



# St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

Incorporating the Former Parishes of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, St. Richard's, Atherton & Sacred Heart, Hindsford.

**Priest: Fr. Paul Seddon. (Tel: 883395)**  
**Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)**

**2nd April. 2023. Palm Sunday. A.**

## Palm Sunday A

**Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

*Gaskell Family & Marcus Reid.*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

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

*The Sandiland & Cuff Family.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church**

*Winifred Sherlock.*

**Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April. S.H. 10am.**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> April. St.R's. 10-30am**

*Rosalind Richardson.*

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April St.R's 12noon.**

*Funeral Mass for Bridie Griffiths.*

**SH. 12noon.**

*Edith Harrison & Bernard Derbyshire.*

**Thur 6<sup>th</sup> April. SH. 7pm**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

*The People of the Parish..*

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

**11am Stations of the Cross**

**SH. & S.R's 3pm.**

*The Lord's Passion.*

**Next week Easter Vigil**

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April. S.R's 8pm.**

*Children & Young People of the Parish.*

**Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

*John O'Rourke.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Zahra Withington & John O'Rourke.*

## **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.  
Mary Griffin.

## **Lately Dead**

Jean Kelly.  
Andrew Usher.  
Beatrice Lardner.  
Kathleen Finch.  
Michael O'Rourke.  
Bridie Griffiths.  
Margaret Mather.

## **Anniversaries**

Zarah Withington.  
Jack Ratchford.  
Robert Kelly.  
Eric Rawsthorn.  
John Woods.  
Mary Rudd.  
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(Organist)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading- Isaiah 50:4-7**

*Trusting in God helps us to be good witnesses to our faith.*

**Second Reading- St. Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11**

*Humility allows God our Father to achieve his plan for us.*

**Gospel Reading- Matthew 26:14-27:66**

*The Passion Reading reminds us of the faithfulness and trust of Jesus in God the Father.*

## **Gift Aid Envelopes.**

Those of you who use Gift Aid Envelopes, the new ones are ready at the back of church, look for your name and if anything has changed, tell us.

*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. Paul - stjohrigby@rcaol.org.uk

Sacred Heart Parish Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> April St. Georges Day  
Proms in Church followed by  
Cheese and wine in the Centre.  
Tickets £5

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

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*As we listen to the Passion Reading from Matthew's Gospel this weekend, let us think about the faith and trust that Jesus shows towards God his Father. Even when everything seems to go against him, and in the moment, he wonders about God forsaking him, he still has faith and trusts in God's plan with his own life. Ultimately Jesus' death on the Cross reminds us, with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, that death can NEVER have the final word. Jesus came to bring us new life with God in Heaven. This began with his death on Calvary as he trusted in his Father's will.*

## **EASTER SERVICES.**

*Service times during Easter Week are as follows: -*

*Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Lord's Supper in Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm.*

*Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of the Lord's Passion in both Sacred Heart Church & St. Richard's Church at 3.00pm.*

*Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> – The Easter Vigil in St. Richard's Church at 8.00pm.*

*Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Morning Mass in St. Richard's Church at 9.30am & Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am. (With a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny!)*

## **CHRISM MASS.**

*There may be a few places left for the coach going to the Chrism Mass this Wednesday. The coach will be departing St. Ambrose Barlow, Astley, and Holy Family, Boothstown ONLY. If you wish to go, please contact the Parish Secretary, Liz, on 0161-7902390 and leave your name and number. This is purely on a first come first served basis.*

## **THE GONDOLIERS.**

*A production of "The Gondoliers", by Gilbert & Sullivan will be staged at St. Joseph's Hall, Leigh, from Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are priced at £12 & £15 and can be purchased by phoning 01942-605369.*

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

*Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Richard's ON Tuesday at 7pm.*

*Also, on Good Friday morning, Stations of the Cross take place in Atherton Parish Church followed by a time of prayer outside the church at 11am. Please come along and join us in prayer.*

## **CONFIRMATIONS 2023.**

*The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year officially closed last week. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able register online with the Archdiocese at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click on "Register For Confirmation". Please do so as soon as possible. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.*

## **CAFOD LENT WALK.**

*Emre Gungor (Altar server) is doing a 200km walk for CAFOD and is looking for sponsors if anyone would like to donate. All money is going to CAFOD. Thank You.*

## **XII APOSTLES PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM.**

*We will be starting with Mass at St. Richard's Atherton, 9am on Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2023.**

*Prices for the trip 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August. We've cut it short, people complained.*

*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. Thank You*

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

*"My God, my, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*