

# 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 24th 2026

Pentecost Sunday - Year A

“Come Holy Spirit ...” (The Conclusion of the Easter Season)



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

## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	11.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Monday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Saturday</b>	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/ourladychurchaspull/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/) live from 9.30am.

The recording is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group from about 10.30am.

### Response to the Psalm:

**Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia.**

## CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**25<sup>th</sup> May - Mary, Mother of the Church**

**26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri:** renowned for his prayerfulness and sense of humour. Born in Florence in 1515; he arrived in Rome, and after a mystical experience in the catacombs, gathered a community of friends to look after the sick, which eventually became the Oratory. He died in 1595.

**27<sup>th</sup> May – St Augustine of Canterbury:** sent in 597AD by Pope St Gregory the Great

to convert pagans in Kent.

**28th May - Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest**

**29<sup>th</sup> May – Saint Pope Paul VI:** a recently canonised Pope. Born in the north of Italy in 1897, worked in the Vatican until he became Archbishop of Milan. In 1963 he was elected Pope and continued the renewal process of the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1978.

## THOUGHTS

Coming from the Greek word for fifty, Pentecost originally began as a Jewish Celebration in thanksgiving for the 'First Fruits' when winter grain and spring vegetables were harvested, enjoyed and offered to God.

For us Christians we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. For us, Jesus is the 'First Fruits' of those who have died and his Resurrection heralds our own at the end of time. But for now we live as Christians in the world empowered by his Spirit of peace and

forgiveness.

While Pentecost concludes the Easter Season, the Gift of the Holy Spirit, celebrated today, compels us to resound again with Easter joy.

In March or April each year the Jewish Community celebrates the Feast of Passover as indeed at the same time Christians celebrate Easter. They call to mind how God used Moses to lead the people from slavery in Egypt and then fifty days later in May or June is held the Jewish Feast of Pentecost

(Shavuot in Hebrew). It calls to mind that God gave the Law, the Ten Commandments, to Moses.

The Ten Commandments can be phrased in this way.

1. Give God the first place in your life.
2. Don't love anything more than you love God.
3. Show respect to everything that is holy, particularly God's name.
4. You need one day of the week for rest and for worshipping God.
5. Respect your parents and all who care for you.

6. Do not kill anyone.

7. Sexual love is special. Keep it for the person you are married to.

8. Don't take what isn't yours.

9. Don't do people down by spreading lies about them.

10. Don't be jealous of what others have.

The Ten Commandments reflect a basic, common sense way of living. They can guide us in the short term and long term choices that we need to make for a good and happy life.

**From the Society of St Gregory and Nicholas Hutchinson.**

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### **ONLINE MASS**

There will be no live stream or online Mass next Sunday 31st May.

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

We celebrate Trinity Sunday.

### **BANK HOLIDAY MASS**

Monday 25th May 10am Our Lady's.

### **MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED**

Up to 13th May include: Margaret Steelyard (nee Whittle of Doncaster lately dead), Margaret McLaughlin (anniversary), Vincent Thompson (anniversary), Theresa Wright (anniversary), Christopher McElhinny (lately dead), Joan Duffy (birthday anniversary), Sheila Wimsey (anniversary), John Vose (lately dead in Sheffield. He was the son of Marjorie Vose a former teacher at Our Lady's Primary School Aspull), Malcolm Derbyshire (lately dead) and a Special Intention.

### **BAPTISM**

This Saturday we welcome Fionn Thomas Magee, son of Robyn and Connor at 2.00pm

### **SPUC COLLECTION**

To date the amount raised is £801 but the appeal is still open to receive donations. Many thanks for your generosity.

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

1. Walking Day Sunday June 7th 1.30pm
2. Celebration of First Holy Communion Saturday 13th June 12 noon in Holy Family, Sunday 14th 3pm in Our Lady's.
3. Confirmation for Secondary pupils in the Deanery will take place at St Mary's, Horwich, 6.30pm Thursday 18th June.

### **BLUE SUNDAY**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Blue Sunday event either by attending, donating or offering raffle prizes. Together we raised an amazing £1210 which will be shared equally between three M.E. Charities to support research and care for those with severe M.E. Pat, Ronnie, Lorna and all the family.

### **ASPULL & HAIGH HERITAGE WEEKEND**

Join us today at St David's Church, Haigh, for a fascinating journey through time to discover our roots. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a curious newcomer, come and explore the rich history that shaped our village and our community. Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th From 11.00am to 3.00pm. Free Entry. All are welcome!

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

On June 19th our former Parish Priest at Our Lady's (1992-1996) and Vicar General of the Salford Diocese, Monsignor Canon Michael Quinlan, now retired in Ireland, will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. I am sure we would like to send our own good wishes to him. His address is 1 Knockanacuig Place, Bally Rickard, County Kerry, Ireland, V92 XCH2. We wish him well.

### **THE BRICK**

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick.

The Brick always needs the following food items: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits and tinned meats.

Every good wish and blessing.

*M. Kenin.*