



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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23rd July 2023. 16th Week of the Year (A)

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Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.

Margaret McLoughlin.

Sunday 23rd July

St. Richard's Church 9:30am.

Maureen Lloyd (sick).

Sunday @ 11:00am.

Sacred Heart Church

Larry Doyle & Martin O'Neill.

Mon 24th July.SH.

Sorry, No Service Today.

Tue 25th July St. R's. 10-30am.

People of the Parish.

Wed 26th July.SH. 10:30am.

Malcolm & Mary Vickers
(Poor Health).

Thur 27th July St. R's 10:30am

Thomas McLoughlin.

Fri 28th July .SH. 10am.

Sorry, No Service Today.

Next week

Sat 29th July S/H 5pm.

Sheila Smith.

17th Sun of the Year 30th July

St. Richard's Church 9-30am

Margaret McLoughlin.

Sunday 11-00am

Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret & Thomas Morris.

We welcome into our Parish next weekend Theo Reign Partington and Kai Benson (Sat) and (Sun) Hanna Mary Elizabeth Graetzer -Long

Sacred Heart Parish Centre
Open for functions.

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

Friendship Club Wednesday, 1pm
till 4pm.

Craft every other Thursday.

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 Hayes.
Dominic Kearns.
Luke Farnworth.

Lately Dead

Margaret McLoughlin.
Carmen Usher.
John Byrne.
Marion Smith.
Ava Hunter (14yrs)
Bernadette Hilton.
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Sick List Con.
Margaret Newlove.
Brian Smith.
Mary Griffin.
John Blears.
Chris Weatherhead.
Markus Ndreca.
(Prem. Baby)
Eileen Sherrington.

Anniversaries

Richard Holland.
Martin Mугan.
Thomas Connell.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Book of Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

After sin you will grant repentance.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

Response to the Psalm....

"O Lord, you are good and forgiving."

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.

In my garden over the past few weeks the gardener has been clearing weeds and dead plants and years of undergrowth. Weeds compete with the crop for light, nutrients and water. We need to take care not to let 'the enemy' sow weeds in our life and ask God to take care of the 'field' that we are in.

The idea that good and bad might coexist gives trouble to the tidy mind. Jesus does not encourage a simplistic approach but calls us to humility, patience and tolerance as we allow God to work in our lives.

There are 'weeds' in our life for sure, but they are not the measure of the harvest that God values in us. We ask for help that our habits and choices may give growth to what is good and true.

Confirmations 2023.

The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year officially closed in March. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able to receive the Sacrament by contacting Fr Carl. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.

The Legion of Mary

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evenings in the Gordon Room, at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone welcome to come and find out more about the work of the Legion.

Please join us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church at 10am before Holy Mass at 10-30am.

Also on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10-30am before the Holy Mass at 11am.

Members of the Legion of Mary are also available to pray the Rosary for a deceased loved one at a Chapel of Rest on request.

We have a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Lady known as the Pilgrim Mother. Anyone can request a two week visit of this statue to their home. Please contact a member of the Legion of Mary to organise this.

Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

We are planning to have a meeting for those who are going on the pilgrimage to finalise the details and to introduce each one of us and know our group. Watch this space.

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.