

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**

May 5th 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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
	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/ourladyschurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

THOUGHTS

A message of love and joy flows from this Sunday's Readings as the Liturgy continues to glory in the Resurrection.

The Feast of Easter carries on unabated but

with a slight shift in emphasis. As we begin to get closer to Pentecost, the Readings focus more and more on mission.

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

6th May - Mass 10.00am in Our Lady's.

TUESDAY 7th MAY

There will be no 9.15am Mass. Fr Kevin is concelebrating the Funeral Mass of a De La Salle brother, Gerald Fogarty in Eccleston, St Helens that morning.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday 9th May.
Masses:
9.30am in Holy Family Church with staff and pupils from school.
11.00am in Our Lady's School, Mass for the school community.
7.00pm Mass in Our Lady's Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home, Ralph Sherrington and Jimmy Fisher.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 1st May include: Jean Gilbertson (lately dead), Lillian Cleare (lately dead), Frank Myers (anniversary), Ronnie Griffin (anniversary), Tony Hull (anniversary), Jimmy Fisher, (sick list), Joan and Bernard Vose (birthday remembrances), Peter McNab (anniversary), Cyril Unsworth (anniversary).

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Sophia Jean Richardson daughter of Paul Richardson and Susan Wright, 12.30pm at Holy Family.

OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL G.I.F.T. TEAM

Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish are invited to join Our Lady's Primary School for a Pentecost Day coffee afternoon, Friday 17th May 1.30pm. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and a performance by the choir and worship with the G.I.F.T. Team.

If you would like to attend please contact school on 01942 832229 or email enquiries@admin.aspullourlady's.wigan.sch.uk to reserve your place.

CAFOD EMERGENCY SUDAN APPEAL

Millions of families in war-torn Sudan have been forced to flee their homes and now face extreme hunger. If you can help, donations can be made at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Funds will provide food packages and rebuild pipelines so communities have clean water. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Thank you.

CAFOD/SVP - OUR PARISHES & THE GENERAL ELECTION

CAFOD and the SVP are calling on the Catholic electorate to make sure election candidates are aware of the pressing issues highlighted by Pope Francis, such as poverty, climate change, housing, etc. There is a meeting in Our Lady's Meeting Room on Thursday 16th May at 7pm to plan the next steps. Everyone is invited. If you can't get to the meeting, there will be further details over the coming weeks. Thank you.

MANY THANKS

For a donation to Parish Funds in memory of the late Tony Hull. His first anniversary will be on May 7th.

ASPULL EVERGREENS

The National Arboretum Trip is on 8th May. For those who have signed up, meet at Our Lady's at 9.45am for a prompt departure. If you need further information, phone Margaret Riley on 07801650356. You are welcome to make a donation to the coach driver.

200 CLUB - APRIL 2024 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 34	Moran
2nd prize	£30	No 11	Taylor
3rd prize	£20	No 22	Margaret Riley

Many thanks to all our supporters

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass in Holy Family Church will be on Sunday 23rd June at 11.15am, not the previous day.

LOURDES

The Centenary Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Salford. Leaflets are available in both Churches with further details.

BLUE SUNDAY

Sunday 19th May in Holy Family Parish Hall 12.30pm to 2.30pm. A charity afternoon tea event to raise funds for ME and CFS research. Tickets available £10 per person from Pat McKay, contact number 07804 138243.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for extra volunteers to act as Stewards and Readers at Our Lady's. Please contact Fr Kevin or Kevin Riley if you can help.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BRICK

As a result of the cost of living crisis, The Brick continues to experience unprecedented levels of demand. They are looking for the following.

Tinned meat & Fish (e.g. Minced Beef, Meatballs, Corned Beef, Ham, Tuna)
Cereal (preferably porridge sachets or Weetabix or smaller boxes of cereal)
Tinned potatoes, tinned beans, soup, tomatoes and vegetables
Packet/Quick Meals (e.g. Pasta 'n Sauce, Pot Noodles, Microwaveable Rice)
Tinned desserts (e.g. Rice Pudding, Custard, Fruit)
Snacks (e.g. Biscuits, Crisps, Sweets)
Coffee, tea and biscuits
Nappies (up to size 5) and formula milk
Toiletries (e.g. Shampoo, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Tissue)

In addition, the Brick are now taking 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.

Many thanks from The Brick.

Every good wish and blessing.

