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**Mass Intentions 22<sup>nd</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

Saturday	21 Feb	5:00pm	Sacred Heart	Patricia Owens
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	22 Feb	9:30am	St Richards	Angela+Padraic Hynes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	22 Feb	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Elizabeth Middlehurst
Monday	23 Feb	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention
Tuesday	24 Feb	10:30am	St Richards	David Peak
Wednesday	25 Feb	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention
Thursday	26 Feb	10:30am	St Richards	Pauline Hankinson
Friday	27 Feb	10:30am	St Richards	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	28 Feb	5.00pm	Sacred Heart	People of the parish
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	1 March	9.30am	St Richards	John + Jean Neary
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	1 March	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Elizabeth Middlehurst

**Parish Development Strategy** It was announced at Mass last week the beginning of the Parish Development Strategy in our Deanery. This means that we will be taking a close look at all the parish communities in the deanery, but for ourselves a close look at St Richards and Sacred Heart. I have asked a number of parishioners to help in these early stages by joining out ‘Steering Group. Over the coming months we will be inviting everyone to look at proposals for the future. Changes will be inevitable over the next couple of years, so let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us through this journey together.

**Stations of the Cross** Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent **7:00pm at St Richards and 6:00pm at Sacred Heart.**

**Quiz Night at St. Richard’s Parish Club –** Everyone is invited to a quiz night on **THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.** Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start in support of Hannah who is running the London Marathon in support of Pancreatic Cancer UK. Tickets are £2:50 per person (maximum 6 people per team) Over 18s only. Free cake for all team members! Please sign up in the club or at the back of church or contact Kate 07446159548 to register your team. Payment taken on the night.

**Foundation Governors -** We are hoping to appoint new Foundation Governors to Sacred Heart Primary School at Hindsford, St Richards primary and at Hindley Green. If you are interested in the management and care for the children in our primary schools this could be a great opportunity, as a practising Catholic, to contribute to the well-being of our schools. In the first instance please contact Fr Carl if you have any questions or are interested.

**School Car Park - Sacred Heart -** I have been asked by the Headteacher at Sacred Heart Primary school – Hindley Green, to request that parishioners **do not park** on the school car park during the week, as it restricts staff parking. The car park is obviously available at the weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

**St Patricks Wigan – Irish Night.**

St Patrick’s Church Wigan, warmly invites you to celebrate their Patronal Feast with an Irish Night on Friday 13th March at Whelley Ex-Servicemen’s Club. Doors open at 7:00pm, with live music from The Flyby Knights, a DJ, hot food and a raffle. Tickets are £10, available from the church or by ringing Josh on 07713 520717. On the Feast Day (Tuesday 17th March) there will be a procession of St Patrick’s Statue at 1:45pm, with Masses at 2:00pm and 7:30pm.

**Last Week’s Collection (Plate Only): £741:00**