



Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 14th December 2025

St Richards, Sacred Heart (Hindley Green) and Sacred Heart (Hindford) Churches
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St John Rigby Parish

Mass Intentions 14th- 21st December 2025

Saturday	13 Dec	5:00pm	Sacred Heart	Peter, Frances and Pauline Donohue
Sun 3 rd Advent	14 Dec	9:30am	St Richards	Mary Lohan
Sun 3 rd Advent	14 Dec	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Catherine + Peter Harrison
Monday	15 Dec	10:30am	St Jude's Wigan	Funeral - Rev Bob Smith NO MASS – SACRED HEART
Tuesday	16 Dec	10:30am	St Richards	People of the parish
Wednesday	17 Dec	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Brian Delaney / Theresa Burton
Thursday	18 Dec	9:30am	School Mass – Sacred Heart (Hindford)	School Mass NO MASS – ST RICHARDS
Thursday	18 Dec	1:45pm	St Richards	Funeral Service- Denise Plimley
Friday	19 Dec			NO MASS
Saturday	20 Dec	5.00pm	Sacred Heart	John Thompson / Fidelma McGlone
Sun 4 th Advent	21 Dec	9.30am	St Richards	Joseph Atkinson / Maureen Whittle
Sun 4 th Advent	21 Dec	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Dorothy Hickman

Keeping Safe from Flu: Because of the increasing cases of flu this year and the risk of serious illness, I have decided it is best to only have Holy Communion under one kind, so therefore the chalice will be removed from Holy Communion this weekend until the risk of illness is reduced. Thank you for your understanding. Keep well.
 Fr Carl

Walsingham 2026: The planned trip to Walsingham during 2026 has unfortunately been cancelled. Sorry for any disappointment, however due to the numbers showing an interest, the trip was no longer viable. This does not affect the XI Apostles Walsingham trip. Thank you.

XII Apostles Walsingham 2026 – XII Apostles Walsingham places are still available; the trip will take place between 6-9th April 2026. If you are interested, please contact Therese Thompson on 0778004502.

Sacred Heart – Poinsettia Plants As is usual tradition, we invite parishioners to bring along their poinsettia plants to remember their loved ones over this special season. Could I kindly ask that these plants are then taken home after the Christmas season.

First Holy Communion 2026 For those parents of children in Year 4 and above, we will be inviting you to a 'Registration Mass' early in the new year to register your children to begin preparations for First Holy Communion in 2026. Information will be coming from our schools to provide details of the Masses nearer to the time. All registrations will be made via the parish this year. More information will be available in the new year on Facebook and on our website.

Congratulations To our altar servers Dominic and Damien Nwige who were Confirmed by Archbishop John Sherrington last week at St Josephs church in Leigh.

Christmas Masses 2025

Christmas Eve	24 December	5:30pm	Sacred Heart	Carol Service
	24 December	6:00pm	Sacred Heart	Christmas Day Vigil Mass
	24 December	7:30pm	St Richards	Carol Service
	24 December	8:00pm	St Richards	Christmas Day Vigil Mass

Christmas Day	25 December	9:00am	Sacred Heart	Christmas Day Mass
	25 December	10:30a m	St Richards	Christmas Day Mass
Boxing Day	26 December	10:30a m	St Richards	St Stephens Day Mass