



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 March. 2023. 2nd Sunday of Lent. A

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Saturday.

Sacred Heart 5pm.

Tommie, Ann & Michael Barrett.

Sunday 5th March

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

John McKiernan.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Sean Graineay.

Mon. 6th Mar. S H .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 7th Mar. St.R's.10-30am

Rose Brady.

7pm. Stations of the Cross.

Wed 8th Mar. SH.12noon.

Marie McCoy.

Thur 9th Mar .St.R's.10-30am

John & Jean Neary.

Andrew Usher.

Fri 10th Mar. SH. 5-45pm.

Eucharistic Service.

6pm. Stations of the Cross.

Next week

Sat 11th March. SH 5pm.

Margaret & Thomas Delaney.

2nd Sunday of Lent

12th March.

St. Richard's Church.9-30am

Kevan, Greg & Sam.

Sunday @11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Ken Long.

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 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.
 Dominic Kearns.
 Mary Griffin.

Lately Dead

Harry Mercer.
 John Healy.

Anniversaries

Evelyn Silcock.
 Molly Hooton.
 Sean Graineay.
 Elsie Needham.
 Margaret Delaney.
 John Flanagan.

(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham is called to follow God. Thanks to his faith the whole human race has been blessed.

Second Reading- St. Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

The power of God and the vision of immortality enable us as Christians to face hardships in our world.

Gospel Reading-Matthew 17:1-9

On Mount Tabor the three disciples get a glimpse of the true glory of Jesus.

Easter cards are now in the shop at Sacred Heart Church.

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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 Fr. Paul - stjohrigrby@rcaol.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

Like the story of Jesus' Baptism, the Transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories show us Jesus as he is, or as he will be. In both stories there is a voice from heaven. The mountain is a place where Jesus and his disciples encounter God. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PAUL.

It was really difficult for me sharing the news last weekend that I will be leaving the Parish very soon. Whilst I have been in the area for over 16 years, I didn't think I would be moving so soon after my Sabbatical in the autumn. I know I have a few weeks left here – I depart and start my time in Ainsdale after Easter Sunday – but I promise that you will always be in my prayers and in my heart as I continue my priestly ministry in a new place. You don't stay in the same place for 16 years unless you really like the area and the people there. So, thanks for all the love and support you have given me over the years. You have been amazing.

I know you will welcome Fr. Carl Mugan with open hearts. He is another Wiganer! He seems really nice, and I hope and pray that he will be very happy in the Parish. Please do try to help him when he arrives. It is never easy starting again in a new Parish as I'm sure I will find out myself. So let us continue together on our Lenten journey, focussing on the wonderful feast of Easter at the end of it. Every Easter seems to get better for me – and hopefully you too – and this Easter will be even more meaningful as I leave Atherton, Hindsford, Hindley Green & Tyldesley and make a new start in a different part of the Archdiocese. May God Bless you all and I feel sure our paths will cross many more times in the future.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.

We will be celebrating First Holy Communions during the month of May this year. Many thanks to those who came along to the first preparation meetings last week. This week we will be meeting on the following dates: -

St. Richard's Church, Atherton, Tuesday at 4pm.

Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green, Thursday at 3.30pm.

The First Holy Communion Celebrations themselves will take place in May.

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 St. Richard's Church.

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 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.

CONFIRMATIONS 2023.

Year 8 students who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are invited to register online with the Archdiocese at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click on "Register For Confirmation". The website is now open but will close on March 17th.

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.

Response to the Psalm....

"May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you"

