



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 18th 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A

World Mission Sunday

		MASS TIMES		
Parish Priest	Rev. Kevin Foulkes	Saturday	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
Presbytery	48 Haigh Road	Sunday	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	Aspull		11.15 am	Holy Family
	Wigan WN2 1YA	Monday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Telephone	01942 516732	Tuesday	9.15 am	Holy Family
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		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

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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:

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

19th Oct – The Jesuit martyrs of North America St John de Brébeuf, St Isaac Jogues and companions: they were French Jesuit Missionaries who preached the Gospel in North America from 1635. They worked among the Huron and Iroquois between 1642 and 1649. All were brutally killed.

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.

THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

From Society of St Gregory

The task of the Church in her teaching role is to apply the perennially valid Word of God to the changing circumstances of people's lives. The problem is determining just what a particular Scripture passage means nearly two thousand years after it was originally spoken or written down.

One such critical issue is raised in today's Gospel Reading of the relationship between Church and State. To be concerned with the things of God does not mean that the concerns of humanity are not important. However, the

Christian's duty includes participation in promoting the common good of Society.

In Today's Gospel the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. They flatter him and ask him to answer an apparently simple question about paying taxes. The trap is to see if he will side with the Roman occupiers or appear to oppose paying taxes.

Jesus asked to see a coin of the tribute money, a Roman coin. "So", Jesus says, "this head, whose is it?" On being told it is the emperor's, he says with apparent naivety, "Then it must belong to the emperor. You should return it to him". Then adds, "You had better give to God

what is due to Him!"

In other words, "I see what you are trying to do!"

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 14th October include: Alan Johnson (lately dead), 80th birthday, for a successful operation, Robert Hugh Unsworth (anniversary).

BAPTISMS

Next Sunday there will be two celebrations of the Sacrament at Our Lady's. At 12.30pm Henry, Lily and Rory Seddon will be baptised. At 2.30pm Nova Elizabeth Cregan. We wish them well.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To John Pearson of Blackrod as he celebrates his 80th birthday this weekend. We wish him well.

MANY THANKS

For the kind donation to Parish Funds in memory of the late Gabrielle Edwards. R.I.P.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

Next weekend envelopes will be available for you to include members of your family in the celebration of Masses throughout the month of Remembrance, November, for our Faithful Departed. Details are on the outside of the envelopes. An offering may also be placed inside. The names will be placed in a casket on the Lady Altar at Our Lady's for the first part of the month and by the statue of Our Lady at Holy Family for the second half. R.I.P.

CHURCH COLLECTION ENVELOPES

For Our Lady's Church are now available for collection. They start on the weekend of 1st November.

CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP TO YORK

November 29th. Always an enjoyable day out. To book seats please contact Margaret Adams on 07927 903516.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

1. Tuesday 24th November, Blackrod, (and switch-on of the lights) 6.30pm;
2. Tuesday 8th December, New Springs, 7.00pm and afterwards at the Crown Hotel for mince pies;
3. and Thursday 10th December, Aspull, 7.00pm and afterwards at Aspull Church School again for mince pies, tea and coffee.

CHRISTMAS 2026 OUR LADY'S & HOLY FAMILY TOGETHER

A new venture – Christmas Lunch. Three Course Lunch, Wednesday 9th December at Hindley Hall Golf Club, 1.00pm for 1.30pm. £28. Details to follow. E. A. Hawkins.

BECOME A CAFOD VOLUNTEER

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 Jane and Leo Conley who are Cafod volunteers in schools have kindly offered to give information or advice to those who might like to join them as Cafod school volunteers.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 8th. A volunteer is needed to represent Fr Kevin and our two parishes at the Commemoration at the Aspull Memorial at the Finger Post, 11.00am that morning. Fr Kevin at that time will be on route to the 11.15am Mass at Holy Family but he will participate in the afternoon events in Blackrod: the Wreath Laying at the War Memorial followed by a 3.00pm Service in St Katharine's Church with refreshments afterwards.

"We will remember them".

K.S.C PROMS CONCERT

In St Marie's Church, Standish. An evening of music entertainment with the Wigan Ukulele Band and The Magic Voices Choir. It is a charity fundraising concert. November 13th 7.30pm at St Marie's Church, Almond Brook Road, Standish WN6 0TB. Parking available in the parish car park. Admission £10 including light refreshments in the Church Hall during the interval. There will be a raffle. Admittance by ticket only. Tickets will be available from Allan Mitchinson 07724 998285 or Steve Lester 07724 765569.

Every good wish and blessing

Fr Kevin.