

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 12th 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter - Year A (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.**



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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/ourladychurchaspull/ live from 9.30am.

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

Response to the Psalm:

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

THOUGHTS

From the 2019 Source Book for Sundays and Seasons

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by St John Paul II as "A perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence, in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in years to come." (2000)

In a way similar to Palm Sunday or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), this Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy; this is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of Redemption but rather it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter time.

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PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 8th April include: Tony Pendlebury (sick), Nick Tickle (lately dead), Donor's Intention, Breda Bibby (lately dead), Ellen Connor (anniversary), Bob Connor (birthday anniversary), Harriet Dillon (anniversary) and Robert Hugh Unsworth (birthday anniversary).

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Arthur Mather-Kettle baptised in preparation for his First Holy Communion in June. He is the brother of Yvie-Fae, Heidi-Mae and Lillie-Rae. We wish them well.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To Cathy Hull and family at home and abroad on the death of her husband Peter in Adlington on 27th March aged 92 years. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's Church Friday 17th April 11.00am prior to cremation at 1.30pm at Charnock Richard.

Peter served for many years as a priest in the Salesian Congregation of Don Bosco in the UK and India and taught at Thornleigh College before his marriage. Peter was a brother to Teresa and the late Michael and Tony. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Their daughter Suzanne was married to Sean at Our Lady's in 2002 and their three sons were baptised here before they moved to Australia. Daughter Emma married Lee at Ampleforth College, Yorkshire and their four children were baptised here. Their son Louis married Emma at Our Lady's in 2021. R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass will be live-streamed.

THANKS TO ALL

Who worked so hard in preparing both our churches in preparation for Easter. Indeed, for those who look after the churches and grounds all year round. God love you and God bless you. Fr Kevin.

MANY THANKS

For all who contributed to the cost of Easter flowers for both our churches. In particular, to the visitors who paid for the flowers at Our Lady's.

SOCIAL SUNDAY-THIS SUNDAY

All are welcome after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

RECENT AVERAGE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Our Lady's	January	£869
	February	£860
	March	£946
Holy Family	January	£302
	February	£231
	March	£259

This does not include Standing Orders.

DEANERY WALK TO RIVINGTON

Saturday 18th April after the 8.30am morning Mass at St Mary's. Horwich. Walk starts at 9.30am. Approximate end 12.15pm.

Come and join us for a Walking Treat with Mass followed by Prayer and conversation in God's wonderful creation.

WIGAN CHORAL SOCIETY

Presenting two masterpieces of choral music by Haydn and Benjamin Britten. Saturday 18th April 7.30pm in St Michael's, Wigan, WN1 2BT.

THE BRICK

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick.

The Brick always needs 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.