

# 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**

July 6th 2025

Fourteenth Sunday - Year C



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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



## **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.

The recording is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group from about 10.30am.

**Response to the Psalm:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia.

## **CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**9<sup>th</sup> July – St Augustine Zhao Rong:** The Chinese Martyrs who died between 1648-1930. Augustine was a Chinese diocesan priest. Having been a soldier who accompanied a priest, he was moved by his patience and had asked to be baptised; he was sent to the seminary and ordained. Arrested, he suffered the most cruel tortures and died in 1815.

**11<sup>th</sup> July – St Benedict:** The "Father of Western Monasticism". Born at Norcia in 480, he gathered followers in Subiaco before moving south to Monte Cassini in 529; here he founded his most famous monastery, and composed his Rule, still the indispensable guide to the Benedictine Order. He died in 547, on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Today's feast is the anniversary of the translation of his relics.

## **THOUGHTS**

*From Praying Each Day by Brother Nicholas Hutchinson.*

In 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot dead as he was celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel.

He was killed because he complained about the treatment of the poor by the government and the army. On this day, 8th July 1979, nine months before he was killed he talked about the witness of Christians, and he even used the phrase "If they kill your Bishop".

"If someday they take away from us our Catholic Radio Station, if they close down our newspaper, if they don't allow us to speak, if

they kill all the priests and the bishops too and you are left - a people without priests - then each one of you must be God's microphone, a messenger, a prophet. The Church will always exist, even if there is only one baptised person. That one baptised person will be responsible, before the world, for holding up high the banner of the Lord's Truth and Justice."



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# PARISH NOTICES

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED**

For the fortnight up to Wednesday 2nd July include: Mary Josephine Unsworth (anniversary), A Special Intention, Brian Causey (anniversary), Patricia Moore (anniversary), Bob Westmorland (birthday anniversary), Louise A. Hawkrigg (anniversary), Successful Operation, Noreen Nelson (lately dead).

## **PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

Mike Duffy and family on the death of his sister Noreen Nelson in the Isle of Man. R.I.P.

## **BAPTISM**

Next Saturday we welcome Freya Jane Band, daughter of George and Anna (nee Charnley) who were married in Our Lady's Church May 2022.

## **FURTHER CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

July 26th - Oakley and Sienna Demaria-Carr  
July 27th - Zara Maria Collier  
Aug 30th - Arabella Nosegbe  
Aug 31st - Nancy Sarah McLelland

## **BAPTISM CERTIFICATES**

A message to parents in Our Lady's and Holy Family Schools of children who are now in Y2 but will be in Y3 in September. In Y3 your children will be invited to join the Sacramental Programme of the Salford Diocese that leads to the celebration of First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th June 2026 in Holy Family Church and Sunday 14th June 2026 in Our Lady's Church. To begin their preparation in the new academic year you will need to provide their Catholic Baptism Certificate. This notification in the Newsletter will give you plenty of time to find the Certificate you were given when they were Baptised or, if not and you cannot find it, to obtain a new one from the parish church where they were Baptised in the UK or perhaps abroad.

All good wishes Fr Kevin.

## **BEST WISHES**

To Colin Clarke, of Aspull, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday with family last Saturday. Our very best wishes to him.

Ad multos annos.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Fr Kevin will celebrate the Sacrament in Holy Family School, Tuesday 8th July at 1.15pm.

## **K.S.C.**

Knights of St Columba are holding a fund raising concert, Friday 18th July, 7.30pm in St Marie's Church, Standish featuring Charlotte Emily, Neil Dunlop and Jacqui Podoski. Tickets £10 including light refreshments during the interval (cash only on the night). Reservations [steve/lester@zen.co.uk](mailto:steve/lester@zen.co.uk)/07724 076569 and [charles.tetlow@sby.com](mailto:charles.tetlow@sby.com)/07984 759289.

## **200 CLUB - JUNE 2025 WINNERS**

1st prize	£50	No 44	Parr
2nd prize	£30	No 26	Cheers
3rd prize	£20	No 19	Aspinall

Many thanks to all our supporters

## **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL**

This weekend of 5th/6th July. It is some years since the ACN made an Appeal in our Parishes. Rachel Buckley will speak to raise the Catholic Charity's profile for us, describing something of its work in over 140 countries, especially in Nigeria in 2025. There will not be an extra collection but some ACN goods will be available for purchase and gift aid envelopes if anyone is interested.

## **CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD**

Are organising a sponsored fund-raising trek in Lancashire on Saturday 13th September 2025 following the "Tolkien Trail" along the rivers and through the woodlands of the Ribble Valley. Caritas works locally to help people, especially in poverty, homelessness and who suffer discrimination. If you are interested, visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/) everystop 0161 817 2250 (press 1 for fundraising). The walk is just under 11km (7 miles) and will take about 3 hours at a leisurely pace. Booklets and further details available in both churches.

## **THE BRICK**

Many thanks for your continued and generous support of the Brick. They continue to experience very high levels of demand for much needed support.

Every good wish and blessing.

*Fr Kevin.*