



# 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)**

5th Feb. 2023. 5th Sunday of the Year. A.

## **5th Sunday of the Year A** **Saturday.**

**Sacred Heart 5pm.**

Maureen Whittle.

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

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

Liam & Angela Barnett.

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Elizabeth Gaskell.

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. S H .10am**

Eucharistic Service.

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. St.R's.10-30am**

Jean & John Neary.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. SH.12noon**

Bridie Phillips.

**Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. St.R's.10-30am**

Kevin & Margaret Dootson.

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. SH .10am.**

Eucharistic Service.

**Next week**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> February. SH 5pm.**

John Thompson.

**6th Sunday of the Year**

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

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

Mary Vickers.

Eileen & Dennis McKiernan

**Sunday @11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Kathleen Murphy.

We welcome Luna Ivy who will be Baptized this Sunday

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.  
 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**

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

## **Anniversaries**

Bridie Phillips.  
 Doreen Smith.  
 Francis Rigby.  
 Kenneth Morris.  
 Peggy Doherty.  
 Michael Doherty.  
 Louise Derricott.

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

### **First Reading- Isaiah 58:7-10**

*If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.*

### **Second Reading- St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5**

*Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.*

### **Gospel Reading-Matthew 5:13-16**

*If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in 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.*

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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus declares that salt which has lost its flavour has also lost its value and is only good for being crushed underfoot. So we need to be good salt, that bring life and enrich the life of others. He also describes us as the "light of the world", using the image of a hill-top town that cannot be hidden. Being the light also makes us vulnerable in the difficult world we live in. Jesus knew that his disciples would face persecution and hardship. Yet, by being God's light, we bring newness of light to others. As we continue our journey in faith, we pray that, no matter what we face, we may be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world".*

## **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.**

**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.*

## **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.*

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE.**

*Parish of St. John Rigby Pilgrimage to Walsingham 14th -17th August 2023, a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place. There is a list in the porch. Please add your name & number if you are interested.*

**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 were 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. Everyone welcome.*

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

*"The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright."*