

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**

Nov 16th 2025

Thirty-third Sunday - Year C



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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:

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Nov 17th - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary: born in 1207, daughter of the King of Hungary, she was married at the age of 14; after the death of her husband she embraced poverty, caring for the sick in a hospital she herself had built. She died in 1231.

Nov 17th - Saint Hilda: born in 614, outstanding early leader of the Church, she was Abbess of Whitby, which became a great centre of learning. She hosted the famous Synod in 664 - she loyally accepted the Synod's decision and followed Roman traditions thereafter. She died in 680.

Nov 17th - Saint Hugh of Lincoln: born in France in 1140 and a Carthusian; became bishop of Lincoln in 1185, and was devoted to the pastoral care of his flock - he even helped

build the Cathedral with his own hands. He was a supporter of the oppressed, especially the Jewish community, for whom he risked his life. He was declared a saint in 1220.

Nov 21st - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: this day saw the dedication in 543 of the Church of Our Lady near to the Temple in Jerusalem: together with Christians of the East we celebrate that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood.

Nov 22nd - St Cecilia: the "Passion of Saint Cecilia" was written in the 5th century and tells that she suffered martyrdom with her husband and brother in the second century. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

THOUGHTS

From the Society of St Gregory

Quite unusually, all the Readings provided for this Sunday and the general tenor of the Prayers for Mass are focussed on the Second Coming of Christ, a theme that will continue through into Advent.

Now the apocalyptic imagery in the Gospel is matched by the prophet Malachi in the First Reading. But in the midst of this doom and gloom, the Psalm for Mass today proclaims that all created things should joyfully welcome the Lord who comes bringing both judgement and salvation.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to Wednesday 12th November include: Kathleen Dunne (lately dead), Thanksgiving for a baby's safe delivery, November Pious List, Michael Hull (anniversary), Tanya Forret (lately dead), Arnold Banks (lately dead), Dominic Ruscillo (lately dead), Agatha Brown (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family and relatives of the late Tanya Forret.
2. To the family of Arnold Banks.
3. To Julie Thompson on the death in Wigan Infirmary of her mother Kathleen Dunne.

DEANERY REMEMBRANCE MASS

Sacred Heart Church, Westhoughton 19th November 7.00pm. All are welcome.

SCHOOL MASSES

Tuesdays in Holy Family Church 9.30am.
Fridays in Our Lady's Church 9.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

To Louie Halliwell and welcome to his family on the day of his Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Sunday.

We wish him and his family every good wish and blessing.

BAPTISM

Next Saturday we welcome Leandro, second child of Lee and Laura Jukes, brother to Azzurra who was baptised here in December 2023. We wish them well.

NEXT WEEKEND

The Thiry-Fourth Sunday of the Year, the Feast of Christ The Universal King, final Sunday of this Church Calendar Year C. The new Church Year A, guided by St Matthew's Gospel begins the following weekend, Advent Sunday 30th November.

Also on the 30th it will be Social Sunday.

OUR LADY'S & HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 5th December at Hindley Hall Golf Club. Three course meal, price £35. We need at least twenty-five for the event to go ahead.

ALMANACS FOR THE SALFORD DIOCESE

Are on sale £5. Walk With Me, the popular Advent booklets are available for a small donation.

BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD

Of Salford has been appointed President of the Catholic Organisation, Pax Christi in England and Wales. Our bishop since 2014, he is already the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales spokesperson for the environment and was a former Chair of Cafod's Board of Trustees.

Kathryn Lydon, Chair of Pax Christi in England and Wales said, "I am so pleased that Bishop John has been appointed as our President and was delighted to meet him recently We are really looking forward to working with Bishop John on the critical peace and non-violence issues that concern us all in the Church."

The World Gathering to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Pax Christi worldwide was started in Florence, Italy, this week.

DATE FOR DIARIES

Saturday 13th December 7.30pm a performance of Handel's Messiah with trumpets and drums. St Michael's, Duke Street, Wigan WN1 2BJ. £15 payable at the door or www.wiganchoral.org.uk

THE BRICK

Many thanks for your continued and generous support of the Brick.

They are very appreciative of the support from our Parish.

The Brick continues to need the following food items: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits and tinned meats.

In addition, the Brick do take 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.

As always, many thanks for your generous donations.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin