

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**

29th March & 5th April 2026

Sunday of the Passion and the Palms,
and Easter Sunday Year A



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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 ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link
www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish
WhatsApp group and website.

Palm Sunday (29th March)

Response to the Psalm: Gospel Acclamation

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even
death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted
himself and bestowed on him the name that is above
every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Easter Day (5th April)

Response to the Psalm:

Gospel Acclamation

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and
be glad.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us
therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia!

THOUGHTS ON HOLY WEEK

We have begun the Holy and Great Week of the Christian calendar. We enter it with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and seek to enter fully into the ceremonies as they unfold with all the care, devotion and energy they deserve.

To celebrate Holy Week is to celebrate who we have become through the Paschal Mystery (The Death and Resurrection of Jesus) - a time for all God's family to lay aside their other cares and everyday affairs and to celebrate together these days of our salvation.



Good Friday is a day of Fasting for all Catholic adults (unless prevented by health, age or frailty) and Abstinence (from meat).

Next Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter. Items for newsletter to Fr. Kevin or Kevin Riley 01204 695017 by Wednesday April 8th. Many thanks.

TO ALL OUR READERS

Every good wish and blessing for a truly inspirational, holy and devout celebration of the events of Holy Week - and the beginning of the fifty days of Easter Joy and Celebration.

Fr. Kevin.

PARISH NOTICES

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2026

<u>Maundy Thursday</u> (7.00 p.m.) April 2nd	1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Acclamation Bidding Prayers	Thomas Hothersall Alison Pollitt Kim Storey
<u>Good Friday</u> (3.00 p.m.) April 3rd	1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Acclamation Passion Narrator Christ Other parts	Charlotte Hothersall Jessica Sullivan Claire Massingham Leo Conley David Arkwright
<u>Holy Saturday</u> (6.00 p.m.) April 4th	Prayers (with the priest) 1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Psalm 3rd Reading & Psalm New Testament Reading & Psalm Bidding Prayers	Louise Vose Marjorie Houghton Xander Arkwright Isla Arkwright Catherine Hesketh Mathew Hothersall

(Many thanks to those who volunteered to read.)

TIMES OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK

<u>Monday</u>	9.15am Our Lady's
<u>Tuesday</u>	Masses in school. 9.30am Holy Family School; 11.00am Our Lady's School. Parishioners most welcome.
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.15am Our Lady's
<u>Maundy Thursday (2nd)</u>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m. Our Lady's Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 8.30 p.m.
<u>Good Friday (3rd)</u>	10.30 am Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady's
<u>Holy Saturday (4th)</u>	No morning Mass 6.00 pm Easter Vigil (Our Lady's) The First Mass of Easter
<u>Easter Day (5th)</u>	Usual masses : 9.30 a.m. (Our Lady's); 11.15 a.m. (Holy Family)
<u>Bank Holiday Monday</u>	10.00am Mass Our Lady's
<u>Tuesday to Saturday</u>	Masses at the usual times

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 25th March include: Kevin McNamara (anniversary), Gerard Siney (90th birthday).

FUNERAL MASS

For the late Breda Bibby Monday 30th 10.30am Holy Family Church. Committal at Wigan Crematorium at 12 noon. Mass 9.15am at Our Lady's.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To the relatives of the late Stanley Hughes of New Springs. Funeral Service Holy Family Church, Friday 10th April, 2.00pm. Committal at Wigan Crematorium. R.I.P.

MANY THANKS

For the kind donation to Parish Funds in memory of the late Sheila Taylor. R.I.P.

POSTERS

To mark Holy Week and Easter, to be placed in our front windows, are now available from the Knights of St Columba (Fr. Kevin is Chaplain to the Knights in Standish).

MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM

Wednesday 1st April in St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester M4 4FA. Tickets available. Please see Fr Kevin.

DEANERY WALK TO RIVINGTON

Starting from St Mary's Church, Horwich, Saturday 18th April after the 8.30am morning Mass. 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.

