

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**

November 3rd 2024

Thirty-First Sunday of Year B

November - Month of the Faithful Departed



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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
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Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Family
Friday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Saturday	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/ourladychurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Nov 4th – St Charles Borromeo: born in 1538; after obtaining a doctorate in civil and canon law he was created a cardinal by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, and was chosen to be Bishop of Milan. He became a true shepherd of his flock, and frequently visited his diocese, called synods, made wise regulations for the good of souls, and worked for the good of Christian morality. While in Milan, he would greet and bless the English martyrs returning from Rome to the Mission. He died in 1584.

Nov 7th – St Willibrord: born in Yorkshire in

658, he died in 739. After ordination he set out in 690 to evangelise Frisia. He was ordained bishop in 695 and founded the see of Utrecht. He preached the Gospel in North Germany and Denmark and founded dioceses and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Nov 9th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: commemorates the dedication of the Pope's Cathedral in Rome. In honour of the basilica which is called "Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World", this feast is observed through all the Church as a sign of unity with the Holy See.

THOUGHTS

The Scribe in today's Gospel is close to the kingdom of God because he has grasped that God needs our love more than burnt offerings.

The writer of Mark's Gospel constructed his book as a kind of pilgrimage with destiny, beginning in Galilee and culminating in Jerusalem where Jesus engages in his final confrontation with his adversaries.

In today's Reading Mark presents his legal expert as a sympathetic character who has

listened to Jesus defending belief in the resurrection against a hostile group of Sadducees who represented the most conservative element in Jewish religion. He asked Jesus' view on what sums up the entire complex structure of the Jewish religious Law. He must surely have known the answer himself but he is delighted that Jesus gives such an affirmative answer. The lawyer's approval implies that all ritual in the world was meaningless without these two fundamental principles

Society of Music and Liturgy

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home. We pray especially for Christine Pearson and Wilf and Shirley Martin.

LATELY DEAD

Monica Dawson, Rita Jolley, Doreen Davies and Fr Brendan Curley.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family of the late Rita Jolley. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's Church, Thursday 7th November at 11.30am (9.15am Mass as usual in Holy Family Church).

2. To the family of Monica Dawson. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in Wigan Crematorium, Wednesday 13th November at 11.00am.

R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Moore, Gerard Horan, Sylvester Misiec, Pauline Moore, Bob Westmoreland, Gordon Holt, May Southworth, Rebecca Lafferty, Charles Dillon, John Edward Livesey and priests of the Diocese Joe Carter, Denis Sheehan, Michael Walsh and Bill Hunt.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 30th October include: World Peace, May Southworth (anniversary), Bob Westmoreland (anniversary), Jackie Kindan, John Edward Livesey (anniversary), Gordon Holt (anniversary), Special Intention, Birthday Celebration, A Special Intention, Charles Dillon (anniversary) and Rebecca Lafferty (anniversary).

MASSES WITH THE SCHOOL CHILDREN THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5th 9.30am In Holy Family Church
Friday 8th 9.30am in Our Lady's Church.

ASSISTED DYING BILL IN WESTMINSTER

Leaflets will be distributed this weekend about this important, moral issue and more detailed information is available from the back of church this weekend so that we will all be informed and to make our Christian and Catholic beliefs known.

PARISH DINNER AND DANCE

Friday 6th December at Hindley Hall Golf Club. Cost per person £32. Further details to follow.

NOVEMBER DEAD/PIOUS LIST

In our parishes we compile the November Dead/Pious List of the names of family, friends, relatives, priests and parishioners who we would like to be remembered in Masses celebrated in our churches and abroad during the month of November, the Month of Remembrance. Please collect a special brown envelope from church this weekend and return it to church (kindly include any offering). Lists will be placed on the churches' Lady Altars. R.I.P.

The Parish Book of Remembrance (September 2001 to September 2023) will be placed in November on the Lady Shrine in Our Lady's, next to the casket containing the November Dead List. The current volume is in use in the Presbytery.

REMEMBRANCE NEXT SUNDAY 10th NOV.

Fr Kevin will attend the 2.00pm Commemoration at the War Memorial at Blackrod Cemetery and then take part in the parade through the town for the 3.00pm Service at St Katharine's at which he will give the address.

Poppies and Remembrance goods are available on sale in both of our churches to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

THE NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES

Come into commission this weekend.

ADVENT

Begins the weekend of 30th November/December 1st. It is the start of the Jubilee/Holy Year for Catholic Christians entitled "Pilgrims of Hope".

Walk With Me booklets and children's calendars for Advent will be available in church next weekend.

200 CLUB - OCTOBER 2024 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 8	P. Connor
2nd prize	£30	No 50	A. Wright
3rd prize	£20	No 21	George Unsworth

Many thanks to all our supporters

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin