



# 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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**Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)**

29th Jan. 2023. 4th Sunday of the Year. A.

## **4th Sunday of the Year A** **Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

*Wyn Walsh (sick).*

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

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

*Ayhan Gungor.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Joseph Clarkson.*

**Mon. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. S H .10am**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. St.R's. 10-00am**

**Please note the earlier time!**

*Jim Fenton.*

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. SH. 12noon**

*Liam Dalton.*

**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. St.R's. 10-30am**

*Sorry, No Mass today.*

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. SH .10am.**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**St.R's Funeral Service for**

**Mildred Meadows at 9.30am.**

**Next week**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> February. SH 5pm.**

*Maureen Whittle .*

**5th Sunday of the Year**

**5<sup>th</sup> February.**

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

*Liam & Angela Barnett.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Elizabeth Gaskell.*

We welcome Luna Ivy, Eddy & Lisandro who will be Baptized and welcomed into the Parish Family this week.

Parish Centre is open for many different functions.  
 Slimming World Tuesday 4-30pm & 7-30pm.  
 Friendship Club Wednesday, 1pm till 4pm.  
 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.  
 Dominic Kearns.  
 Mary Griffin.

### **Lately Dead**

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

### **Anniversaries**

Robert Barron.  
 Magdalen Heaton.  
 Patricia Linkman.

(Organist)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

### **First Reading- Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13**

*The prophet Zephaniah hopes for salvation for those who seek God, and those who practice integrity and humility.*

### **Second Reading- St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31**

*God chooses the poor, the weak, and the lowly, people who are conscious of their limitations, and who therefore rely on God rather than themselves.*

### **Gospel Reading-Matthew 5:1-12.**

*Matthew shares his account of the values Jesus preached and lived – values he wishes to see in his followers.*

*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.**

*This weekend we listen to the wonderful message of the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew. The Beatitudes remind us to look after those around us and the world, rather than focussing on ourselves all the time. Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God was of a community where hunger and poverty are no more. He recognised the struggles of people in this world in so many ways. But he saw a blessedness in hoping for a better world and a contentment in living simply, or even going without, in order that others might have enough. Sharing a meal, giving to charity, working as a volunteer: there are many ways in which people willingly deprive themselves for the sake of others and, in doing so, help to bring about the Kingdom of God.*

*Hopefully we have all encountered the joyously unselfish, unassuming kind of people Jesus describes in the Beatitudes. We see them all around us, quietly getting on in the background, their minds on helping others, their focus away from themselves. They may get taken for granted sometimes, but they deserve respect. They are an inspiration – and their time will come, for they are the kind of people who work heroically to reduce our carbon footprint. Those who tread most gently upon this planet will be the ones to save it. Jesus made a promise, “they shall have the earth for their heritage”. Today's Gospel makes it clear that God's Kingdom is for those with an eye for the common good rather than looking after their own self-interests.*

## **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.*

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.**

*We will be celebrating First Holy Communions 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.*

*St.Richard's Church, Atherton, on May 27th at 11am. (If needed)*

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

## **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](http://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.**

*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.*

**The Legion of May are available to say the Rosary at the Chapel of Rest, for loved ones.**

*Have you ever wondered why we say the Rosary, its history and intermingling with the life of Jesus & Mary. Also, the reason why we wear the Miraculous Medal and its History and promises.*

*Come along for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits after Mass on Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th Feb.*

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

*“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*