



St. John Rigby Parish NEWSLETTER.

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

Priest: Fr. Carl Mugan. (Tel: 392922)
Deacon: Ken Holding (Tel: 255834)

30th April. 2023. 4th Sunday of Easter. A.

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Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.

In Thanksgiving (TG).

Sunday 30th April

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Hubert Charles Johnson.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church

*Deceased Members of the
Gallagher & Flynn Family.*

Mon. 1st May. S H. 10am.

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 2nd May .St.R's. 10-30am

Ann Dorricott & Patsy Griffiths

S/H 2pm. Requiem Mass for

Roy Foxcroft.

Wed 3rd May. SH. 10-30am.

Ken Long.

Thur 4th May. St.R's. 10-30am

Frank Sutton.

St. R. Requiem Mass 2-45pm.

For Win Connor.

Fri 5th May. SH. 10am

Eucharistic Service.

Next week

Sat 6th May. SH 5pm.

Baby Lucas Paul Bowden

Born 11/1/2023.

5th Sunday of Easter

7th May.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

People of the Parish.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

*The Meakin Family &
Nellie Flynn. (Birthday)*

We welcome into our Parish
through Baptism next Sunday
Lexi Marie King.

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.
Mary Griffin.
Brian Smith.
Martin Farnworth.

Lately Dead

Margaret Mather.
Roy Foxcroft.
Andrew Usher.
Beatrice Lardner.
Michael O'Rourke.
Bridie Griffiths.
Margaret Mather.
Win Connor.
Kathleen Urmston.
James Morgan.

Anniversaries

Fr. Joseph Weston.
Sheila Lomas.
Jean Cunliffe.
William Foster.
Mary Callon.
Mary Ann Nash.
Sarah Louise Riley.
Ellen Baldwin.
Lucy Dickinson.

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(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36-41

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading- First letter of St. Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

Gospel Reading- John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Response to the Psalm....

"The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want."

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.

Jesus uses images from our daily life to show us the depth of his love for us. On the one hand, he speaks of shepherd and sheep, gatekeeper and gate, pasture and life, recognition and salvation. On the other hand, he speaks of: strangers, thieves and bandits, killing and stealing, running away in fear instead of following, climbing in rather than walking through the open gate. Lord, show us the pathways of our life, that we may follow the true shepherd and always be aware of those pathways we need to avoid.

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 register online with the Archdiocese at 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.

*The First Holy Communion Celebrations will take place on: -
Next Saturday May 13th at 11am in St.Richard's Church.
Saturday May 20th at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.*

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2023.

Prices for the trip 14th to 18th August. 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.

The Legion of Mary are organising a visit to the beautiful Pantasaph Fransiscan Friary in Wales, Saturday 1st July 2023. The retreat programme is from 10am -2-30pm and includes first Saturday Devotions, a Healing Service and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as well as other activities. The cost is £20 (a deposit of £5 is needed to secure a place). All monies are non-refundable. If you are interested please sign up on the poster in the porch which contains more information. .

Eucharistic Ministers.

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and those who would like to become ministers, to a meeting with Fr. Carl. This Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

Martin Farrimond Independent Voice.

Martin Farrimond, one of our parishioners for many years is an independent candidate in next week's local elections. He will be representing Atherton and more importantly Catholic values; he hopes to be a Catholic voice on Wigan Council. Martin has asked that we mention him in this week's newsletter. We are aware and supportive of all those others standing in the area working for the good of the community.

CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL.

We have received a letter from CAFOD for £520 which was sent 19th April from the Parish. These words from Dristy's mum, Rupali, show just a little of you are helping to achieve: 'Thanks to training I've received from Caritas Bangladesh and CAFOD, I've managed to bring my family to a position where we no longer suffer from not having enough to eat. What makes me happier, is knowing how far I've come and how content and comfortable my family is now'

The Gondoliers.

*Tuesday 16th May to Saturday 20th May 7-30pm at St. Joseph's Hall, Chapel St, Leigh.
Tickets: £12 & £15 Concessions available. [Tel:01942 605369](tel:01942605369).*