

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**

October 20th 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year B

Month of the Holy Rosary - Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us

World Mission Sunday



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

MASS TIMES

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| 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 |
| Saturday | 11.30-12noon | Our Lady's Church |



SERVICES LIVE-STREAM & ONLINE

Sunday Masses from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link

www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

22nd Oct – St John Paul II: A towering figure on the world stage during his long pontificate 1978 to 2005, the first non-Italian elected since the sixteenth century and the first from Poland. Charles Joseph Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. On 16th October 1978 he was elected Pope and took his name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died in Rome on 2nd April 2005.

26th Oct – SS Chad and Cedd: Chad, who died at Lichfield on 2nd March 672, and Cedd, who died at Lastingham (Yorkshire) on this

day in 664, were brothers who were educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. Cedd was founder of many monasteries and was sent as a bishop to evangelise the East Saxons and established his See at Bradwell (Essex). He died of the plague at his monastery in Lastingham. Chad was abbot of Lastingham when chosen Bishop of Northumbria, but his ordination was contested by Wilfrid, and he humbly withdrew. He was then sent as Bishop of Mercia, where he founded the See of Lichfield. Despite the shortness of his ministry, he was immediately revered as a saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to preaching the Gospel.

THOUGHTS

The Readings from Isaiah, the First Reading and Mark's Gospel today remind us that while following Christ is inherently filled with great dignity, it is not meant to be an enterprise of power or luxury.

Greatness is achieved through humility and a

life of service. Jesus invites his disciples to share in his Baptism and drink the Cup of his Blood that he will pour out in his sufferings and death. Suffering is not the end for Jesus or for his disciples, but hope in God's kindness and grace is.

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home. We pray especially for Christine Pearson and Frances Mack who are sick.

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie Crooke, Gordon Holt, David Edwards-Gill, Bryan Matthews, Emma Chater, Robert Hugh Unsworth, Lisa and Janey Fairhurst, Catherine and Arthur Locke and priests of the Diocese Kevin O'Connor and Jim Christie and Fr Eddie O'Toole (former Parish Priest of St Edward's, New Town, Wigan).

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 16th October include: Alan Hall (lately dead), Lisa and Janey Fairhurst (anniversaries), Catherine and Arthur Locke (anniversaries).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The penultimate Sunday in October is kept by the Universal Church as 'World Mission Day'. Pope Francis encourages everyone, not just official missionaries, lay, religious or ordained, to be "Missionary disciples". Thank you to all parishioners who support the missions in 'Missio' the worldwide Papal Missionary Charity throughout the year with donations through their Red Boxes and on-line. Further information, visit missio.org.uk/wmsdonate

NOVEMBER

Is the month of the Holy Souls. In our parishes we compile the November Dead/Pious List of the names of family, friends, relatives, priests and parishioners who we would like to be remembered in Masses celebrated in our churches and abroad during the month of November, the Month of Remembrance. Please collect a special brown envelope from church this weekend and return it to church (kindly include any offering). Lists will be placed on the churches' Lady Altars. R.I.P.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday. As Fr Kevin has never been able to attend the 11.00am Commemoration at the Finger Post in Aspull he is looking for a volunteer to read the Scripture Reading and thereby represent both parishes at that Commemoration. Please let him know as soon as possible if you are able to do this.

GIFT TEAM

Thanks to the GIFT Team - Growing in Faith Together, at Our Lady's School for the interesting Harvest Time display in Our Lady's Church.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

You can have the Parish Newsletter emailed to you each week. If you would like to receive your copy, then contact Kevin or Margaret Riley 07801 650356.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

17th November – Holy Family Christmas Fair.

Volunteers needed! - if you can help in any way either by running a stall or donating any unwanted gifts (good condition) please contact Margaret Adams (07927 903516) or Pat McKay (07804 138243).

Donations for the Bottle tombola would also be much appreciated.

All donations can be left in the church porch or given to the people listed above.

1st December – Christmas Market Trip to Worcester. Tickets £24 each, please contact Margaret Adams to reserve a place.

4th January 2025 – Senior Citizens Party – more details to follow.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

Pope Francis has instigated a forthcoming Jubilee to take place starting on December 8th 2024 until 2025. Jubilee or Holy Years are celebrations of the special gift of grace characterised by the forgiveness of sins; traditionally it begins just before Christmas and ends on the Epiphany of the following year. Pope Francis has approved the motto "Pilgrims of Hope" for the 2025 Jubilee Year, two words that express key themes of Pope Francis' Pontificate. It is expected that many millions will go to Rome during the Holy Year on pilgrimage.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

Please make sure the wick is vertical before you light your votive candle in church, otherwise it will melt in the wax and be extinguished very quickly!

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin.