

**<u>3rd Sunday of Easter A</u>** Saturday. Sacred <u>Heart 5pm.</u> Frances D & Winifred K. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St.Richard's Church 9-30am. The Cleary Family. Su<u>nday @ 11-00am.</u> Sacred Heart Church Jimmy & Peggy Doherty. Mon.24<sup>th</sup> April. S H. 10am. Eucharistic Service. Tue 25th April.St.R's.10-30am Bridie Griffiths. Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April. SH.10-30am. Ken Long. Thur27<sup>th</sup>April.St.R's.10-30am Hilda Mary O'Keefe. Fri 28th April. SH. 10am Eucharistic Service.

<u>Next week</u> <u>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April. SH 5pm.</u> In Thanksgiving (TG). <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> <u>30<sup>th</sup> April.</u> <u>5t. Richard's Church.9-30am</u> Hubert Charles Johnson. <u>Sunday @11-00am.</u> <u>Sacred Heart Church.</u> Deceased members of the Gallagher & Flynn Family.

Sacred Heart Parish Church This Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St. Georges Day Proms in Church followed by Cheese and wine in the Centre. Tickets £5 Just a few tickets remaining

Parish Centre open for functions. Slimming World Tuesday 4-30pm & 7-30pm. Friendship Club Wednesday, 1pm till 4pm. Craft every other Thursday.

## 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)

# 23rd April. 2023. 3rd Sunday of Easter.

Pray for our sick Joan Baines. Fr. Strowbridge. Joyce Gorton. 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 Haves	Margaret Mather. Roy Foxcroft. Andrew Usher. Beatrice Lardner. Michael O'Rourke. Bridie Griffiths. Margaret Mather. Win Connor. Kath Urmston.	Anniversaries Ken Long. Annie Holt. Bernard Cunliffe. Joseph Picton. Stephanie Healey.
Doreen Hayes. Dominic Kearns. Mary Griffin. Brian Smith.	(Organist)	

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

### **First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-33**

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

#### Second Reading- First letter of St. Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

#### Gospel Reading- Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

We welcome into our Parish through baptism this Sunday Reggie Roberts and Ruby Wilcock

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. Carl – c.mugan@rcaol.org.uk

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

In this passage from Luke's Gospel Our Lord points out to two disciples on the way to Emmaus that Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" No doubt the joy of discovering that Christ had risen blocked some obvious questions, such as 'Why?' 'Why should the innocent suffer?' 'Why must Christ suffer? Why should the Passion have to precede the Resurrection? These questions why? are something we ask of ourselves every day, and we simply trust in Gods plan for each of us and hope in his love and mercy.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.

The next preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will take place on the following dates: -Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> in St.Richard's Church at 4pm. Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> in Sacred Heart Church at 3.30pm. The First Holy Communion Celebrations themselves will take place on: -Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in St.Richard's Church. Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2023.

Prices for the trip14th to 18<sup>th</sup> August. Standard Rooms- £265pp. Please note all the Ensuite rooms are now sold out. Prices include bed & breakfast, evening meal & coach. If we get any more interested the price will drop further. There are still a few places left for anyone who is interested. Please contact Lauren Morrison on 07414146414. Please note once paid it is non-refundable.

<u>The Legion of Mary</u> are organising a visit to the beautiful Pantasaph Fransiscan Friary in Wales, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The retreat programme is from 10am -2-30pm and includes first Saturday Devotions, a Healing Service and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as well as other activities. The cost is £20 (a deposit of £5is needed to secure a place). All monies are non-refundable. If you are interested please sign up on the poster in the porch which contains more information.

#### **CAFOD Lenten Walk.**

Emre would like to thank everyone so much for their kind donations and sponsoring him. He has raised £502 for the 200km walk and he couldn't have done it without you. The money has been sent to CAFOD. Thank you all once again Enre Gungor and St. Mary's Catholic High School.

#### Eucharistic Ministers.

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and those who would like to become ministers, to a meeting with *Fr. Carl. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre.* 

#### Fr. Paul.

F. Paul Seddon's new address if anyone would like to contact him; St. John Stone's Presbytery, 7, Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Southport, PR8 3RN. Telephone 01704 577722 Email, <u>heartstone@rcaol.org.uk</u> or <u>p.seddon@rcaol.org.uk</u>

Response to the Psalm....

"Show us Lord, the path of life."