

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

November 1st 2026 **Feast of All Saints (Thirty-First Sunday of Year A)**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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
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.

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: **Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Nov 2nd – All Soul's Day

Nov 3rd – St Winefride.

Nov 4th – St Charles Borromeo

Nov 7th – St Willibrord

THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

From the Society of St Gregory

Since the summer and the Solemnity of the Assumption the Liturgy has provided us with many models of sainthood and holiness. Today it is our turn: we are all called to be saints.

Although many of us will never be officially recognised by the Church as Saints, canonised by a Pope in front of a vast crowd, our Baptismal calling to this goal is no less ours. May we draw inspiration from the lives and faith of the saints as we continue to struggle to be faithful and loving members of the Christian family.

Traces of the observance of a feast in honour of All the Saints can be found in the Eastern Church as early as the fourth century. It was only in the seventh century in Rome that such commemoration was observed in the Western Church on 13th May, the date of the Dedication of the Roman Pantheon for Christian use. The date was moved the 1st November in the eighth century and became universal in the ninth. The main theological foundation for the feast is that of the unity of the Church on earth with the Communion of Saints and their intercession for us and our well-being.

PARISH NOTICES

NOVEMBER 2nd ALL SOULS DAY

When we remember our Faithful Departed. Fr Kevin will fulfil his personal tradition over many years to visit and pray at each of the churchyards or cemeteries in our parishes: St David's, St Elizabeths', St John's New Springs, St Katharine's Blackrod and Blackrod Municipal Cemetery. R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 28th October include: Bob Westmoreland (anniversary), Les Hurst (birthday anniversary), a birthday Mass, Rebecca Lafferty (anniversary), Charles Richard Dillon (anniversary), Brenda Hart (sick), Gordon Holt (anniversary).

MANY THANKS

To the family of the late Bob Westmoreland for a donation to church funds in his memory for his anniversary on November 4th R.I.P.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Fr Kevin will be away from Wednesday 11th November pm to Thursday 26th November pm. Canon Tony McBride has kindly agreed to return and celebrate the two weekend masses, November 15th and 22nd (33rd Sunday of the Year and the Feast of Christ the King).

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.
3. Thursday 10th December, Aspull.

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 on list at back of each church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

1. November 8th. Delighted to report that Mandy Millard will 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. Thanks to all those who volunteered.
2. Royal British Legion Annual Appeal poppies and other Remembrance goods such as car poppies, pens, etc. are now available in both churches.
3. There will be an extra Remembrance Commemoration on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial outside St John's C of E in New Springs at 12.30pm.
4. The Blackrod Commemorations begin at 2.30pm at the War Memorial followed by a parade through the town and a Service at 3.00pm in St Katharine's Parish Church with refreshments to follow.

"We will remember them".

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

Envelopes are now 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 are being 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.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Church of St David's, Haigh and Aspull. We are invited to join with them and the Aspull Churches Together ACT and the British Legion for a Festival of Remembrance this Sunday afternoon November 1st at 3.00pm. It will consist of prayers, music, Readings with the Presentation of the Royal British Legion and other groups' standards and the silent commemoration as poppies descend at the back of the church. Fr Kevin will lead the worship. "We will remember them".

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. Festive Afternoon Tea, Sunday 6th December 12.30pm at Holy Family Parish Centre. £15 per person, please see Pat McKay or call on 07804 148243. All proceeds to Parish Funds.
2. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party Saturday 9th January 2-5pm at Holy Family Parish Centre. More details to follow.

OUR LADY'S SVP

For many years we have been sending a quarterly donation to the SVP at St Mary's parish in Kerala, India, to be used for relief of the poor, rebuilding homes, supporting vegetable-growing, etc. Their SVP President Saji Daniel writes: "We truly appreciate your kindness which means a great deal to our community. May God bless you abundantly for your commitment."

Many thanks from Our Lady's SVP.

WIGAN CATENIANS

Our good wishes to the Catenian Men's Society of the Wigan Circle as they meet this week for their 1,250th meeting with a celebratory meal. Fr Kevin is very pleased to have been invited to join the brethren for the meal.

Every good wish and blessing

Fr Kevin.