



## 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)**

9th April. 2023. Easter Sunday. A.

### Easter Sunday A

**Saturday.**

**St. Richard's 8pm.**

*Children & Young People  
of the Parish.*

**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.*

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

*Eucharistic Service.*

**St. R's 9am Departing Mass**

*XII Apostles Walsingham.*

**Tue 11<sup>th</sup> April. St.R's.**

*Sorry, No Mass today.*

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April. SH. 12noon.**

*Eucharistic Service.*

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> April. St.R's**

*Sorry, No Mass Today.*

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April. SH. 11am**

*Funeral Service Margaret Mather*

**St. R's 1-30pm.**

*Funeral Service Beatrice Lardner*

**Next week**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April. SH 5pm.**

*Ron Donnelly.*

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**16<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

*John Burke.*

**Sunday @ 11-00am.**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

*Thomas O'Connell.*

**Sacred Heart Parish Church**

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

### **Lately Dead**

Jean Kelly.

Andrew Usher.

Beatrice Lardner.

Michael O'Rourke.

Bridie Griffiths.

Margaret Mather.

### **Anniversaries**

Zarah Withington.

Jack Ratchford.

Robert Kelly.

Eric Rawsthorn.

John Woods.

Mary Rudd.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

**First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43**

*Those who saw the Risen Lord, ate and drank with him after the Resurrection.*

**Second Reading- St. Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4**

*St. Paul, thrilled by the true life the Risen Christ gives to us, calls on us to raise our eyes and thoughts to things that are of Heaven.*

**Gospel Reading- John 20:1-9**

*Mary Magdalene, Peter and John find the Lord's tomb empty on Easter morning. They wonder who could have taken his body away.*

*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.**

*As we celebrate Easter Sunday, let us remember that, in rising from the dead, Jesus has brought us the hope of new life with God in Heaven. We may not have the physical evidence to convince others to believe in the Resurrection, because we were not at the tomb 2000 years ago, but we have faith to share our hope that Jesus is risen. Alleluia!*

## **MESSAGE FROM FR. PAUL**

*Happy Easter everyone! Easter certainly has a very significant meaning for me this year as I leave here for pastures new. Whilst I am looking forward to a new challenge, it is with a very heavy heart that I bid you a fond farewell. I can't believe I am leaving the area after almost 17 years. There have been many wonderful moments in that time, many sad times too, but together we have supported each other along the way. I can certainly say that I would not have stayed here so long were it not for the wonderful people in Atherton, Hindsford, Tyldesley, Hindley Green and Astley. (Sorry if I have left anyone out!) I do hope that we can keep in touch. If you're ever over in Southport it would be great to see you. I know that you will make Fr. Carl very welcome in the Parish. If he is half as happy as I have been here, then he will love it. He's a very nice, friendly young man and I'm sure he can, with your help, take the Parish forward in these times of great change.*

*In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers as I promise I will you. You have all been a great part of my life and I will miss you enormously. You have been my family. Keep Jesus the Risen Lord at the centre of all you do, and the Lord will bring you peace and happiness.*

*With Love & Prayers,  
Fr. Paul.*

## **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](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.*

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.**

*The next preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will take place on the following dates: -  
Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Richard's Church at 4pm.*

*Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> in Sacred Heart Church at 3.30pm.*

*The First Holy Communion Celebrations themselves will take place on: -*

*Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in St. Richard's Church.*

*Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.*

## **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. 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.*

## **LEGION OF MARY.**

*From Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the Legion of Mary will be holding its weekly prayer meeting at 7pm on Thursdays in the Gordon Room. Anyone who prays the Rosary or would like to find out more about the apostolate of the Legion of Mary, is very welcome to attend any of our meetings.*

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

*"This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."*