

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 22nd 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)



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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/ourladyschurchaspull/ 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:

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

25th May – St Bede the Venerable: Priest and Doctor of the Church born near Jarrow in the North East in 673 and educated by the Benedictines; he eventually joined the monastery there, and began a life of great erudition, producing many writings: he

particularly worked on the interpretation of the Scriptures and the History of the Church in Britain. He died in the year 735.

27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury: sent in 597AD by Pope St Gregory the Great to convert pagans in Kent.

THOUGHTS

There were two main issues that threw the early Church into its first crisis: legislation and authority.

When preaching to non-Jews, Paul and Barnabas had been preaching that it was not necessary to become Jews in order to become Christians, but not all Christians agreed however. The questions were simple. Did Paul and Barnabas know the legislation correctly? Did they have any authority to preach it? After all, neither of them was one of the Twelve and Paul had persecuted Christians before becoming a Christian himself.

The Apostles and Elders met in Jerusalem to consider the questions. It was the first time that leaders of the Church gathered together to resolve an important issue. Today, some

people call this the 'Council of Jerusalem'. This is very much the model of the Church and her future in the mind and heart of Pope Francis, a Synodal Church - one that listens and encourages everyone to participate in its decision making.

The gathering reached these conclusions: that one could become a Christian without first becoming a Jew, and then, yes, Paul and Barnabas had the authority to speak for the Church. But just in case the believers at Antioch did not believe this to be the decision of those gathered in Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Church community sent along a couple of extra representatives to reassure them.

Such decisions, then and now, can usually be resolved in charity and with reassurance.

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, Wilf Dillon, Mark Carruth and Paul Goodrick.

LATELY DEAD

Rae Meadows and Michael Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES

Leo Coleman, Rose Hyland, Ron Tudor, Sheila Wimsey and priests of the Diocese Michael Purvis, Bernard McGarry and Peter Sheahan.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 18th May:

For a marriage, Joan Duffy (birthday anniversary), Michael Hall (lately dead), Mark Carruth in Ireland (sick), Ralph Hammond (anniversary), Melanie Cochrane, deceased Price and McCann families, Margaret McLaughlin (anniversary), Vincent Thompson (anniversary) and Theresa Wright (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the daughters and family of Rae Meadows of Blackrod. Her husband Brian's funeral was celebrated on 8th March, this year. Her Funeral Service will be held at Howe Bridge Crematorium, 11.00am Tuesday 31st May. R.I.P.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

To Anna Charnley and George Band who will be married Saturday 21st May, 12 noon within a Nuptial Mass.

BAPTISM

This weekend at Holy Family we welcome the twins Olivia and Emily Savel-Repsaf, Children of Ala and Aloyzias. We wish them well.

GOOD WISHES

To those elected to serve in local government in the recent elections. To Ron Conway of Aspull and Councillor Sue Baines the new Mayor of Blackrod who succeeds one of our parishioners, Councillor Nick Bell. We wish them well.

Every good wish and blessing.

MANY THANKS

For the £580 raised from the collection recently in both of our Parishes for the Priests' Training Fund of the Salford Diocese, (including several individual donations).

WALKING DAY

For the churches of Aspull, Haigh and Blackrod, next Sunday May 29th. Meet at 1.30pm at Our Lady's for 2.00pm departure. All are welcome.

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASSES 26th

MAY

Wednesday Vigil, 7.00pm Our Lady's

Thursday 9.30 am In Holy Family Church with the staff and pupils from school.

Thursday 11.00am Our Lady's School for staff and pupils only. Due to the number of pupils that we now have at Our Lady's it is no longer possible to be able to have parishioners join us at Mass.

To follow the Mass please see the link below; CTRL [Click here to join the meeting](#)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Year 3 children from Our Lady's and Holy Family attended a joint catechist session at Holy Family Church recently. Mr Horridge, Headteacher at Our Lady's, wanted to particularly thank our wonderful volunteers in the parish who support our children on their faith journey.

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The Bishops and England and Wales had the Annual Easter Meeting in Cardiff this year.

They expressed concern at the situation in Ukraine and the fuel and food poverty that is now affecting so many people in the UK.

They announced that Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes would tour the Cathedrals of England and Wales this year and they have restored the Sunday obligation for Catholics the weekend of Pentecost this year.

MATTERS FINANCIAL - OUR LADY'S

Recent collections have averaged £786 per week and recent Standing Orders have averaged monthly £614. Many thanks to all concerned.

Fr Ken