



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)

15th Jan. 2023. 2nd Sunday of the Year. A.

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Sacred Heart 5pm.

Frank Duff & Deceased
Legionaries.

Sunday 15th January

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Catherine Barratt.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Theresa Weatherhead.

Mon. 16th Jan. S.H. 10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 17th Jan. St.R's. 10-30am

Thomas Gibson.

Wed 18th Jan. S.H. 12noon

Roy Crompton.

Thur 19th Jan. St.R's. 10-30am

P.J. Finn.

Fri 20th Jan. S.H. 7pm.

Eucharistic Service.

Next week

Sat 21st January. S.H. 5pm.

Mary Tierney.

3rd Sunday of the Year

22nd January.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Jeff Arrowsmith.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Joan Baines (sick).

Pray for our sick

Joan Baines.
Eileen McAlister.
Joyce Gorton.
Nora Smith.
Jed Bamber.
Cheryl Morris.
Pat Woodward.
Shelia Ratcliffe.
Maureen Blears.
Jean Culkin.
Phyllis Smith.
Harry Doyle.
Janina Herko.
Peter Weatherhead.
Neil Gunson.
Jean Rafferty.
Teresa Gallagher.
Dennis Green.
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.

Anniversaries

Kathleen Battle.
Catherine Moran.
Michael Lynch.
Veronica Shone.

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Isaiah 49:3,5-6.

With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

Second Reading St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3.

For St. Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading – John 1:29-34.

John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are called to reveal him to the world.

We welcome Roman James Caton 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

Back in the New Year.

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.

When John the Baptist spoke of Jesus, he called him the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” He shared a great truth about the mission of Jesus. Jesus’ mission was directed at sinners. Jesus was the servant of God whose mission it was to bring people back to God. As we begin this New Year, our hope is that we will repent and come back to God, as many of John’s followers did. It isn’t always easy. It can take a lifetime. But the forgiveness of God is there always as a gift to us. God is waiting for us to return to him and ask of his forgiveness. Let us pray that we may hear the prophet’s call to turn from the darkness and live in the light of God’s love.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS.

At the moment, we are quite short of Mass Intentions, especially at St. Richard’s. If you have anyone in mind that you would like to have Mass celebrated for, please write out their names and hand it into either of the presbyteries. Please indicate an approximate date you would like the Mass said and we will try to do so as close to the date as possible.

PARISH VISITS.

If anyone would like a visit from the Parish Priest – that is, Fr. Paul – then please leave a message on the St. Richard’s answer phone (883395) or email Fr. Paul directly on stjohnrigby@rcaol.org.uk It would be a good way for Fr. Paul to catch up with everyone after his Sabbatical, which took place in the Autumn. Please leave your contact number – it is surprising how many people don’t bother to leave their number when leaving a message – and Fr. Paul will contact you in the very near future to arrange a day and time to visit.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

To donate, text:

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.

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Churches Together in Atherton are holding a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday January 28th at 9.30am. Please come along and join us for prayer and fellowship as we gather together for the first time in this New Year. For catering purposes, please let Fr. Paul know if you are attending asap.

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.

Response to the Psalm....

“Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.”