

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 14th 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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
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Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Family
Friday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Saturday	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/ourladyschurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

THOUGHTS

The celebration of the Resurrection continues today.

The Paschal Mystery is described as the fulfilment of the prophets' word.

The Resurrection of Jesus invites all to repentance and freedom from sin.

In all three years of the Lectionary Cycle this Sunday features a Resurrection appearance of Jesus that involves him sharing food with his disciples. The importance of meals in the New Testament can hardly be overestimated. These episodes heighten our awareness of how Jesus is present to us, even today. How do we continue to know him? We recognise his presence most especially in sharing the Eucharist.

This Sunday's passage from the Gospel of St Luke follows the story of the road to Emmaus. While the disciples are telling the

tale of their meeting with Jesus he appears again. Despite the mysterious way he suddenly comes into their company, this episode shows his true, bodily presence after the Resurrection. The Risen Christ is not a ghost. In a very practical demonstration of this he eats some fish. After the consumption of food, Jesus illuminates the meaning of his Death and Resurrection by reference to the Scriptures.

This privileged time when Jesus speaks to his followers, face to face, leaves behind a precious legacy. A lasting understanding of why he suffered. Resurrection does not erase the Cross, rather it brings the plan of God to fulfilment.

From the publication - Source Book for Sundays and Seasons

PARISH NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no weekday Masses until further notice.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

This Sunday we will have the opportunity to meet with parishioners in the Meeting Room for refreshments immediately after the 9.30am Mass. We hope it will be an opportunity to meet those who have made the beautiful new banners for the Sanctuary in Our Lady's Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home.

LATELY DEAD

Fr John Johnson, Fr Barry McAlister and Chris Goss.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family and friends of the late Fr Barry McAlister, formerly Parish Priest of Litherland, Liverpool. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in St John's, Wigan on Thursday 11th April.
2. To the family, friends and parishioners of St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan on the death of their beloved and long serving Parish Priest, Fr John Johnson. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's at 12.30pm Friday 19th April.

R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES

Include: Damian Eccles, Jack Newall, Ellen Connor, Winfred Wright, Sheila Worthington, Cath Anderton and Cath Hellewell.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 10th April include: Ellen Connor (anniversary), Bob Connor (birthday anniversary), a private intention, Damian Eccles (anniversary), Fr John Johnson (lately dead), Fr Barry McAlister (lately dead), Krzysz Goss (lately dead),

PLEASE REMEMBER

In your prayers Nathan Johnson and Emma May, who will be married at a Service in Our Lady's on Sunday 28th April at 2.00pm at which Fr Kevin will Baptise their daughter Rosie May.

We wish them well for their future.

NEXT WEEKEND

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be the annual collection in our Salford Diocese, for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the promotion of priestly vocations and the training of our future priests. Please be generous.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The celebration of First Reconciliation will be arranged through the school this week having been postponed from the 13th March. The date and time will be in next week's Newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES

To Connie Seddon and her supporters raising well over £300 for Cafod with her hymn singing for the forty days of Lent.

Also, to Eileen Hawkins and supporters for the Annual SPUC Collection that raised just over £1000.

Thanks to everyone for their kindness and generosity.

200 CLUB - MARCH 2024 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 86	Oliver
2nd prize	£30	No 46	Bowden
3rd prize	£20	No 26	Cheers

Many thanks to all our supporters

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BRICK

As a result of the cost of living crisis, The Brick is experiencing unprecedented levels of demand and has made a special request for the following food items: Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Rice and Pasta Sauces.

In addition, the Brick are now taking items of fresh produce but any donations of fresh produce should be taken directly to the food donation centre at St. George's Church, Water Street, Wigan WN1 1DN and **NOT** be left in church please.

Many thanks from The Brick.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin