# **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

#### April 13th & 20th 2025 Sunday of the Passion and the Palms & Easter Sunday - Year C



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Parish Priest	Rev. Kevin Foulkes	Saturday	6.00 pm	Our Lady's	
Presbytery	48 Haigh Road	Sunday	9.30 am	Our Lady's	
	Aspull		11.15 am	Holy Family	
	Wigan WN2 1YA	Monday	9.15 am	Our Lady's	
Telephone	01942 516732	Tuesday	9.15 am	Holy Family	
		Wednesday	9.15 am	Our Lady's	
	<u>ladys.wigan.sch.uk</u>	Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Family	
www.aspullho	olyfamily.co.uk	Friday	9.15 am	Our Lady's	
		Saturday	11.00 am	Our Lady's	
Sacrament of	Reconciliation Saturd	<b>lay</b> 11.30-12no	on Our Lady	's Church	
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#### SERVICES LIVE-STREAM & ONLINE

Sunday Masses from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link <u>www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/</u> live from 9.30am. The recording is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group from about 10.30am.

Palm Sunday April 13th Response to the Psalm:	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?		
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, the name that is above every name.		
	Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.		
Easter Sunday April 20th Response to the Psalm:	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.		

#### THOUGHTS ON HOLY WEEK

We have begun the Holy and Great Week of the Christian calendar. We enter it with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and seek to enter fully into the ceremonies as they unfold with all the care, devotion and energy they deserve.

To celebrate Holy Week is to celebrate whom we have become through the Paschal Mystery (The Death and Resurrection of Jesus) a time for all God's family to lay aside their other cares and everyday affairs and to celebrate together these days of our salvation.



<u>**Good Friday**</u> is a day of <u>**Fasting**</u> for all Catholic adults (unless prevented by health, age or frailty) and <u>**Abstinence**</u> (from meat).

#### Next Newsletter

Low Sunday the Second Sunday of Easter. Items for newsletter to Fr. Kevin or Kevin Riley 01204 695017 by Wednesday April 23rd. Many thanks.

This is also the next Social Sunday.

#### TO ALL OUR READERS

Every good wish and blessing for a truly inspirational, holy and devout celebration of the events of Holy Week - and the beginning of the fifty days of Easter Joy and Celebration.

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### READERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2025

Maundy Thursday (7.00 p.m.) April 17th	1st Reading & Psalm	Nicola Myers	
	2nd Reading & Acclamation	Angela Harrison	
	Bidding Prayers	Kim Storey	
<u>Good Friday (</u> 3.00 p.m.) April 18th	1st Reading & Psalm	Marie Wallace	
, , .	2nd Reading & Acclamation	Jessica Sullivan	
	Passion Narrator	Lesley Ivory	
	Christ	David Arkwright	
	Other parts	Bob & Claire Massingham	
	Prayers (with the priest)	Louise Vose	
Holy Saturday (6.00 p.m.) April 19th	1st Reading & Psalm	Marjorie Houghton	
、 , , , .	2nd Reading & Psalm	Xander Arkwright	
	3rd Reading & Psalm	Catherine Hesketh	
	New Testament Reading & Psalm Charlotte Hothersall		
	Bidding Prayers	Mathew Hothersall	
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#### TIMES OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK

Monday	9.15am Mass Our Lady's
Tuesday	9.15am Mass Holy Family
Wednesday	9.15am Mass Our Lady's
<u>Maundy Thursday (17th)</u>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m. Our Lady's
<u>Good Friday (18th)</u>	Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 8.30 p.m. 10.30 am Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady's
Holy Saturday (19th)	No morning Mass 6.00 pm Easter Vigil (Our Lady's) The First Mass of Easter
Easter Day (20th)	Usual masses : 9.30 a.m. (Our Lady's); 11.15 a.m. (Holy Family)
Bank Holiday Monday Tuesday to Saturday	10.00am Mass Our Lady's Masses at the usual times.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home. We pray especially for Pope Francis.

#### LATELY DEAD

Kevin Murphy

#### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 9th April include: Bob Connor (birthday anniversary), Ellen Connor (anniversary).

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron Critchley, Damian Eccles, Wilf Makin, John Mulligan, Christian Walsh, Frances Pilkington, Winifred Wright, Mark Lyscia, George Marsden, Bob and Ellen Connor and priests of the Diocese Billy Martin, Michael Brown and Denis Sheeran.

#### SCHOOL MASSES

To celebrate the beginning of the Easter Season Thursday 24th April 9.30am in Holy Family Church and 11.00am Our Lady's School.

#### MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM

Will take place in the Church of St Patrick, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester M4 4FA, Wednesday 16th April 11.00am. The Cathedral is out of use for major restoration work. We have received six tickets for parishioners who wish to attend. Please see Fr Kevin.

#### HOLY WEEK POSTERS

For display in our windows are now available from the Knights of St Columba.

#### ANNUAL BLUE SUNDAY FUNDRAISER

Afternoon Tea Charity Event to raise funds for ME and CSF research, Sunday 18th May, Holy Family Parish Centre, 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Tickets £15 includes glass of Bucks Fizz on arrival. Contact Pat McKay 07804 138243.

Every good wish and blessing.

