

# 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**

24th & 31st March 2024

**Sunday of the Passion and the Palms,  
and Easter Sunday Year B**



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MASS TIMES		
<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	11.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Monday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Saturday</b>	11.00 am	Our Lady's



## SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link  
[www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/) live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group and website.

## Palm Sunday (24th March) Response to the Psalm: Gospel Acclamation

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death  
on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the  
name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

## Easter Day (31st March) Response to the Psalm: Gospel Acclamation

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, let us celebrate  
the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## THOUGHTS ON HOLY WEEK

We have begun the Holy and Great Week of the Christian calendar. We enter it with reverence, embrace its demands with delight and seek to enter fully into the ceremonies as they unfold with all the care, devotion and energy they deserve.

To celebrate Holy Week is to celebrate whom we have become through the Paschal Mystery (The Death and Resurrection of Jesus) - a time for all God's family to lay aside their other cares and everyday affairs and to celebrate together these days of our salvation.



Good Friday is a day of Fasting for all Catholic adults (unless prevented by health, age or frailty) and Abstinence (from meat).

## Next Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter. Items for newsletter to Fr. Kevin or Kevin Riley 01204 695017 by Wednesday April 3rd. Many thanks.

## TO ALL OUR READERS

Every good wish and blessing for a truly inspirational, holy and devout celebration of the events of Holy Week - and the beginning of the fifty days of Easter Joy and Celebration.

*Fr Kevin.*

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# PARISH NOTICES

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## **READERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2024**

<b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b> (7.00 p.m.) March 28th	1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Acclamation Bidding Prayers	Matthew Hothersall Christine Stott Margaret Riley
<b><u>Good Friday</u></b> (3.00 p.m.) March 29th	1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Acclamation Passion Narrator Christ Other parts	Marie Wallace David Arkwright Claire Massingham Bob Massingham Lesley Ivory
<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b> (6.00 p.m.) March 30th	Prayers (with the priest) 1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading & Psalm 3rd Reading & Psalm New Testament Reading & Psalm Bidding Prayers	Charlotte Hothersall Christine Stott Marie Wallace Mathew Hothersall Charlotte Hothersall Kim Storey

(Many thanks to those who volunteered to read.)

## **TIMES OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK**

<b><u>Maundy Thursday (28th)</u></b>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m. Our Lady's Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 8.30 p.m.
<b><u>Good Friday (29th)</u></b>	10.30 am Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady's
<b><u>Holy Saturday (30th)</u></b>	No morning Mass 6.00 pm Easter Vigil (Our Lady's) The First Mass of Easter
<b><u>Easter Day (31st)</u></b>	Usual masses : 9.30 a.m. (Our Lady's); 11.15 a.m. (Holy Family)

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for the sick in hospital, the hospices and at home.

### **Fr KEVIN**

Very much appreciates all the hard work going on in the parishes in his absence. He wishes, particularly, to thank Fr Peter Hopkinson, the Vicar General, and Fr Morrough O'Brien, the area Dean of Bolton, for covering for masses and organising other priests in place of Fr Kevin. Unfortunately, Fr Kevin is not yet strong enough to come back to the parish as he had hoped for Holy Week and so other priests will cover for Services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Fr Kevin much appreciates all the good wishes, prayers, cards and messages he has received.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Danny King, Mary Mitchell, Kevin Croston, Sylvia Gaskell, Ann Lusher, John Lawless, Judith Hothersall, Raymond Unsworth, Harriet Dillon, Joe Kinnane, Kevin McNamara, Kath Holden, Francis Ball, Hilda Breckell, John Daniels and priests of the Diocese Michael Cory, Charles Hollywood, Michael Kitchen, John McNamara, Patrick Bourke, Anthony Doran, Jim Rawson, Vin Cavey and Myles Sheehan.

## **LATELY DEAD**

John Settle, John Bone, Lynette Jones.

## **PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

1. To Glenda Settle and family on the death of her husband John.
2. To Mary Bone and family on the death of her husband John.
3. To the family of the late Lynette Jones.

## **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES**

Tuesday and Thursday 9.15am Holy Family.

## **POSTERS**

To mark Holy Week and Easter, to be placed in our front windows, are now available from the Knights of St Columba (Fr. Kevin is Chaplain to the Knights in Standish).

## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Our congratulations and best wishes to Teresa and Paul Dare who celebrate their 50th (Golden) Wedding Anniversary on 23rd March.

## **SPUC COLLECTION**

Many thanks for the generous donations to SPUC last weekend. To date £822 has been raised by the two parishes. The fund is still open if you missed it. Please put your donation in an envelope marked SPUC. Thank you.