

Parish Newsletter

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
HAIGH, ASPULL & BLACKROD
WITH THE PARISH OF HOLY FAMILY, NEW SPRINGS
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
Sunday	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	11.15 am	Holy Family
Monday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Tuesday	9.15 am	Holy Family
Wednesday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Family
Friday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Saturday	11.00 am	Our Lady's



SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/ live from 9.30am and if not then available from about 1.00pm. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group and website.

Response to the Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body.
Alleluia!**

CALENDAR & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

4th July – St Elizabeth of Portugal: born into the Aragonese Royal family in 1271, she is known for her care for the poor; after her husband's death she gave away her goods and joined the Third Order of St. Francis. She died in 1336.

6th July – St Maria Goretti: born into a poor family in Ancona, Italy in 1890. She spent her childhood helping her mother in the domestic chores. She was much given to prayer. In 1902, while defending her chastity

against a neighbour, she preferred to die rather than submit, and was fatally stabbed.

9th July – St Augustine Zhao Rong: The Chinese Martyrs who died between 1648-1930. Augustine was a Chinese diocesan priest. Having been a soldier who accompanied a priest, he was moved by his patience and had asked to be baptised; he was sent to the seminary and ordained. Arrested, he suffered the most cruel tortures and died in 1815.

THOUGHTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Taken from Preparing the Liturgy, the Magazine of the Society of St Gregory.

This is an upbeat set of Readings! In the Gospel Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples and they come back rejoicing. He instructs them to be simple pilgrims, to accept the hospitality they find, to cure the sick and to proclaim that, 'The Kingdom of God is very near to you'. Their initial greeting should be one of peace, 'Peace to this house'. This makes a clear link with the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, "Towards her I send flowing peace like a river".

The Reading begins, 'Rejoice Jerusalem' and the Psalm response continues the rejoicing with, 'Cry out with joy'. The second half of the response makes the link with the Gospels, "All the earth" as the disciples are sent out on a mission, 'To tell what (God) did for my soul'.

Though the Second Reading is not explicitly chosen to connect with the other Readings it is not surprising that similar themes are being considered. This is because the Sunday Lectionary is shaped by the Paschal Mystery and structured around the semi-continuous retelling of the Gospel; today, in the Letter to the Galatians Paul is boasting in the Cross and wishing 'Peace and mercy' to all who

follow Christ.

Our reading of St Luke's Gospel today continues with the account of the mission of the seventy-two disciples. There seems to be a significant connection with the Book of Genesis' chapter 10 which gives a table of all the nations of the world. The Hebrew text has seventy but the Greek translation gives seventy-two. The inference is that the mission of the disciples has a world-wide implication. They are sent out two by two for mutual support and as reliable witnesses to the truth of their message. They are to go out unprovided for, like lambs among wolves. Though they might be defenceless against

the enemies of their message, the mission is one of peace and reconciliation - a recurring theme in Luke's Gospel.

James and John, the 'Sons of Thunder', want to call down Divine retribution on the unwelcoming Samaritans, but if the disciples encounter hostility in the course of their missionary journey they are to leave the judgement to God.

The disciples share Jesus' power and authority over evil: 'Serpents and scorpions' is the Old Testament shorthand for all the powers of evil.

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick, especially those in hospital with Covid-19, and we also remember Ann Harper, Jean Coyne, Marjorie Westmorland, Alan Smith, Wilf Dillon, Mark Carruth, Paul Goodrick, Ken Aspinall and Fr Bernard Higham.

LATELY DEAD

Anthony Mills, Josephine Darnell (in Anglesey), Joe Kennedy, Kathleen McAllister, (in Ireland).

ANNIVERSARIES

Terence Dowling, Bert Seddon, Phil Smith, Bill Stevens, Michael Caine, John Daniels, Nellie Page and priests of the Diocese Brian Seale, John Carroll-Abbing, Arthur Nearey, Gerry Molloy and Denis Gleeson.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 29th June:

Mary Josephine Unsworth (anniversary), Joan Duffy (anniversary), Vivien Bridges (lately dead), in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of baby Archie James, Josephine Darnell (lately dead), Kathleen McAllister (lately dead) and Joe Kennedy (lately dead).

BOLTON'S FUNERALS MEMORIAL SERVICE

In St David's, Haigh, 7.00pm Wednesday 6th July. Janet and John have invited the families of those whose funerals they celebrated over the last two years to join with them in a Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving. This is the first Service that has been able to take place since before Covid. Local clergy and lay funeral celebrants will take part and Fr Kevin has been invited to give the address.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome three cousins of the Webb family at a service at 12.30pm in Our Lady's Church - Scarlett daughter of John and Samantha Webb, Matilda daughter of Michael Webb and Jade Morris and James son of Rachel Webb and Jonathan Lane. We wish them well.

BLACKROD MAYORAL SUNDAY

The new mayor of Blackrod and her husband will attend the morning Eucharist at St Katharine's this Sunday and afterwards host a reception. Fr Kevin is unable to attend either event (Masses and three Baptisms) but he and the parishioners will be represented by Mr and Mrs Elsie and Bernard Hartley of Blackrod. (Regular attenders at the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's.)

200 CLUB - JUNE 2022 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 65	J. Edwards
2nd prize	£30	No 14	Taylor
3rd prize	£20	No 44	A. Parr

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OUR LADY'S SCHOOL GALA

This Sunday 3rd July from 1pm to 4pm. Everyone in the Parish community is welcome.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin