

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

July 12th 2026

Fifteenth 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:

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever.

Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

13th July – St Henry: born in 973; he was elected Holy Roman Emperor, working for the good of his people, building monasteries and helping the poor. He was also dedicated to missionary activity. He died in 1024.

15th July – St Bonaventure: born in Italy in 1218, he entered the Franciscan Order and gained a Master's degree in Philosophy in Paris; he eventually became Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual works and teaching and died in 1274.

16th July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Sacred Scriptures speak of the beauty of

Mount Carmel, where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of the people of Israel in the living God. In 1156 a group of hermits settled there and afterwards established the Carmelite Order to lead a contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the Principal Patron of the Salford Diocese.

The Diocese was erected on 29th September 1850 through a decree signed by Pope Pius IX as one of the first Post-Reformation Dioceses in Great Britain. The 1851 census revealed that the Diocese had 32 churches and chapels served by 37 priests and around 33,000 Catholics attending Mass.

THOUGHTS

In the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, the writer uses imagery from nature. The rain and snow are not idle phenomena, their moisture makes vegetation grow.

So it is with God's word, he has promised his never ending care for his people. So, even in

their distress they are told they must have confidence in God.

The very long Gospel Reading for this Sunday continues that theme, using vivid imagery from the agriculture and times in which Jesus lived, now equally as relevant to us, living in the twenty-first century today.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 8th July include: Maureen Duckworth (lately dead), Rita Barton (anniversary), A Golden Wedding Anniversary, George and Maureen Cott (birthday anniversary), Peter Higham (lately dead), Michael Glynn (lately dead), Sarah Edmunds (birthday anniversary).

END OF YEAR/LEAVERS SCHOOL MASSES

Tuesday 14th 10.30am in Holy Family School (no 9.15am Mass)

Wednesday 15th 11.00am in Our Lady's School (no 9.15am Mass)

BAPTISM

Next Saturday we welcome James Laszlo Szellersi, son of Ronan and Amy (nee Shott) who were married at Our Lady's in September 2018 now living in Lostock, Bolton. Their first son Thomas was baptised here in May 2023. We wish them well.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Our very best wishes to Marie and Mike Wallace celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Every good wish and blessing to them and their daughter, Josephine.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family of the late Sheila Regan. Her Funeral Service will be in Holy Family Church, Friday 17th July at 1.00pm prior to committal at Gidlow.
2. For the family of the late Mary Theresa Sheratt, of Aspull. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's Church on Thursday 23rd July at 10.30am prior to interment in St David's Churchyard. (no 9.15am Mass)
3. For the family of the late David Wharton of Hindley. Fr Kevin will celebrate his Funeral Service in Wigan Crematorium on Monday 20th July at 2.00pm.
4. To the family of the late Mary Jolley, of Aspull. Her funeral to be arranged.

R.I.P.

GRATEFUL THANKS

For generous donation to Our Lady's Parish Funds.

SALFORD CATHEDRAL

This Thursday 16th July at 12 noon there will be a Mass in Salford Cathedral to consecrate the new altar at the end of several years restoration work. Fr Kevin is attending with David Green and Eileen Hawkins to represent our parishes.

REV. SIMON PRITCHARD

On Walking Day this year the conversation turned to Simon and his family who served for several years as the Vicar of St David's, Haigh before moving to a Parish in the Diocese of York at Stamford Bridge. Sadly, we heard that Simon has been seriously ill but has made a slow recovery after many treatments. We have corresponded and he writes that he appreciates our concern and prayers and is hoping to return to his parish duties sometime this month. We wish him and his family well.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

After using the first of the four Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs, this weekend and in the following weekday Masses we will use the second of these Prayers. It is hoped their use over the next few weeks will be an enrichment of our parish worship.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

To Anne (nee Broderick) and David Hanman of Orrell, whose wedding Fr Kevin celebrated in the Bride's Church of St Oswald's in Ashton in Makerfield in July 1986. Fr Kevin baptised their three children, Kate, James and Joseph in St James' Church, Orrell where they attended Primary School and were taught by our own Kim Storey of Our Lady's Parish. March last year Fr Kevin celebrated Kate's wedding to Kieran in Penrith and was delighted to hear the news that they have had their first child, Arthur, in Boston, USA where they now live and work. We wish them well.

THE BRICK

Please continue with your generous support of the Brick.

Every good wish and blessing.

