) in future. Many thanks.*

## **PARISH VISITS.**

*If anyone would like a visit from the Parish Priest – that is, Fr. Paul – then please leave a message on the St. Richard's answer phone (883395) or email Fr. Paul directly on [stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk) It would be a good way for Fr. Paul to catch up with everyone after his Sabbatical, which took place in the Autumn. Please leave your contact number and Fr. Paul will contact you in the very near future to arrange a day and time to visit.*

## **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.*

## **PRAYER BREAKFAST.**

*Churches Together in Atherton are holding a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in Atherton Parish Church. Please come along and join us for prayer and fellowship as we gather together for the first time in this New Year. For catering purposes, please let Fr. Paul know if you are attending asap.*

## **WARM AND COSY.**

*Our Parish centre at St. Richard's Atherton will be open Thursdays after 10-30am Mass. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and Wi-Fi and friendly company.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.**

*Parish of St. John Rigby Pilgrimage to Walsingham 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. There is a list in the porch. Please add your name & number if you are interested.*

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

*"The Lord is my light and my help."*