

Parish Newsletter

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HAIGH, ASPULL & BLACKROD WITH THE PARISH OF HOLY FAMILY, NEW SPRINGS

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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
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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:

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

19th January - St Wulstan: Wulstan was born in Warwickshire about 1008 and died in 1095. He became a Benedictine monk of the Cathedral Priory of Worcester, but in 1062 was appointed bishop, and was one of the few Anglo-Saxons in high office to survive the Norman Conquest. He was renowned as a confessor, for his care for the poor and sick and for the high standards he demanded of his clergy.

20th January - St Sebastian: The last great persecution of the Christians in Rome was under the Emperor, Diocletian, between 303 and 305. It was at this time that Sebastian, a

native of Milan, was martyred in Rome.

21st January - St Agnes: martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen, according to St Ambrose, around the year 300.

24th January - St Francis de Sales: born into a noble family in Annecy in 1597, he was ordained priest and worked strenuously for the Church by distributing printed essays on the Catholic faith; he became Bishop of Geneva, exemplary in his pastoral care. He also wrote "The Introduction to the Devout Life", a handbook of holiness. He is the patron saint of journalists and writers.

THOUGHTS

From the Society of St Gregory

It may be a new Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time but the Liturgy for our Mass this weekend continues the theme of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorated last weekend.

The Readings we will hear at Mass this weekend tell us that Christ was the perfect servant of the Father and that we too become

servants of the Father's will, strengthened by the Blood of the Lamb of God. But Jesus was the only servant ever to fulfil completely the prayer 'Your will be done' for he freely accepted and gave himself up to death that others might share life through his sacrifice on the Cross.

Last week we heard Matthew's account of Jesus' Baptism and today we hear a passage from John's Gospel which reads like a

remembrance and reflection on what happened, using the words - some translations say witness, which adds authority - of John the Baptists. John does not recognise Jesus at first but he has been

waiting, preparing the ground for 'On one whom he sees the Spirit descend and remain'. It is John the Baptist who gives Jesus the title, Lamb of God.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 14th January include: Tony & Phyllis Cochrane (anniversary), Tracey Whittle (anniversary), Frank Makinson (anniversary), Rita Conroy (lately dead), James Wimsey (anniversary), Bill & Annie Roberts (anniversary), Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson (lately dead).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the family of the late Rita Conroy of Wigan Road, Aspull. Funeral to be arranged.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In Holy Family School, Tuesday 20th January 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Begins this Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

For both Parishes.

Presentation of the candidates at the weekend Masses Jan 31st/Feb 1st.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday 18th March in school 10.15am Our Lady's and 1.15pm Holy Family.

Walking Day for the Churches of Aspull Sunday June 7th

Celebration of First Holy Communion Saturday 13th June 12noon Holy Family Church and Sunday 14th 3.00pm Our Lady's Church.

MANDY'S MIND CHALLENGE

Mandy Millard from Our Lady's is currently taking on the Move for Mind challenge - moving 31 minutes a day for 31 days in January - and fighting for better mental health for everyone.

You can support her and the MIND Charity via her Just-Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/amanda-millard-5>

Every good wish and blessing.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

This Sunday after the 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church.

Future Social Sunday dates: 12th April & 7th June.

MISSIO

All are welcome to an evening with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, a Missionary, he is the apostolic Prefect of Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia, who is the Church's second youngest Cardinal, Wednesday 4th February, 7 to 9pm in St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA. Mass followed by a short talk and refreshments. An opportunity to find out about missionary work in Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic Community and Church in the World.

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More details at mission.org.uk/cardinal-marengo

SAFEGUARDING - DBS UPDATE

Many thanks to all the Parishioners who have been so helpful in completing their DBS forms. I now believe that all Sacristans, Catechists, SVP members, money counters, key holders and of course Parish Priest have completed the process and are now on the system for the Diocese. If this is not the case and you hold one of these roles, please contact me so we can move forward with your application. My number is 07730523701.

Again, thank you for your cooperation, Claire Massingham, Safeguarding Representative for Our Lady's and Holy Family.

THE BRICK

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick.

The Brick continues to need the following food items: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits and tinned meats.

Fr. Terri.