

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

May 1st 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Christ is Risen ... He is Risen Indeed!



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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 ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link www.facebook.com/ourladyschurhaspull/ live from 9.30am and if not then available from about 1.00pm. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group and website.

Response to the Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

2nd May – Athanasius: Fourth Century Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Bishop of Alexandria, exiled several times.

3rd May – St Philip and St James: Apostles and martyrs. Philip was born in Bethsaida, formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Jesus. James, son of Alphaeus and cousin of Jesus, led the Church in Jerusalem and was martyred there in AD 62.

4th May – The English Martyrs of the Reformation: on this day in 1535 there died at Tyburn three Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs. Of these, forty-two have been canonised and a further two hundred and forty-two declared Blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison or suffered harsh persecution for their faith over a century and a half cannot be accurately reckoned. They came from every walk of life, among them rich and poor, married and single, men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage.

THOUGHTS

The celebration of Christ's Resurrection continues with festivity and joy. Each year on the Third Sunday of Easter the Gospels proclaim a post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus in which he shares a meal with his disciples. The Eucharistic theme is obvious and we celebrate the fact that through the Paschal Mystery Christ found a way to remain with us through this mystery of our

faith.

John's Gospel recounts the breakfast that Jesus shared with his disciples at the sea shore. The longer form of this weekend's Gospel recounts Peter's redemption from his denial of Jesus. Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him. Of course, we know Peter's answer, given three times; once for each time he denied Jesus the night he was arrested.

Peter's "yes" is also ours as we continue to follow our Risen Messiah throughout Easter .

The First Reading gives us an example of the initial preaching of St Peter as the Gospel spread immediately after the Resurrection. In this weekend's reading we hear, once again, Peter's response to the Sanhedrin's charge to cease preaching in the name of Christ.

Our second Reading is now a continuation of John's heavenly vision from the Book of Revelation and it tell us of the Lamb whose praise is sung by a countless number of angels. Not only this but all the voices of creation join in this song of praise to the Mighty One who was seated on a throne and to the Lamb!

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, Alan Smith and Paul Goodrick.

LATELY DEAD

Michelle Cutler and Dave Hesketh.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter McNab, Mary McGovern, Irene Finerty, Mary Berry, Frank Myers, John Johnston, Mary (Molly) Crompton, Norma Whyte and priests of the Diocese Arthur Nearey, Joseph Burns and John Murphy.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 27th April:

Michelle Cutler (lately dead), Mary (Molly) Crompton (anniversary), Ronnie Griffin (anniversary), Frank Myers (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the family of the Late Dave Hesketh of Holy Family Parish. Fr Kevin will celebrate his Funeral Service in Overdale Crematorium, Bolton Thursday 5th May, 1.15pm. R.I.P.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

4th May Mass 10.00am at Our Lady's.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 7th and 8th, the annual collection for the Priests' Training Fund, used to support the training of priests and the promotion of vocations in the Salford Diocese. Please be generous.

BAPTISM AT HOLY FAMILY

This Sunday we welcome Leo Broadhead, son of Marc and Rachel. We wish them well.

WEDDING AT OUR LADY'S

Next Saturday, 12 noon, our good wishes to Sarah Ward and Christopher Boon (Wedding Service). Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am that morning.

OUR VERY BEST WISHES AND WELCOME

To Lee David Jukes who became a full member of the Christian Church by Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of his First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Mass last Saturday morning at Our Lady's Church, 23rd April. We wish him well for the future and our good wishes to his fiancée Laura who he will marry in Italy later in the year.

SVP MESSAGE

Unfortunately, we are unable to sell hanging baskets this summer. The increased price has made it unviable. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

There will be a meeting for all children undertaking the Sacramental Programme, with their catechists, at Holy Family Church on Thursday 5th May from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE REMINDER

Walking Day for the churches of Aspull, Haigh and Blackrod, Sunday May 29th. Meeting at 1.30pm at Our Lady's for 2.00pm departure. All are welcome. Thanks to those who are organising the event and those who volunteer to guide events on the day.

Every good wish and blessing.

