



# St. John Rigby Pastoral Area 13 Newsletter

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LORD, LEAD, GUIDE AND DIRECT US BEYOND SAFE HARBOURS INTO NEW AND SACRED WATERS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

## *Pastoral Area Social Events*

Afternoon Tea was held at St John Rigby Centre it was well attend and turned out to be a great success.

St Richard's parish have planned Classic Film Nights throughout December. These include the 1951 Christmas Carol – Alastair Sim.

Another classic It's a Wonderful Life, with Jimmy Stewart – a must at Christmas time.

Also planned is a Ghost Walk in Liverpool

Valentine's Cabaret Night

A night of Entertainment to celebrate St Patrick's day

A Race Night- to raise funds for the youth who are going to Lourdes.

A Barn Dance (Pastoral Area Event) was held to support the youth of our area who intend to go to Lourdes next year.

It was enjoyed by the people who attended.

## Catechetical Events

### NEW WAYS of RECONCILIATION

Our Pastoral Area Working Group (PAWG) is proud to host a series of 3 talks by Fr John McLoughlin entitled: "Called to be a People of Reconciliation"

The changes in the Sacraments of Initiation for children, and the marked decline in adults using the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are good signs that it is time to renew our outlook on what we mean by God's Forgiveness, how can we adapt this gift to the needs of Catholics today, what does the Vatican Council teach about this sacrament?

Fr McLoughlin is the Archdiocesan leader of Adult Formation and Learning, and a very interesting and entertaining speaker. He explores reconciliation as being the work of God firmly rooted in the mission of Christ, and by Christ's authority and mandate continued by the Church in her mission to the world.

**Reconciliation truly is a sacrament for our time!**

**TUESDAYS 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, FEBRUARY  
at the Catechetical Centre, St Richard's Skelmersdale.**

First Talk - Jesus the Healing of God

The first talk explores Jesus' mission to bring God's healing, God's hospitality to the world as understood from St Luke's Gospel

Second Talk - The Church For Sinners

This second talk of the series examines the development of the Church's understanding of reconciliation, forgiveness and mercy throughout the history of the Church.

Third Talk - Reconciliation: A Sacrament for our Time

This third talk brings the series to an end by highlighting the need for reconciliation in the context of our western culture and outlining the Church's understanding of freedom, conscience, sin and reconciliation today.

## Area Events

### Children's Church

The PAWG voted to hold another Open Air Mass with Children's Liturgy Groups from all parishes in the Pastoral Area. It was thought a good thing to focus particularly on this special event for children of year 3, whose communion will be delayed until next year in the new "With You Always" changes.

Volunteering makes this possible, as so much else in our church, Christine Southworth, led the team on the last one which was held two years ago. Christine has volunteered to start off the planning this time. Ideas and offers of help to Ginny at the PAWG office please, or to Christine at St Teresa's.

## **Christmas Mass Times for the Pastoral Area**

### St Marie's

24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

7:00pm

Midnight

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Morning

10:30am

### St Bernadette's

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

9:00pm

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Morning

9:00am

### St James

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

Carols & Readings from 7:30pm

Vigil Mass 7:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Morning

8:30am

10:30am

### St Teresa's

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

6:00pm

8:30pm – Carmel

11:30pm Carols & Readings before

Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Morning

8:30am at Carmel

10:00am at St Teresa's

### St Richard's

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

St Mary Queen of Apostles

Carols from 7:00pm

Vigil Mass 7:30pm

St Richard's

11:30pm Carols

Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Morning

St Francis of Assisi

10:30am