

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**

March 1st 2026

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A



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Sacrament of Reconciliation **Saturday** 11.30-12noon Our Lady's Church

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 LIVE-STREAM & ONLINE

Sunday Masses from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link
www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/ live from 9.30am.

The recording is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group from about 10.30am.

Response to the Psalm:

**May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you,
O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This
is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
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CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

1st March – St David: Sixth century Bishop and Patron Saint of Wales. Born in Cardigan around 520, he founded monasteries known for their austerity of life, until being made bishop and primate of Wales; he settled his See at Mynyw (Menevia) and died there in around 588. We send our fraternal greetings to the clergy and people of St David's Church, Haigh on their patronal feast day.

4th March - St Casimir: born in 1458. A Prince of Poland renowned in his short life

(he died at the age of only 28) for the practice of Christian virtues and love of the poor and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady.

7th March – Ss Perpetua & Felicity: these two martyrs died in Carthage in 203, in the persecution under Septimus Severus; the account of their lives and martyrdom, partly written by the saints themselves and by eyewitnesses, survives.

THOUGHTS

From the Society of St Gregory

The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Lent every year in our three year cycle is the respective year's Evangelist's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The setting for the Passion of Jesus begins with the revelation of his glory to Peter, James and John. The response of these three Apostles to the manifestation of God's

glory on the mountain side should be our response in the power and glory of the Lord revealed every Eucharist, on every occasion we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Our experience of God at the Eucharist is inviting yet distant, familiar yet filled with mystery and awe, infinite yet marked by our need for complete re-creation at God's loving hands.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 25th February include: Ralph and Jane Sherrington (anniversary), Terry Maloney

(anniversary), Arthur Solloway (lately dead), Stephen Bates (lately dead), Patricia Mulligan (lately dead).

PARISH NOTICES

CONDOLENCES

To the families of those recently bereaved. Katie Garbett and family of Aspull on the death of her father Arthur Solloway and to Anne Mulligan of Aspull on the death of her sister in law Patricia Mulligan. R.I.P.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Short celebration of the Stations during Lent Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass in Holy Family and Friday mornings after the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL TALKS

Wednesdays at 10.30am in St Katharine's, Blackrod led by Fr Kevin and the Reverend Angela Wynne, Vicar of St Katharine's.

This year's topic is to consider the life, mission and example of five of over one hundred Archbishops of Canterbury, a role that began in 597 AD and will continue with the Installation of the new and first female Archbishop, Sarah, on 5th March, the Feast of the Annunciation and the day of our fifth and final Lenten Talk.

All are welcome. Light refreshments served afterwards.

This week
4th March - St Dunstan - Rev Angela Wynne

CAFOD

The Lenten Family Fast Day collection this weekend in all the churches of England and Wales, 28th February/1st March after the Fast Day on Friday.

Many thanks to the children who made last week's appeal.

CAFOD have developed a new [virtual envelope](#) which allows you to make your Fast Day donation online and link it to your parish. To find out more go to cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Also, a group of generous supporters of CAFOD have agreed to match fund online donations up to £378,000.

SCHOOL MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.30am Mass in Holy Family School
Friday 9.30am in Our Lady's School.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend

GOOD WISHES & EVERY BLESSING

To Mary Unsworth of Aspull who celebrates her 99th birthday on 5th March.

200 CLUB

The 200 Club will restart in March.

The annual subscription is £20. I am hopeful the prizes will remain the same as last year.

If you would like to continue your membership, or join for the first time, you will be most welcome.

Please enclose your subscription (cash or cheque) in an envelope with the following on the front:

How many numbers you need

Your name, address and mobile number (land line if you do not have a mobile).

I can send a text to all new members informing them of their numbers.

Cheques should be payable to Our Lady's Church.

You can pay myself, put your subscription in the box at the back of church or drop it off at the presbytery.

My contact details are:

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Many thanks

Phil Holt

ASBESTOS UPDATE

Before Christmas work began on the Presbytery. It was stopped quite suddenly when asbestos was found in the upstairs bathroom, the garage and the utility room.

There are many houses and churches within the Diocese built in the 50s and 60s that have asbestos present. This will explain the amount of work needed to be done in the Diocese and why work here at Our Lady's did not recommence until this week. It is hoped that the asbestos will have been removed by the weekend and then further works that were planned will then begin.

CHURCH HEATING UPDATE

A problem developed before Mass on Wednesday. A central heating engineer came from Medway, a Bolton firm employed often by the Salford Diocese. It seems that perhaps a temporary fix may have been found but Fr Kevin will update everyone with further developments. It is hoped the heating will be on for this weekend.

Every good wish and blessing.

