



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



October 11th 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year A

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

	MASS TIMES
Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	9.30 am 11.15 am
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	9.15 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	9.15 am
Friday	9.15 am
Saturday	11.00 am
Saturday	11.30-12noon

Our Lady's
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Our Lady's Church

Please note, Mass times may vary for good reasons. Please check further in the Newsletter for any possible changes this week.

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:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

12th Oct – St Wilfrid: Wilfrid was born in Northumbria about 634 and died possibly in 709.

13th Oct – St Edward the Confessor: Anglo-Saxon King: Edward became King of England in 1042; an outstanding ruler, devout in his faith and generous to the poor, whose Shrine behind the High Altar of Westminster Abbey is still a place of pilgrimage today. He died on 5th January 1066.

15th Oct – St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila): the remarkable Carmelite reforming saint born in Spain in 1515, she entered the Carmelite Order and made great progress in the way of perfection and had mystical revelations.

16th Oct – St Hedwig or for Polish people Jadwiga: born in Bavaria in 1174, she married and had seven children; renowned for kindness to the sick and the poor, for whom she built hostels.

16th Oct – St Margaret Mary Alacoque: born in 1647, she joined the sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-monial in 1671. She was granted revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; she inspired generations in Catholic tradition. She died in 1690.

17th Oct – St Ignatius of Antioch: whose writings as the second bishop of Antioch inform us of the very earliest belief and practices of Christians only a generation after the apostles.

THOUGHTS FOR Sunday

From Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons

In today's Gospel the parable about the

banquet bears similarities to last weekend's about the vineyard. Those invited do not come and the invitation is extended to others. Under the parable lies the accusation against the religious leaders of that day, that they had had

the opportunity to accept Jesus, but they had squandered it. The reign of God will open to more than the chosen people with whom God inaugurated the Covenant.

The banquet is one image of the reign of God as we can hear in the Gospel. The same theme appears in the First Reading from Isaiah's prophecy and in the Psalm that follows the Reading.

We conclude our period of passages from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul had undergone hardship we learn today and the Church in Philippi had responded with support for him. Paul says that he has been rich and been poor but in his need he has received generously from his friends at Philippi. He asks God to supply their needs in return.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 7th October include: baby Eloise Sudlow (sick), Catherine and Arthur Locke (anniversary) and Maureen Fox (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To Fr Paul Grady of Wigan and Fr Geoff Steel of Garstang and their families on the death recently of their mothers. R.I.P.

SCHOOL MASSES

Tuesday 13th 9.30am in Holy Family Church
Friday 16th 9.30am in Our Lady's.

THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED

For the most generous support in both our parishes to the Family Fast Harvest Collection last weekend. The total was £1510 (including several individual donations). Well done everyone.

GOOD WISHES

To the Anglican Parish Community of St Elizabeth of Hungary, Aspull celebrating their 150th anniversary this year with many events including a Special Service of Thanksgiving this Sunday afternoon. We wish them well.

BECOME A CAFOD VOLUNTEER

Do you have a passion for Faith, Justice and inspiring young people? Cafod is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic Schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission and help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world. Full training and support provided. Further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

Jane and Leo Conley who are Cafod volunteers in schools have kindly offered to give information or advice to those who might like to join them as Cafod school volunteers.

Mr CREGAN'S HALF MARATHON

Last weekend, Mr Cregan, the Headteacher of Our Lady's Primary, ran the Manchester Half Marathon to raise funds for Tommy's, the pregnancy and baby charity.

To support him just follow this link https://www.justgiving.com/page/anthony-cregan-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 8th. A volunteer is needed to represent Fr Kevin and our two parishes at the Commemoration at the Aspull Memorial at the Finger Post, 11.00am that morning. Fr Kevin at that time will be on route to the 11.15am Mass at Holy Family but he will participate in the afternoon events in Blackrod: the Wreath Laying at the War Memorial followed by a 3.00pm Service in St Katharine's Church with refreshments afterwards.

"We will remember them".

CHURCH COLLECTION ENVELOPES

For Our Lady's Church are now available for collection. They start on the weekend of 1st November.

K.S.C PROMS CONCERT

In St Marie's Church, Standish. An evening of music entertainment with the Wigan Ukulele Band and The Magic Voices Choir. It is a charity fundraising concert. November 13th 7.30pm at St Marie's Church, Almond Brook Road, Standish WN6 0TB. Parking available in the parish car park. Admission £10 including light refreshments in the Church Hall during the interval. There will be a raffle. Admittance by ticket only. Tickets will be available from Allan Mitchinson 07724 998285 or Steve Lester 07724 765569.

Every good wish and blessing

Fr Kevin.