

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**

Nov. 17th, 24th & Dec.1st 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday of Year B

The Solemn Feast of Christ the King Year B and First Sunday of Advent Year C



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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
	11.30-12noon	Our Lady's Church



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. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Thirty-Third Sunday Year B

Response to the Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

First Sunday of Advent Year C

Response to the Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Show, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

THOUGHTS

Thirty-third Sunday

The Readings today direct our thoughts towards death, eternal life and the Lord's second coming at the end of time. Appropriate themes in November as we pray, in faith, for the Holy Souls. In today's Gospel, Mark's readers, the Christians in Rome, were living in fear of abuse and persecution. Although no-one can tell when

their sufferings will be vindicated, Mark assures them that there will be an end to it all when the chosen ones will be gathered in.

Christ the King

We reach the end of the Church's Year with the celebration of Christ's kingship. The culmination of what the other thirty-three Sundays of Ordinary Time have been leading up to and a bridge to the season of Advent

with its initial focus on the Second Coming of Christ in glory. As Christians we believe that God's rule took a leap forward when his Son became human, but it will only reach fulfilment at the end of time. Today's Readings for the Feast Day celebrate the culmination of that plan when Christ returns. Everything, including death itself, will be subjected to him. The Second Coming is such an important focus for the Church that we frequently acclaim in the Eucharistic Prayer, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again."

Advent Sunday

The new Liturgical Year opens and the great

theme of the first part of Advent is presented to us in the Readings, namely the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. But we should not take these texts too literally, the message we need to hear is one of hope to a beleaguered people. The coming of the Son of Man means death to an old way of life and the resurrection of hope and life everlasting. When our minds are focussed on this, shopping, cards and presents and other wonderful festival preparations, these first Advent days should give us cause to also ask of ourselves - In the end, what does it all mean? How would I live today if I knew that this was my last day on earth? What would guide my choices and decisions? What really matters to me.

PARISH NOTICES

WE WELCOME

Fr Brian Murphy Sunday 17th and we welcome back Canon Tony McBride 23rd/24th, in Fr Kevin's absence. Fr Kevin's first mass on his return will be the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent at Our Lady's 30th November, 6.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home. We pray especially for Christine Pearson, Vincent Banks and Wilf and Shirley Martin.

LATELY DEAD

Monica Dawson

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Cunliffe, Wilf Johnson, Bill Burgoyne, Agatha Brown, Michael Purtill Jnr. and priests of the Diocese Lionel Devany, Joseph Hope, James Dwyer, Joshua Sheeky and J.J. McTiernan.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 13th November include: Michael Purtill junior (anniversary) Agatha Brown (anniversary) and the November Dead List.

NEXT SOCIAL SUNDAY

After the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's Church Sunday December 1st.

ADVENT SCHOOL MASSES

Thursday 5th December 9.30am in Holy Family School, 11.00am in Our Lady's School.

BEST WISHES

To Judith Bage on her special birthday celebrated this week. We wish her well.

WELCOME

It was wonderful to meet the new Methodist Minister in the local circuit, the Reverend Peter Powers, who joined us for the Remembrance Service at 3.00pm in St Katharine's, Blackrod last Sunday. We are looking forward to working with him in the future.

CHRISTMAS MEMORY STARS

Memory stars will be available to purchase at Holy Family Masses over the next couple of weeks and throughout Advent. This is a lovely way to remember your lost relatives and friends, dedicate a star in their memory to hang on the Christmas tree in Holy Family church.

All proceeds will be used to help pay for floral decorations in church over the Christmas season.

PARISH DINNER AND DANCE

Friday 6th December at Hindley Hall Golf Club. Cost per person £32.

Menu

Starters - Leek and Potato Soup, Prawn Cocktail, Creamy Port and Stilton Mushrooms

Main - Turkey with all the trimmings, Mushroom and Red Pepper Stroganoff and rice

Desserts - Christmas Pudding, Apple Crumble and Custard, Apple Roulade

List for this event in both churches.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin