

Parish Newsletter

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
HAIGH, ASPULL & BLACKROD
WITH THE PARISH OF HOLY FAMILY, NEW SPRINGS
S.R.C.D.T. REG. CHARITY No. 250037**

September 11th 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year C)



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MASS TIMES

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| 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 |



There will be no on-line Sunday Mass this week.

We are hoping to put the Saturday evening Mass live on-line and on Facebook using this link

www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/

Response to the Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

13th Sept – St John Chrysostom: John was given the nickname Chrysostom (“Golden Mouth”) because of his excellent preaching, and the many exhortations and catecheses he produced; he was born in Antioch in 349 and after a glowing career as priest was made Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Here, because of his preaching and care for justice, he faced opposition from the imperial court (mainly the Empress Eudoxia) and was twice exiled. He died in exile in 407.

14th Sept – Feast of the Holy Cross

15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows

16th Sept – SS Cornelius and Cyprian: both men lived in a time of great turbulence in the

Church: they were at the forefront of the debate on reconciling those who had denied the faith under persecution. Together Cornelius and Cyprian struck a middle course and guided the Church onward by their writing and preaching. Cornelius died in exile in 253; Cyprian was martyred in 258.

17th Sept – Hildegard of Bingen: born in Germany 1098 and in 1115 entered the Benedictine Order. In 1150 she founded the abbey of Rupertsberg, near Bingen, where she became Abbess. She was an expert in many fields including science and music. A great mystic to whom Princes and Popes turned for advice.

THOUGHTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

This weekend we hear a message of pardon and reconciliation expressed in several parables - the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son (last heard on the Fourth Sunday of Lent this year).

We call the story in the third parable the story of the Prodigal Son. Perhaps it should be rather thought of as - the Tale of the Prodigal

Father because the real hero of the story is the father who loves his son beyond all reason. He indulges the son's selfish wishes, mourns his departure and, when he sees the crestfallen boy returning, doesn't wait, but runs out to meet him.



Nothing is too good for this celebration; a ring (symbol of household authority), the best robe (remember the story of Joseph?) and it goes without saying there has to be a bean feast.

Perhaps it was Luke who added the detail about the elder son? Who knows? Because one can imagine that by the time the Gospel was written, the largely Jewish community of Christians were complaining about the Gentile newcomers into the Christian Community being given such an easy ride!

Luke uses the story to remind them God's love isn't measurable and are reminded of the unalterable truth that God's love never changes.

This message of the story is equally applicable today.

Notes from: Preparing the Liturgy from the Society of St Gregory

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, Dorothy Cottam, John Brewder, James Connor and Ken Aspinall.

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Underwood, Bertie Grego, the victims of 9/11 in the United States and priests of the Diocese Joseph Loran and Rodney Nelson.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 7th September:
James Connor (sick), Marianne Edwards (lately dead) and Markus Schickhoff (lately dead).

LATELY DEAD

Marianne Edwards, Markus Schickhoff and Fr Patrick McEntyre (retired priest of the Diocese).

BAPTISM

This Sunday at Our Lady's we welcome Matilda Christine-Anne Price, daughter of Ben and Nicole (Taylor). We wish them well.

SCHOOL MASSES

Thursday 15th September

9.30am in Holy Family Church

11.00am in Our Lady's School.

WIGAN DIGGERS FESTIVAL

Saturday 10th September 2022, Wigan Town Centre, 11.15am to 9.30pm. Free event, live music, poetry, fringe events and much more!
Website <https://wigandiggersfestival.org>

ASPULL EVERGREENS

Join the Aspall Evergreens for a series of creative workshops including paint, ceramics and jewellery-making on Thursday mornings from 29th September to 10th November. A minibus will leave Our Lady's Church at 09.45, lunch is provided, and the group will be back in Aspall by 1pm. Places are limited, please contact Ann Speak if you are interested by emailing annspeak@hotmail.co.uk

SHREK IS COMING TO BOLTON

Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society will be presenting Shrek the Musical, featuring our own Mandy Millard, at the Albert Hall Bolton from September 20th to 24th 2022. For more information www.shrekbolton.com

SVP NOTICE

Opportunities for young people: The SVP is running a summer holiday camp in Snowdonia in 2023 for children aged 9 to 12 who, for various reasons, need a break. Volunteers over 18 years are needed – you do not need to be members of the SVP. Training will be given and DBS checks made. If you are interested, please contact Anthony O'Reilly at AnthonyO@svp.org.uk

For further information, contact Margaret Riley

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin