



### Mass Intentions 28<sup>th</sup> Dec – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Saturday	27 Dec	5:00pm	Sacred Heart	Janet Gittens / Fr Martin Delaney
Sun – Holy Family	28 Dec	9:30am	St Richards	Winifred + William Denton
Sun - HolyFamily	28 Dec	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Joseph + Geraldine Clarkson
Monday	29 Dec	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Liam Dalton
Tuesday	30 Dec	10:30am	St Richards	Diane Handley
Wednesday New Year Eve	31 Dec	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Meakin / Gaskell and Tranter Families
<b>Thursday New Year Day</b>	<b>1 Jan 2026</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>St Richards</b>	<b>Mary Mother of God</b> People of the parish
Friday	2 Jan 2026	10:30am	St Richards	NO MASS
Saturday	3 Jan 2026	5.00pm	Sacred Heart	People of the parish
Sun – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas	4 Jan 2026	9.30am	St Richards	People of the parish
Sun – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas	4 Jan 2026	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Margaret / Thomas & Cheryl Morris

**New Year Reflection 2026.** It will soon be a new year—a time of reflection, celebration, anticipation, and hopefulness. We may be approaching this new year with more caution, anxiety, and fear than in years past. These last couple of years have been hard; with uncertainty over wars across the world and economic uncertainty with the cost-of-living crisis. And yet, this is a season of hope and reflection. We have journeyed through Advent in hopeful anticipation of the Christ Child's birth. In the humblest and simplest of settings, Jesus entered the world to draw us nearer to him. Joy entered the world to be with us, and with this joy, we have hope that our feelings of fear and anxiety will ultimately be defeated. We can approach this new year with the hopefulness of a Messiah who seeks to draw near to us in the most ordinary moments. As a parish we look forward to embracing change together and looking for new ways to spread the good news of Jesus in our communities.

**Important news - Sacred Heart – Hindsford** I have received some important news about the future of Sacred Heart church – Hindsford. Following months of work between the Archdiocese, the Charity Commission and myself we are now able to provide the following statement. ***“The Charity Commission have given permission for the site of Sacred Heart Church to be marketed, to then allow the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, in their capacity as trustees of Sacred Heart Church, to consider what offers and options come forward. The object of the charity under which Sacred Heart Church is held is now: For the public benefit, the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion and education in accordance with the principles of the Roman Catholic faith in the local Parish of St John Rigby as the Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall think fit. Any sale proceeds would be subject to the pursuit of this object.*** We will be appointing an agent in the new year and look forward to seeing what options present themselves for the future of the site.

**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 until the risk of illness is reduced. Thank you for your understanding. Keep well. Fr Carl

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.**