

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

September 6th 2026

Twenty-third Sunday of Year A



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Sacrament of Reconciliation **Saturday** 11.30-12noon 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.

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 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:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.**

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

8th Sept – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The birthday of Our Lady. One of only three birthdays kept in the Church's Liturgical Calendar; John the Baptist 24th June, and, of course, Jesus December 25th.

10th Sept - St Ambrose Barlow: our local saint 1585-1641. A convert to the Catholic Faith, born in Barlow Hall, South Manchester on the banks of the Mersey, now a Golf Clubhouse. He was baptised into the

Anglican faith in Didsbury Parish Church, then studied abroad for the English Mission, joining the Benedictine Order. He was arrested several times and after his final arrest near Leigh, at Morley's Farm, now at the side of the East Lancs Road, he was tried and executed in Lancaster. His skull is preserved in our Bishop's house in Wardley Hall.

THOUGHTS

From Music and Liturgy - Society of St Gregory

In today's First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel that was written during a time when the southern kingdom of Judah was on the point of being destroyed by the army of Babylon, Ezekiel pictures himself as a watchman on the city walls on the lookout for danger.

However, he is God's watchman, with a duty

to bring people to a recognition that they are at fault in the eyes of God.

It is an onerous task. If he fails to carry out this responsibility he will bear the guilt of another man's downfall.

Then "Am I my brother's keeper?" was the cry that went up from Cain when God asked him about the fate of Abel. Ezekiel would have answered with a resounding, "Yes, you are!"

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 2nd September include: Vincent Unsworth, a family intention, Sheila Stephens, Margaret Mary Plant, Terry Sharrack, 64th Wedding Anniversary, Brian Wimsey, George & Nellie Spencer, a special intention, 90th birthday, Patrick Fox, Pat Griffin, Frank Bibby, Holy Souls (church wall box at Holy Family), Maureen McNamara, in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Grace Margot, Bernard Watmough, John Dolan, John & Agnes Hawkins, Mark Croston, Susan Naylor, Mary Theresa Sherratt, Alvin Andrews (in Essex) and Kath Cooper (in Hartlepool).

SCHOOL MASSES FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Thursday 10th September 9.30am in Holy Family School and 11.00am Our Lady's School.

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS

In both parishes recently (not including Standing Orders)

July Our Lady's	£791
Holy Family	£309
Aug Our Lady's	£854
Holy Family	£247

200 CLUB - AUGUST 2026 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 73	Hazel Johnson
2nd prize	£30	No 31	E. Hawkins
3rd prize	£20	No 47	A. Edwards-Hoosen

Many thanks to all our supporters

HOLY FAMILY RECENT DRAW WINNERS

23rd August - 1st A. Cherrington, 2nd Fr Kevin, 3rd T. Dare

16th August - 1st Y. Lyons, 2nd Mr Banks, 3rd M. Bennett.

9th August - 1st M. Turner, 2nd J. Baine, 3rd M. Dittman

SUMMER BAPTISMS

We have had some beautiful celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism for several children during the summer and, indeed, some are being Baptised in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Grateful thanks to those parents and families who were kind and generous enough to give a donation to parish funds on the occasion of their child's Baptism. It is very much appreciated.

GRATEFUL THANKS

To the family of the late Mary Theresa Sherratt of Aspall for their donation to church funds in her memory.

UPCOMING SOCIAL SUNDAY DATES

September 20th, December 13th, January 24th 2027, April 4th & 13th June.

All following 9.30am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. All welcome.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

This year's appeal in both churches will be the weekend of 26th/27th September. The Fast Day is Friday 2nd October.

BECOME A CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Do you have a passion for Faith, Justice and inspiring young people? Cafod is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic Schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission, 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

FESTIVAL OF BLACKROD

Back again Saturday 12th September.

St ELIZABETH'S PARISH ASPALL

This year are celebrating their 150th anniversary. There will be a special Service in the church on Sunday 11th October at 2.00pm. We wish them well.

THANK YOU

Eileen Hawkins would like to say thank you to parishioners for their kind birthday wishes and cards on her 90th birthday.

THE BRICK

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick, after our summer break.

The Brick always needs the following food items: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits and tinned meats.

Every good wish and blessing.

