

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 19th 2026

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.



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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



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: O, Lord you will show me the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts
burn within us when you speak to us.
Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

21st April – St Anselm: Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 1033 – 1109. He was born in Italy and joined the Benedictine Monastery at Bec in Normandy. He became its Abbot and then in 1093 Archbishop of Canterbury. He endured periods of exile due to his opposition to King William II and Henry I, both of whom threatened the Church's liberty. St Anselm is best remembered as an important theologian. He was declared Doctor of the Church in 1720.

23rd April – The Solemn Commemoration of St George the Martyr and Patron of England: He died about 303, martyred in Palestine during the period of persecution of the Emperor, Diocletian. He died in Lydda, now Lod near Tel Aviv, Israel. Legend depicts him killing the dragon, a symbol of triumph over evil. He is the Patron Saint of several countries and regions, including England.

25th April – St Mark the Evangelist

THOUGHTS

From the Source Book for Sundays and Seasons

Today's Gospel, the story of the road to Emmaus, is a beloved account of the appearance of Jesus after the Resurrection. In fact, Luke says the experience took place on the evening of the Resurrection. That is why this Gospel may also be used at Mass in the evening of Easter Sunday.

Because of its significance, the Lectionary includes it in the regular cycle for the hearing of all in the community today.

In the story, Jesus walks with the disciples but they do not know it is he. Even though they are walking away from Jerusalem (a symbolic fleeing from the place of their despair?), they discussed the events of recent days and actually proclaimed the Good News in spite of themselves!

The stranger illumines the Scriptures so well for them that they invite him to stay with them since it is evening. Then, when the stranger breaks bread, they recognise their Saviour.

So, today for us, after hearing and discussing the Scriptures, we break bread and discover that Jesus is truly present in our midst.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 15th April include: Golden Wedding Anniversary, Frances Pilkington (anniversary), Patrick McAllister (anniversary), Peter Hull (lately dead), Mollie Scott (birthday), Janice Pascoe (anniversary).

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

To Chris and Tony Taylor celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 17th April. They were married in St Columba's Church, Bolton. They renewed their marriage vows at the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday this week. We wish them well. Ad multos annos!

MASSES TO CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Tuesday 21st April 9.30am in Holy Family Church and 11.00am in Our Lady's Church.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April, the day when we have the annual collection in the Salford Diocese towards the training of our future priests and deacons. Please be generous.

THANKS TO ALL

Who were kind enough to give me cards, Easter greetings and gifts for the great Season of the Church's Calendar. Gratefully received, Fr Kevin.

THANK YOU

I have received a lovely card from the family of the late Breda Bibby.

Dear Fr Kevin, we would like to send huge thanks for the truly beautiful and meaningful service you gave for mum (Breda). Your words were so fitting, personal and compassionate and your tribute to her touched everyone who was there. We are so proud that so many people commented on what a beautiful and very special Mass it was. We are also deeply grateful for the friendship and kindness you showed mum over the years, which meant the world to her and to all of us. Please can you also pass on our massive thanks to the rest of the parish for their love, support and care. We could not have wished for a more wonderful 'extra' family for mum. With our deepest gratitude - Maria Finnigan, Paul Bibby and families.

Every good wish and blessing.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The annual White Flower Collection for the SPUC Charity the weekend of 9th/10th May, the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

INVITATION

We are cordially invited to the Salford Diocesan Mission Mass, Saturday 30th May 2026 at 2.00pm in Salford Temporary Cathedral, Great George Street, Salford, M3 6EH with Bishop John Arnold, representatives of the Mill Hill Missionaries and Deacon Davie Nalikata (the Missio Diocesan Director for Salford). Please join us for light refreshments in the cloisters after Mass. To assist with planning, if possible RSVP by 22nd May, email redbox@missio.org.uk or telephone 020 78219755. Please note, Mass will be held in the Temporary Cathedral since Salford Cathedral is still undergoing restoration. Free parking available in the Cathedral car park in Ford Street M3 6DP.

200 CLUB - MARCH 2026 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 18	Mary Unsworth
2nd prize	£30	No 48	Adamson
3rd prize	£20	No 62	Tibrizi

Many thanks to all our supporters

BLACKROD TOWN COUNCIL

Extends a warm invitation for your organisation to attend the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 21st April 2026 in the Council Chamber, Church Street, Blackrod at 18.30. The purpose of the Annual Assembly is to receive the annual report of the Town Council and to discuss Parish or Community affairs and pass resolutions thereon. This meeting is a fantastic opportunity to make connections and showcase all the wonderful work that takes place within our community. We welcome all present to report on your organisation or group's activities throughout the past twelve months.

From Mrs Lara Nuttall, the Town Clerk of Blackrod Town Council.

If anyone would like to represent our Parish at this meeting, please have a word with Fr Kevin.

Fr Kevin