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## Mass Intentions 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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
Monday	2 Mar	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention
Tuesday	3 Mar	10:30am	St Richards	Margaret Carter
Wednesday	4 Mar	10:30am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention
Thursday	5 Mar	10:30am	St Richards	Pauline Hankinson
Friday	6 Mar	10:30am	St Richards	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	7 Mar	5.00pm	Sacred Heart	Elizabeth Middlehurst
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	8 Mar	9.30am	St Richards	Tom O'Brien / Jeffrey Gaskell
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent</b>	8 Mar	11:00am	Sacred Heart	Kathleen Murphy

**Mass Intentions** - The Archbishop has written to us (the priests) to remind us of our responsibilities regarding Mass Intentions. Firstly, all Mass intentions must be said within a year of accepting them. Secondly, Mass at the weekends and Holy Days should be celebrated for all the people of the parish. (*Missa pro populo*). Thirdly, individual Mass intentions for one person only to be said during week day Mass. Mass intentions can only be combined (on the same date) with another name, with the consent of the offering between both donors, this practice may not be observed more than twice a week. I have therefore decided that as of **15<sup>th</sup> March 2026** that weekend Masses will only be said for the people of the parish. Any requests for individual Masses already received will be moved to the nearest week day. Masses will still be announced and published in the newsletter. Thank you – Fr Carl

**Stations of the Cross** - Thank you to all those who have volunteered to lead the stations of the Cross throughout Lent. Stations will be prayed each Friday at **7:00pm at St Richards** and **6:00pm at Sacred Heart**.

**Eucharistic Ministry** – Following the retirement of a few of our Eucharistic Ministers recently, could I ask if anyone feels the call to serve the Lord by distributing Holy Communion in church or to the sick and housebound, that they come and have a chat with Fr. Carl to discuss the possibility of undertaking this important ministry.

**Foundation Governors** - We are hoping to appoint new Foundation Governors to St Richards primary and Sacred Heart - 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.

**Confession and Exposition** – From Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed between 6-7pm each Wednesday at St Richards Church (until further notice), with the opportunity for confession available during the hour.

### **St Patricks Wigan – Irish Night.**

St Patrick's Church Wigan, warmly invites you to celebrate their Patronal Feast with an Irish Night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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): £ 1131:00**