

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

May 19th 2024

Pentecost Sunday of Easter (Year B)

& the end of the Easter Season ... 'Come Holy Spirit!'



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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



There will be no on-line Sunday Mass this weekend .

You can access an on-line Mass from St Vincent's, Over Hulton. On-Line Live Streaming of Mass can be accessed via their website: <http://stvincentbolton.org/>

Response to the Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

20th May – St Bernardine of Siena: born near Siena (Italy) in 1380, a great preacher and propagated devotion to the holy name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

21st May – St Christopher Magallanes: Arrested and shot without trial, in Mexico, on 21st May 1927 while en route to celebrate Mass.

22nd May – St Rita of Cascia: She is

commemorated in a window in Our Lady's church that celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of the late Rita and Ted Hanley.

25th May – St Bede the Venerable: Priest and Doctor of the Church born near Jarrow in the North East in 673 and educated by the Benedictines; he particularly worked on the interpretation of the Scriptures and the History of the Church in Britain. He died in the year 735.

THOUGHTS

Pentecost is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church as Jesus had promised. Some people regard it as the Birthday of the Church.

The disciples, gathered in the upper room, experienced the presence of the Spirit in such a profound way that it drives them out into the world to proclaim and preach the Gospel with courage unknown before.

Pentecost derives its name from Jewish Festival of the early harvest, the Feast of Weeks on which the first fruits were offered

in gratitude to God. It eventually also became associated with the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Paul tells the Christians of Corinth that he will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, leading us to speculate that the very first generation of Christians commemorated the day every year.

The name means Fiftieth and in early Christianity referred to the whole 50 days of Easter, culminating with the celebration of Pentecost.

From A Sourcebook for Sundays and Liturgy.

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY

We celebrate Trinity Sunday with Prayers and Readings of Year B.

This week we return to 'Ordinary Time', Week 7, Cycle 2 for weekdays with Green Vesture.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home, Patrick Jennings, Fr Bernard Wilson and Jimmy Fisher.

LATELY DEAD

Mary Edwardson and John Green (son of Connie Green who taught at Our Lady's for many years. He died in the Philippines.)

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the relatives of John Green (son of Connie Green former teacher at Our Lady's).

ANNIVERSARIES

Agnes Smith, Teresa Unsworth, Theresa Wright, Leo Coleman, Bill Whittaker, Rose Hyland, Mark Nelson and priests of the Diocese Michael Purvis, Bernard McGarry and Peter Sheehen.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 15th May include: Margaret Hayes (lately dead), Theresa Wright (anniversary), John T. Green (lately dead).

OUR CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

To Fr Frank McCauley who will celebrate his 60th Anniversary Jubilee of Ordination. A Mass of Celebration will be celebrated this Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm in St Brendan's, Harwood, Bolton. Ad multos annos.

CELEBRATION MASS

Tomorrow, Monday 20th May, Mass in Our Lady's Church will be celebrated at 1.30pm. It is a Mass to celebrate the contribution that the Headteacher, Mr Chris Horridge, has made to Our Lady's Primary School community as he leaves to take up a new appointment. We wish him well. All are welcome to attend. There will be no 9.15am Mass that morning. Our good wishes go also to Mr Anthony Creagan, former Deputy Head of Our Lady's who will become Headteacher shortly.

LOURDES

The Centenary Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Salford. Leaflets are available in both Churches with further details.

BLUE SUNDAY

This Sunday 19th May in Holy Family Parish Hall 12.30pm to 2.30pm. A charity afternoon tea event to raise funds for ME and CFS research. Tickets available £10 per person from Pat McKay, contact number 07804 138243.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

To cut the grass at the front of Holy Family Church. Graham Edwards has looked after the grounds for a long time but is not too well at the moment. Please come forward and help.

BLACKROD CIVIC SUNDAY

Takes place this weekend at the Parish Eucharist in St Katharine's at 11.00am Our good wishes go to Councillor Derek Snowden, newly installed Mayor of Blackrod. Fr Kevin attended the ceremony on Monday evening and led the assembly in a prayer.

ADVANCE NOTICE - WALKING DAY

Sunday 20th June 2024.

CAFOD EMERGENCY SUDAN APPEAL

Millions of families in war-torn Sudan have been forced to flee their homes and now face extreme hunger. If you can help, donations can be made at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Funds will provide food packages and rebuild pipelines so communities have clean water. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Thank you.

CAFOD/SVP - OUR PARISHES & THE GENERAL ELECTION

CAFOD and the SVP are calling on the Catholic electorate to make sure election candidates are aware of the pressing issues highlighted by Pope Francis, such as poverty, climate change, housing, etc. There was a meeting in Our Lady's Meeting Room on Thursday 16th May at 7pm to plan the next steps. Information to follow.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for extra volunteers to act as Stewards and Readers at Our Lady's and Holy Family Please contact Fr Kevin, Kevin Riley or Anne Loftus if you can help.

Every good wish and blessing.

