

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

September 13th 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Year A



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

Please note, Mass times may vary for good reasons. Please check further in the Newsletter for any possible changes this week.

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:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you..
Alleluia.**

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

THOUGHTS

For the Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Feast commemorates two separate historical events, the Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in the Fifth century and the recovery of the Relics of the True Cross from the Persians in the Seventh century.

Its emphasis rests not on the suffering of Jesus but on the cross as a symbol of victory

and the means of our Redemption.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem houses the site of Calvary, the empty tomb and the traditional place of the discovery of the wood of the Cross of Jesus by Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. Sadly, as those of us privileged to have visited the church have experienced, it is still a focus of intra-Christian rivalry. Certainly it is truly one of the most important

Christian Shrines in the world.

In the Gospel read at the mass on the feast day, Jesus compares his mission to the lifting up of the bronze serpent, a story described as one of hope and healing in the feast day's First Reading.

The Second Reading for Mass is the classic text of both the abasement and exaltation of Jesus.

In pre-Reformation and some Gothic revival churches of the 19th century there was a screen to separate the Chancel and Nave, topped by a depiction of the Crucifixion of

Jesus flanked by Mary and John as described in the fourth Gospel. It is referred to as a Rood Screen after the early English word for a cross.

Indeed, one of the earliest works in the English language is a religious reflection, or poem, on the cross whose anonymous author imagines the cross speaking very tenderly and beautifully about the wonderful person who was crucified upon it, known as the "Dream of the Rood" and we have all heard of, or visited, Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh which was built next to the now ruined Abbey Church of the Holy Rood, or the Holy Cross.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 9th September include: a family intention (Blackrod), Christopher Unsworth (anniversary), Walter Scott Senior (anniversary) and a Mass for Noel and Theresa (Blackrod).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr Kevin will be available for confessions in Holy Family Church Saturday next 19th September, 10.00 to 10.30am.

LOURDES

Marie Wallace is going to Lourdes again on September 24th. She will be delighted to take any petitions or envelopes containing donations for candles to be lit for your family's intentions. Please give them to her by the Vigil Mass on Saturday 19th September.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

September 20th following 9.30am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. All welcome.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

This year's appeal in both churches will be the weekend of 26th/27th September. The Fast Day is Friday 2nd October. Collection October 3rd and 4th.

BECOME A CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Do you have a passion for Faith, Justice and inspiring young people? Cafod is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic Schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission, and help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world. Full training and support provided. Further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

FUTURE BAPTISMS

September 20th Ava Lois Turner.

October 25th

1. Henry, Lily and new born Rory Dawson at 12.30pm
2. Nova Elizabeth Cregan at 2.30pm

November 28th Otilie Margeaux Webster

December 19th Arthur Hill of Boston USA.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 26/27

Parents' meetings in school

Our Lady's 9am Monday 28th September

Holy Family 9.00am Tuesday 29th September

Presentation of the new candidates for Holy Communion in 2027 will be the weekend masses of 3rd/4th October.

St ELIZABETH'S PARISH ASPULL

This year are celebrating their 150th anniversary. There will be a special Service in the church on Sunday 11th October at 2.00pm. We wish them well.

THE BRICK

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick, after our summer break.

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

Every good wish and blessing.

