

# 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 7th 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Low Sunday - the Sunday "In Albis" - Divine Mercy Sunday



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

## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	11.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Monday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Saturday</b>	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/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/) live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

**Response to the Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.  
Alleluia!

## CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**8<sup>th</sup> April – The Solemn Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (Lady Day) – nine months before Christmas:** In both the Churches of the East and the West, the origins of this Solemnity can be traced to the earliest centuries of the Church. It commemorates the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary. Gabriel announces Mary's chosen status, and she

answers with an assent, a version of which will later become a refrain for her son, "Let God's will be done in me". As always Mary points to Christ and her "yes" to God's will sets into motion the wonderful and great mystery of the Incarnation. Of course, as such, Mary's stance is the model that each of us is called to have before God: in faith and trust we are called to accept the will of God in our lives.

## THOUGHTS

The command to "Do this in memory of me" is perhaps the most important instruction the Church has received from Jesus.

As the Anglican Benedictine monk, Dom Gregory Dix wrote in his 1945 classic "The Shape of the Liturgy":

'The celebration of the Eucharist has always been at the heart of the Church, irrespective of the circumstances in which Christ's disciples found themselves.

For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country, and among every race on earth, this action has been done in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need, from infancy and before it to extreme old age, and after it from the pinnacles of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. The Church has found no better thing than this to do for Kings at their crowning and for criminals

going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and groom in a little country church; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America.

And the best of all, week by week and month

by month on a hundred thousand successive Sundays faithfully, unflinching across all parishes of Christendom, priests have celebrated with, and for, their people.'

From Neil Xavier O'Donoghue

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### MANY THANKS

To everyone in both our churches who have worked so very hard to make everything so beautiful for the high point of the Church's year. Fr Kevin is particularly grateful to those priests who came to supply during his absence.

### Fr KEVIN

Will be celebrating the weekend Masses in Our Lady's and Holy Family this coming weekend.

### NEXT WEEK

There will be no weekday masses but there will be Eucharistic Services at Holy Family on Tuesday and Thursday at the usual time, 9.15am.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

### LATELY DEAD

Mary McManus in Clitheroe and George Devlin in Eccles, Manchester.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Include: Joe Kinnane, Frances Ball, Hilda Breckle, John Daniels, Kathleen Holden, Raymond Unsworth, Kevin McNamara, Maria Perry, Harriet Dillon, Danny King, Mary Mitchell and priests of the Diocese Vincent Cavey, John McNamara, Patrick Bourke, Tony Dorran, Jim Rawson and Myles Sheehan.

### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 3rd April include: Kevin McNamara (anniversary), Bob Brewder, Raymond Unsworth (anniversary) and Kieron O'Malley (anniversary).

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

This Sunday the Second Sunday of Easter 3.00pm Holy Family.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

In your prayers two couples who are soon to celebrate their marriage in Our Lady's.

Rachel Pollitt and Steven Bulpit at a Service at 2.00pm on Saturday 13th April.

And, Nathan Johnson and Emma May, a Service at 2.00pm at which Fr Kevin will Baptise their daughter Rosie May on Sunday 28th April.

We wish them well for their future.

### 200 CLUB

The subscription for this year will be £2 per month so a £20 contribution will result in you being in the draw for the year. This year the 200 Club raised £580 for the Parish.

To join or continue for the next 12 months please contact

Philip Holt, 10 Cherwell Close, Aspull 07764584381.

Cheques should be payable to Our Lady's Church and can be left in the box at the back of the church, dropped off at the presbytery or given directly to Phil Holt.

### 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