

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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September 2023. 25th Sunday of the Year. (A)

25th Sunday of the Year A Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm. Margaret & Sr. Catherine Vose. Sunday 24th September St. Richard's Church 9:30am. Gertrude & Leonard Sandelands.

Sunday @ 11:00am. Sacred Heart Church.

Oakes& Guy Families &. Thomas & Margaret McLoughlin.

Mon. 25th Sept.S/H.10am. Eucharistic Service.

Tue26thSept.St. R's.10-30am. Thomas Smith.

Wed 27th Sept.S/H. 10:30am Thomas Kenneth Harrison.

Thur 28th Sept St.R's10:30am Leonard Beach.

Fri. 29th Sept .S/H.11am.

Funeral Service for Gillian Shawcross.

Next week

Sat 30thSeptember S/H5pm. Marcus Reid & Betty Hulmes.

26th Sunday of the Year St. Richard's Church 9-30am

Sisters - Ethel, Kathleen,

Margaret, Esther.

Sunday 11-00am Sacred Heart Church.

Ron Hickman & William Dalton Marie & Neil Burrows.

We welcome into our Parish Aslan Joshua Alkaya and Theodore Canuwho will be baptized this Sunday.

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

Pray for our sick Joan Baines.

Fr. Strowbridge. Mary Griffin. John Blears. Ava Hunter. Nora Smith.

Cheryl Morris. Pat Woodward. Dennis Green.

Shelia Ratcliffe. Maureen Blears.

Jean Culkin. Phyllis Smith.

Jed Bamber.

Harry Dovle. 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.

(Nee Gerrard)

Lately Dead

Kathleen Hughes Margaret Derricott. **Anniversaries**

Thomas McLoughlin.

Darren Cunliffe.

Marie Burrows.

Marion McHugh.

Alan Shacklady.

Percy Oakes.

Doreen Eckersley. Gillian Shawcross.

Sick List Con. Tony Unsworth. Brian Smith. Markus Ndreca.

(Prem. Babv). Carol Kinsella. Kevin Maguire. Lily Susan Bullough.

Keith Roberts.

(Organist)

READINGS FORTHE WEEKEND.

First Reading-Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24.27 Life to me is Christ.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Response to the Psalm....

"The Lord is close to all who call him"

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 Generosity of God

God's generosity is a sign of his love for us. He knows every person intimately and personally. He knows that the needs of some are bigger than those of others. To think that God loves some people more than others are an injustice to God. We owe love and respect to others because we are all human individuals with the same dignity. We owe adoration and love to God because he is our creator and Father. But God owes nothing to his creatures. Everything he gives us is gratuitous and a fruit of his infinite love. It's too easy to treat God humanly, forgetting that he is God. The most beautiful gift he gives us is his grace.

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.

Everyone is welcome on Monday 2nd October 10am to pray all mysteries of the Rosary from 10-30am. for World Peace. Refreshments will be provided. See poster in the porch.

<u>First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, next time7th October 2023.</u>

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.

Card Class – St. Richard's Club

The card class will resume on Thursday 7th Sept 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