

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

September 20th 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Year A



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Sacrament of Reconciliation **Saturday** 11.30-12noon Our Lady's Church

Please note, Mass times may vary for good reasons. Please check further in the Newsletter for any possible changes this week.

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:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

21st Sept – St Matthew: Apostle and Evangelist.

23rd Sept – St Pius of Pietrelcina: a priest better known as Padre Pio. Italian Franciscan who bore the stigmata. Born in 1887, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars and was ordained priest in 1910. His ministry displays a devotion to prayer and the sacraments. He also committed himself to relieving the pain of many families. He died in 1968.

24th Sept – Our Lady of Walsingham: A place of pilgrimage since 1061. Destroyed in the Reformation. Revived in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Lady of the Manor of

Walsingham was instructed in a vision of the Virgin Mary to build an exact replica of the house of Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061. This shrine in the north of Norfolk was begun in the late 10th century and was one of the foremost shrines for pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom until its destruction on the orders of Henry VIII. In more recent years a great Ecumenical venture, through the intercession of Our Lady, has drawn Churches together, celebrating the Shrine as a reminder of the Annunciation to Mary in Nazareth and the humanity of Jesus as a hope and beacon for society.

THOUGHTS

Today's Gospel

The story of the workers in the vineyard is an illustration of the generosity of God.

The labourers are not idlers, they stand in the accustomed place ready to work. Each group in turn is hired and agree a fair reward for their work. Some are hired at the start of the day, some during the day and some just

before nightfall.

Yet, at the end of the day each one receives identical payment for their labour. The point being that it doesn't matter whether one comes early or late to the work of the Lord, the reward will be equally generous and the listener of the story is left to wonder at the generosity of God, the landowner.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 16th September include: Jack Moore (anniversary), mass for a sick child, Harry Hart (anniversary), a private intention, Charles Fisher (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the family of the late Gabrielle Edwards, formerly of Aspull, who died on Tuesday. Her husband Brian's Funeral was celebrated in Our Lady's in February 2023. R.I.P. Funeral to be announced later.

BAPTISM

This Sunday September 20th we welcome Ava Lois Turner of Aspull, daughter of Leah and Jamie.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Marie Maloney of Aspull who is celebrating her 95th birthday. We wish her well.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

This Sunday after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's. All welcome.

WREATH MAKING

Sunday 22nd November 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Our Lady's School Hall.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

This year's appeal in both churches will be the weekend of 26th/27th September. The Fast Day is Friday 2nd October. Collection October 3rd and 4th.

BECOME A CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Do you have a passion for Faith, Justice and inspiring young people? Cafod is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic Schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission, and help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world. Full training and support provided. Further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 26/27

Parents' meetings in school
Our Lady's 9am Monday 28th September
Holy Family 9.00am Tuesday 29th September
Presentation of the new candidates for Holy Communion in 2027 will be the weekend masses of 3rd/4th October.

THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF YOM KIPPUR

This Sunday 20th September. In a multicultural society it is important for us to know and appreciate the beliefs and customs of those of different faiths.

The people of the Jewish faith celebrated their New Year last weekend. It is the first of ten days of prayer for forgiveness, ten penitential days. A time when people focus on returning to God, growing closer to Him and realising how they need to grow in kindness to others.

The last of the ten days is called Yom Kippur, which is considered the most holy of the days in the Jewish Calendar. It is sometimes, also, called the Day of Atonement, a word which means "at one with God again".

Until the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD it was on this feast day that the High Priest entered what was called the Holy of Holies, in the Temple, where God's presence was thought to be focussed in a special way. There the High Priest would confess his sins and pray for all the people. On the same day he would place his hands upon a goat as he prayed for God to forgive everyone. The goat symbolically carrying the sins of the people was then taken out into the wilderness, to the desert.

It is from this practice that we have the term scapegoat, one who is made to carry the wrong doing of someone else, someone who can be blamed for the faults of others.

In our own times this feast day remains the most special and prayerful day of the year. People of the Jewish faith spend most of the day in prayer and fasting, expressing sorrow for what they have done.

In the synagogue the Rabbi and many of the worshippers wear white clothes. They reflect the joy of knowing that God takes away the sin of those who are sorry and who are genuine in being determined to change their attitude.

At the end of the prayer service in the synagogue, the shofar, the ram's horn is blown reminding people of the promises they have made to change their lives for the better.

Every good wish and blessing.

