

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

If we are to be true followers of Jesus, then we are encouraged to look beyond the things of this world and get to the heart of what our belief truly asks of us.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, Masses will take in the Parish at the following times: -

St. Richard's Church at 10.30am.

Sacred Heart Church at 12 noon.

St. Richard's Church at 7.00pm.

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). Please note that the sacrament will be celebrated "face-to-face", and not in the old confessional room. Even if you do not wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, why not come to church, and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? Prayer and Exposition will end with a short Benediction each week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2023.

We will be celebrating First Holy Communions this year 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 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HEAD TEACHER.

Last week Denise Brahms became the new full time Head Teacher of St. Mary's High School. Denise has spent many years at St. Mary's before spending the last two years in another school. She has been Acting Head Teacher for a few months now and was a worthy successor for the important role of Head Teacher. Please continue to keep the school and all our young people in your prayers at this important time.

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.

The people of the Ukraine are still in need of clothing and blankets, if you can donate anything, please leave it at Church and it will be collected.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. TRACY.

On Tuesday last the Rev. Tracy Marshall was formally commissioned as the Team Rector of the Anglican Churches in Atherton, Hindsford & Howe Bridge. Tracy is a great friend of ours and we wish her well in her new role. Please keep her in your prayers at this special time.

Response to the Psalm....

"They are happy who follow God's law!"