

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

Feb 15th 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



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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/ourladyschurchaspull/

live from 9.30am.

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

Response to the Psalm: **Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

17th February – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order: born in Florence, these seven men lived the life of hermits, before founding the Servite Order in 1304; on this day St Alexis Falconieri, one of the seven, died in 1310.

21st February – St Peter Damien: born in 1007, Peter became a hermit before taking part in a great reform of the Church; in 1057 he was made bishop of Ostia, and on his death in 1072 was immediately venerated as a saint.

18th February - Ash Wednesday

THOUGHTS

From the Society of St Gregory

The Sermon on the Mount continues in today's Gospel, the final Sunday before Lent and we will hear the words of Jesus that he has come not to eliminate any part of the Law and the Prophets but to fulfil the Law.

He showed us, by his life and teachings, what the Law was really designed to accomplish - a new way of life based on the Father's love for all people.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 11th February include: Clare Donald (lately dead), Joseph West (anniversary), Antonia and Thomas Mason (birthday anniversaries), Brian Edwards (anniversary), Eddie Wilson (lately dead) and Pat Banks (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the families of Sheila Mc Kiernan and Margaret Kelsall who have died recently. Sheila's Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart, Westhoughton to be arranged. Margaret's Funeral Service at Holy Family will be celebrated at 11.00am on Monday 9th March. R.I.P.

LENT

Begins Ash Wednesday, 18th February.
Masses 9.15am Our Lady's and 7.00pm Holy Family.
Ashes will be Blessed and distributed at both Masses and in our school after the half-term holiday on Tuesday 24th February.
Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The popular booklets are available this weekend with Lenten Calendars for the children. Please give a donation towards the purchase of them.

Unfortunately, they are not publishing a set for the Easter Season this year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Short celebration of the Stations during Lent Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass in Holy Family and Friday mornings after the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL TALKS

Will begin again on Wednesday 25th February at 10.30am in St Katharine's, Blackrod led by Fr Kevin and the Reverend Angela Wynne, Vicar of St Katharine's.

This year's topic is to consider the life, mission and example of five of over one hundred Archbishops of Canterbury, a role that began in 597 AD and will continue with the Installation of the new and first female Archbishop, Sarah, on 5th March, the Feast of the Annunciation and the day of our fifth and final Lenten Talk.

25th February - St Augustine - Fr Kevin
4th March - St Dunstan - Rev Angela Wynne
11th March - St Thomas Becket - Fr Kevin
18th March - Thomas Crammer - Rev Angela
25th March - Michael Ramsey - Fr Kevin
All are welcome. Light refreshments served afterwards.

CAFOD

The Lenten Family Fast Day, Friday 27th February with a collection the following Sunday in all the churches of England and Wales, 28th February/1st March.

The annual appeal will be made in our Parishes the weekend of February 21st/22nd by children from our Parish schools.

BEST WISHES

To Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury next weekend 22nd February marking his sixteenth anniversary of Episcopal Ordination. He was formerly Vicar General to Bishop Terence Brain of Salford and for a short time, Parish Priest of Holy Family, New Springs. We wish him well. Ad multos annos.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2026

Walsingham, the Annual Pilgrimage to Norfolk, to the ancient Marian Shrine, Saturday 2nd May.

Lourdes, the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to France, Thursday 30th July to Wednesday 5th August.

Further details can be obtained from the Pilgrimage Office at Salford Diocese 0161 817 2209 or www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

VOLUNTEER(S)

Are needed to provide transport three days a week for an elderly man with Special Needs to attend a local Day Care Centre. He lives off Whitley Crescent, Wigan, WN1 and requires transport to 'One Vision', Unit 4 at the Hope Enterprise Centre off Scott Lane, Wigan.

Further information can be obtained from Damian Shawcross 07561 129525 or damian2701@aol.com or Fr Kevin.

VISIT OF RELICS

Relics of the recently canonised teenager, Carlo Acutis, born in London of Italian parents, he died at the age of fifteen. During his life he publicised information on Social Media of Eucharistic miracles that had happened throughout the world.

His relics will go on display for nine days in February at the Church of Our Lady & All Saints, Lancaster Lane, Parbold WN8 7HS and also an exhibition about these Eucharistic miracles. That exhibition will take place in the local Parish School, a short walk from the church.

The church and school will be open Saturday 14th February to Sunday 22nd. Saturday/Sunday 11.30am to 3.00pm. Monday to Friday 11.30am to 3.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin.