



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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19th Feb. 2023. 7th Sunday of the Year. A.

7th Sunday of the Year A **Saturday.**

Sacred Heart 5pm.

Peter Donohoe.

Sunday 19th February

St. Richard's Church 9-30am.

Betty Hulmes.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

Neil Burrows.

Mon. 20th Feb. S H .10am

Eucharistic Service.

Tue 21st Feb. St. R's. 10-30am

John Pearson.

Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb.

St. R's 10-30am

Joyce Worden.

SH. 12noon.

Leo Taylor.

St. R's 7pm.

Norah Hampson.

Thur 23rd Feb. St. R's. 10-30am

60th Wedding Anniversary.

(W&K)

Fri 24th Feb. SH. 5-45pm.

Eucharistic Service.

6pm. Stations of the Cross.

Next week

Sat 25th February. SH 5pm.

Stephen Thompson.

1st Sunday of Lent

26th February.

St. Richard's Church. 9-30am

Emma Newton.

Sunday @ 11-00am.

Sacred Heart Church.

In Thanksgiving (V).

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

Mary Southern.
 Keith Whittle.
 Norah Hampson.
 Margaret Dootson.
 Mildred Meadows.

Anniversaries

Madeline Burke.
 Elizabeth Cooke.
 Anthony Moran.

(Organist)

READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND.

First Reading- Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

The Book of Leviticus begins with the demand to be holy like God. We cannot do this without God's help and without making space for God in our lives.

Second Reading- St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul knows that the people of Corinth have no pretensions to greatness, so he reminds them that their dignity comes from being temples of God.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus reminds his followers of the difficulties of being his disciples.

We Welcome into our Parish
 Teo John Joseph Mills through
 Baptism next weekend

Parish Centre open for
functions.
Slimming World Tuesday
4-30pm & 7-30pm.
Friendship Club Wednesday,
1pm till 4pm.
Craft every other Thursday.

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.

The readings this weekend seem to suggest the standards that we need to have to be the people of God. None of us can be holy as God. Christian living is never about trying to achieve some impossible state of perfection. It is really all about intimacy with God. This means allowing God to be part of our lives each day. By becoming people of prayer, we are part of the way there, but only God himself, through his infinite love for all of us, can make us perfect.

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.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER.

*During Lent we will have a time of prayer every Wednesday evening at one of the two churches each week. Sometimes it will be Taize Prayer, other weeks it will be Exposition with Reflections on the Sunday Gospel, the other weeks will be centering prayer. Please try your best to do something extra for Lent and come along to Wednesday Prayer at 7pm. More details each week.
Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Richard's every Tuesday at 7pm and Sacred Heart Church every Friday at 6pm.*

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.

Year 8 students who are thinking of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year 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.

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.

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.

Response to the Psalm....

"The Lord is compassion and love."