



Parish Newsletter

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
HAIGH, ASPULL & BLACKROD
WITH THE PARISH OF HOLY FAMILY, NEW SPRINGS
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October 4th 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Year A

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

	MASS TIMES
Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	9.30 am
	11.15 am
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	9.15 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	9.15 am
Friday	9.15 am
Saturday	11.00 am
Saturday	11.30-12noon

Our Lady's
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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.

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: **Gospel Acclamation:**

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you
should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

6th Oct – St Bruno: 12th century religious founder. St Bruno was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1035. After teaching theology, he embraced solitude at La Grande Chartreuse, founding the Carthusian Order. He died in Calabria in 1101.

7th Oct – The Feast of the Holy Rosary: Celebrated in the month of October traditionally devoted to the Rosary. This great Marian prayer is sometimes traced back to St Dominic and his companions, preaching against the contemporary heresy in the thirteenth century. Although, it seems more likely to have taken its familiar form in the

fifteenth century. Since then, it has spread all over the world and has produced marvellous fruits, bringing countless Christians 'to Jesus, through Mary'. Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to the original fifteen mysteries of the rosary.

9th Oct – St. John Henry Newman: English Saint, beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham in 2010. He was born in London in 1801 and died in 1890. He was made Cardinal by Leo XIII. Canonised by Pope Francis.

10th Oct – St Paulinus of York: died in 644. He was among the second group of monks sent to England by Pope Gregory

THOUGHTS FOR Sunday **From Society of St Gregory**

In today's Gospel, Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and is preaching in the Temple Courtyard when he is interrogated by the Chief Priest and Elders over his authority.

He responds with a Parable, a reworking of the story we heard in our First Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The 'friend' is now a landowner and it is not his vines which are unproductive but the tenant farmers who want the vineyard for themselves. After sending his servants, who are treated abominably, the landowner sends his son who is also abused and finally killed.

There are different layers of meaning here: the 'tenants' could be those elders who are questioning Jesus' authority, the vineyard could be Israel or just the city of Jerusalem (the

son is taken out of the vineyard to be executed); but this is also symbolic of the

kingdom of God which is being opened up to the Gentile world.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 30th September include: Ann Stridgeon (first anniversary), Amphai Mahanam (sick person), Brian Whiteside (lately dead), Margaret Buckley (lately dead), Ellen Connor (anniversary), Brenda Moran (anniversary), John and Agnes Hawkins (wedding and birthday anniversaries).

FUNERAL SERVICE

Prayerful sympathy to the family of the late Gabrielle Edwards of Aspull. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in Our Lady's at 11.00am on Thursday 8th October Prior to interment at St David's. R.I.P. (Mass as usual 9.15am Holy Family).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 26/27

Presentation candidates at the weekend Masses in both churches. Our good wishes to the children and their parents, and thanks to our dedicated group of catechists.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Many thanks to Theo, Jessica and William for making the Cafod Appeal last weekend at Our Lady's. There will be a collection in both churches this weekend or do scan the QR code or set up your own independent regular donation. Details are on the Cafod envelopes.

SCHOOL MASS

For some of the pupils, Our Lady's Church Friday 9th October 9.30am

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday 6th October. Fr Kevin is at the Cathedral Centre in Salford for safeguarding training for the clergy.

200 CLUB - SEPTEMBER 2026 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 91 Sharrock
2nd prize	£30	No 88 Edwards
3rd prize	£20	No 42 J. Moore

Many thanks to all our supporters

ROSARY SUNDAY

The Annual Rosary Sunday Procession organised by the Wigan Catholic Men's Society takes place this Sunday October 4th at St Cuthbert's, Pemberton. Participants will assemble at 1.45pm at St Cuthbert's School, Thornburn Road, for the praying of one

decade of the Rosary and the singing of Faith of Our Fathers and the National Anthem. The procession will proceed to church for the remaining decades of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. (If the weather is inclement all will take place in church). The Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Ann Collins and her consort Jane Kenyon will continue the tradition of Civic representation at this event.

FESTIVAL SERVICE

At St Elizabeth's Aspull, to celebrate their 150th Anniversary, next Sunday 11th October 2.00pm. We wish them well.

BLACKROD TOWN COUNCIL

Fr Kevin will again lead the Council in prayer before the meeting this coming Monday 6th October 7.00pm. There has been a shared Ecumenical clergy presence at the monthly Council meetings for over 29 years. It has been shared between the Vicar of St Katharine's (formerly Rev Roger Cooper and now Rev Angela Wynn) and with the local Methodist Ministers in their Circuit. Long may it continue.

MRS. MARY WALSH

Has died in Manchester at the age of 101 years. Formerly Houskeeper of St Bernadette's, Withington, South Manchester and later Sacristan at Our Lady's Parish Shaw Heath, Stockport. She will be remembered with affection and admiration as a former celebrated Irish Dancing teacher to many hundreds of children and young people over many decades. Funeral arrangement – reception at Our Lady and Apostles Church, Edgely, Stockport SK3 8BD Wednesday 14th October 6.00pm. Funeral Mass Thursday 15th October 11.00am and interment at Southern Cemetery Manchester M21 7GL. R.I.P. 'ar dheis De go raibh a hanam' (May her soul be at the right hand of God)

Every good wish and blessing

Fr Kevin