



# 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)**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year. (A)

**27th Sunday of the Year A**  
**Saturday. Sacred Heart 5pm.**

Wedding Anniversary (S&B).

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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

James & Annie Leonard.

**Sunday @ 11:00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Norman Welch, Patrick Conway  
& Fred Sherlock (90yrs).

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. S/H. 13:45pm.**

Funeral Service for  
Louise Wyatt.

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

Mary Turvey.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. S/H. 10:30am**

Andre Phillips &

Sr. Frances McGee. (sick)

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. St. R's 10:30am**

Josephine Jackson.

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. S/H. 10am.**

Eucharistic Service.

**Next week**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October S/H 5pm.**

Penny Chaloner &  
Kathleen Murphy.

**28th Sunday of the Year**

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

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Louis  
& Pat Donioghue.

**Sunday 11-00am**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

Ken Long & Bridie Phillips.

**Pray for our sick**

Joan Baines.  
Fr. Strowbridge.  
Mary Griffin.  
John Blears.  
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.  
Chris Weatherhead.

**Lately Dead**

Kathleen Hughes  
(Nee Gerrard)  
Gillian Shawcross.  
Ava Hunter.  
Doreen Eckersley.  
Louise Wyatt.  
Keith Roberts.

**Sick List Con.**

Tony Unsworth.  
Brian Smith.  
Markus Ndreca.  
(Prem. Baby).  
Carol Kinsella.  
Kevin Maguire.  
Lily Susan Bullough.

**Anniversaries**

Robert Davies.  
Teresa Miller.  
Fr. Michael Goslin.  
Enid Barron.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.**

**First Reading- Isaiah 5:1-7**

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

**Second Reading- St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9**

*The God of peace will be with you.*

**Gospel Reading- Matthew 21:33-43**

*He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.*

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

*"The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel"*

*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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*The Christmas Fair is going to be 19th November. Do we would like donations of gifts, bottles, second hand toys in good condition. Our next meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Gordon Room at 7pm.*

*Sacred Heart Parish Centre  
Is now close temporarily until  
further Notice.*

### **Gospel Reflection.**

*In prayer we often see things in a new way. Like the rejected stone which becomes the central or corner stone, some of our weaknesses and sins can be stepping stones to fuller and deeper life. There is a side to prayer which of itself strengthens and heals us; we know that nothing of the worst of life need be final. The Lord can turn weakness into compassion for others, and can bring us through darkness into light. God heals the broken-hearted.*

*Just as the landlord planted, protected, nourished and guarded his property so has God attended to our needs in the same way.*

### **Suggestion Box**

*I asked last week for everyone to think about the things we do well in the parish and the things that we don't do so well and even the things we don't do at all. You will find a suggestion box at the back of church (with a suggestion form) for comments and suggestions for the future. Please remember to be generous and kind in your remarks. If you feel that you can offer your time to help in any way it would be very much appreciated by everyone. Once the suggestions are collected, I will then call a 'Parish meeting' to discuss them and to put a plan together for St John Rigby Parish.*

### **Parish Meeting**

*Thank you for your suggestions so far. A parish meeting will be held at St Richards Catholic Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October a 7pm. All are welcome to attend to discuss our way forward, to discuss the suggestions that I have received and to explore new opportunities for volunteering and helping out in the parish. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the meeting.*

### **The Legion of Mary**

*Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evening in the Gordon room, everyone welcome and find out more about the work of the Legion. Please join us to pray the Rosary before Mass on Wednesday at 10am also the first Sunday of every month at 10-30am. Members of the Legion also available to say the Rosary at the Chapel of Rest on request.*

*First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, next time 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.*

*Details as follows: 10.00am - 10:30am Reconciliation and Exposition (whilst praying the rosary) 10:30am – Mass.*

*All are welcome to attend. Coffee and tea will be available in the Gordon Room after Mass.*

### **Collection for Ukraine.**

*Since the war started in Ukraine we have had collection boxes at the back of Church.*

*Donations of £3225 have now been passed to the Archdiocesan Ukraine appeal. Thank You All.*

### **Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2024.**

*After our first successful St. John Rigby pilgrimage this year, we have booked again for next year, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. If you are interested please contact Lauren Morrison Tel. 07414146414. Thank You.*

### **Wigan Musical Theatre Group are presenting an authentic Victorian Music Hall**

*In St. Michael's Hall, Shaw Street Wigan, Thursday to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.*

*Tickets £9/£10 each and can be ordered by telephone 07598508004 or email WMTG@gmail .com*

*We have had an email from Colette Burke; she is preparing to return to Lima to help with the Missionaries of Charity (the Brothers of Mother Teresa). If anyone is wishing to make donation cash please put it in an envelope with her name and it will be given to her before she leaves 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.*