



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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26th Feb. 2023. 1st Sunday of Lent. A

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm.

Stephen Thompson.

Sunday 26th February

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Emma Newton.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

In Thanksgiving (V).

Mon. 27th Feb. S H .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 28th Feb. St.R's.10-30am

Harry Mercer.

7pm. Stations of the Cross.

Wed 1st Mar. SH.12noon.

Jess Harrison & Gerald Dootson.

Thur 2nd Mar. St.R's.10-30am

Rufino & Andrea Kinnamot.

Fri 3rd March SH. 5-45pm.

Eucharistic Service.

6pm. Stations of the Cross.

Next week

Sat 4th March. SH 5pm.

Tommie, Ann & Michael Barrett.

Sunday 5th February

Second Sunday of Lent

St. Richard's Church.9-30am

John McKiernan.

Sunday @11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Sean Grainey.

Parish Centre next concert,
 1st April Folk Night. Tickets £5
 23rd April St. Georges Day
 Proms in Church followed by
 Cheese and wine in the Centre.
 Tickets £5

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

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
 Eileen McAlister.
 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. (Organist)
 Dominic Kearns.
 Mary Griffin.

Lately Dead

Mary Southern.
 Keith Whittle.
 Mildred Meadows.
 Harry Mercer.

Anniversaries

Stan Simpson.
 David O'Halloran.
 Dorothy Stevenson.
 Thomas Cooke.
 Lynn Chapman.
 Mary Young.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7

Adam and Eve yield to temptation in the Garden of Eden.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-19

Jesus' gift of divine life more than outweighs the loss suffered by Adam when he sinned.

Gospel Reading-Matthew 4:1-11

During his time in the desert, Jesus refuses the temptations of Satan and shows us how to walk in the path of life.

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.

Jesus ventures into the desert and encounters Satan, who tries to distract him from prayer and his future mission to spread the Good News.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion during the month of May this year. They will take place on the following dates: -

St. Richard's Church, Atherton, on May 13th at 11am.

Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green, on May 20th at 11am.

Dates and times for the preparation sessions will be distributed through the schools, but if you would like a copy, please contact Fr. Paul.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

During Lent, we will begin a time of prayer and exposition in the two churches every Saturday morning from 11am-12noon. During this time, you will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Prayer and Exposition will end with a short Benediction each week. Next Saturday Exposition and Reconciliation will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER.

During Lent we will have a time of prayer every Wednesday evening at one of the two churches each week. This week, an hour of Exposition and Gospel Reflection will take place at Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday March 8th. (Please note, NOT this week).

Please come along and join us in prayer.

Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Richard's every Tuesday at 7pm and Sacred Heart Church every Friday at 6pm.

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CONFIRMATIONS 2023.

We will be offering Year 8 students the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. The young people themselves will need to register online with the Archdiocese at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click on "Register For Confirmation" on the top right-hand side of the page. The website is now open but will close on March 17th. The dates for the Confirmation Celebrations and the preparations will be published as soon as we have them.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

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.

Ukraine are still in need of clothing and blankets, if you can donate anything, please leave it at Church and it will be collected.

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.

Response to the Psalm....

"Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned".