

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

Sept 14th 2025

Twenty-Fourth Sunday - Year C

The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross



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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:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows

16th Sept – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian: both men lived in a time of great turbulence in the Church: they were at the forefront of the debate on reconciling those who had denied the faith under persecution. Together Cornelius and Cyprian struck a middle course and guided the Church onward by their writing and preaching. Cornelius died in exile in 253; Cyprian was martyred in 258.

17th Sept – Hildegard of Bingen: born in Germany 1098 and in 1115 entered the Benedictine Order. In 1150 she founded the Abbey of Rupertsberg, near Bingen, where she became Abbess. She was an expert in

many fields including science and music. A great mystic to whom Princes and Popes turned for advice.

19th Sept – St Theodore of Canterbury: Italian monk appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 666. He died 690.

20th Sept – St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and the Martyrs of the Korean Peninsula (18th & 19th century): This group of just over one hundred Korean martyrs represent over 10,000 Catholics, of all walks of life, who were martyred in Korea before 1882. Andrew, born in 1821 was the first native Korean to be martyred.

THOUGHTS

Although the Liturgy of Good Friday is intended to celebrate the Triumph of The Cross, its tone is often dominated more by the Solemn Reading of the Passion from the Gospel of St John. As this year the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday, and, being a Feast of the Lord, it displaces the Liturgy of the Twenty-Fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time and has its own Prayers and Readings Proper to the Day and it enables us to sound the triumphant note, 'We should glory in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our Salvation, our Life and our Resurrection. Through him we are saved and made free.'

This text for this Feast is also used at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday as we begin the Easter Triduum.

To glory in the Cross is precisely the paradox that is the centre of our Christian faith; we remind ourselves of this every time we make its sign over ourselves, for it is the hope of our glory too!

Retreat

I spent a week in the picturesque village of Walsingham, five miles from Fakenham, in North Norfolk. An average car journey of over four hours for just over two hundred miles.

It is a beautiful, picturesque village now very much for commuters for Kings Lynn,

Fakenham or even as far as Norwich, almost thirty miles away.

The retreat was led by a bright, intelligent priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Fr Toby Duckworth, thirty years old, three years ordained priest.

The talks were conferences on Our Lady in the light of the works of St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

The talks were deep and challenging but those of us who were there, in total 28 including three priests, we also had plenty of opportunity to reflect, pray and worship together in the village of this oldest Marian Shrine in Christendom, founded in the eleventh century until it was destroyed at the Reformation.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to Wednesday 10th September include: Margaret Hogarth (lately dead), Betty (Elizabeth) Bird (anniversary), Charles Fisher (anniversary), Walter Scott Snr (anniversary), Mass for Fr. Joe Bibby's Fortieth Ordination Anniversary (Archdiocese of Liverpool)

RECENT CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1. Arabella Vesper Peony Uchenna Nosegbe, the third child of Uche and Lauren - 30th August in Holy Family Church.
2. Nancy Sarah McLelland, second daughter of James and Sarah—31st August in Our Lady's Church.

We wish them well.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the families of those who have died recently:

1. To Connie Seddon on the death of her aunt, a Dominican Missionary Sister, Sister Bernadette Helegwa.
2. The family of the late (Joseph) Brian Leyland of Aspull. Funeral Service at Holy Family Church Wednesday 17th September 12 noon.
3. A Funeral Service for the late Karen Woodward of Aspull in Our Lady's Church, Monday 15th September 11.00am.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The 11.00am Mass on Saturday October 25th at Our Lady's will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the death of the late Maureen Burnett, formerly of Toddington Lane, Haigh. Members of her family will attend the Mass.

CAFOD ADVANCE NOTICE

Appeal 27th and 28th September. Cafod Harvest Fast Day, Friday 3rd October. Collection 4th/5th October.

200 CLUB - AUGUST 2025 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 29	G. Byrne
2nd prize	£30	No 65	Taylor
3rd prize	£20	No 88	J. Edwards

Many thanks to all our supporters

THE BRICK

Many thanks for your continued and generous support of the Brick, throughout the summer holidays.

They continue to experience very high levels of demand for much needed support and have found donations from Supermarkets have fallen due to people being more aware of food waste.

The Brick are very appreciative of the support from our Parish.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kenia.