

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 25th 2026 **Thirtieth 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: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

26th Oct – SS Chad and Cedd: Chad, who died at Lichfield on 2nd March 672, and Cedd, who died at Lastingham (Yorkshire) on this day in 664, were brothers who were educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. Cedd was founder of many monasteries and was sent as a bishop to evangelise the East Saxons and established his See at Bradwell (Essex). He died of the plague at his monastery in Lastingham. Chad was abbot of Lastingham when chosen Bishop of Northumbria, but his ordination was contested by Wilfrid, and he humbly withdrew. He was then sent as Bishop of Mercia, where he founded the See of Lichfield. Despite the shortness of his ministry, he was immediately revered as a saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to preaching the Gospel.

28th Oct – SS Simon and Jude: the name of Simon is placed eleventh in the list of Apostles, and nothing is known of him, except that he was born at Cana and was known as the Zealot. Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, was the apostle who, at the Last Supper, asked the Lord why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the whole world (John 14.22).

St Jude is depicted in one of the stained-glass windows in Our Lady's Church, donated by the late Ted and Rita Handley to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

From the Society of St Gregory

Jesus responds to difficult questions with surprising answers, such as the ones recounted in today's Gospel. He took two parts of the Old Testament Law, love of God and neighbour and by joining them together made them a new teaching, calling them the basis for the whole Law.

The Gospel sets forth the essential basis for Christian living. For this life can only be authentic when these two commandments are observed. Love of our brothers and sisters cannot be separated from love of God and vice

versa. The unity of the two is the hallmark of the New Covenant.

In the Gospel the Pharisees and Sadducees represent two key elements of the Jewish Authorities, both focussed on preserving their religious customs, with the Pharisees having a particular emphasis on the strict code of religious observance, to distinguish the true believers from the back slider. In this context they prepare to question Jesus on the Commandments, presumably ready with subsequent questions to follow. Jesus answers with the greatest Commandment which speaks to the heart of all religious observance.

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT WEEKEND

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints (Readers please note).

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Up to 21st October include: Mick Brown (sick), Mina Kirkbright (sick), a 70th birthday, May Southworth (anniversary), David Edwards-Gill (anniversary), for a successful operation, Andrew Hartley (anniversary), Denis Whittle (anniversary) and Dave Speakman (sick).

BAPTISMS

Will be celebrated this Sunday. At 12.30pm we will welcome Henry, Lily and Rory Dawson-Seddon. At 2.30pm we welcome Nova Elizabeth Cregan. We wish them well.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

This weekend envelopes are 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.

200 CLUB - OCTOBER 2026 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 4 Pearson
2nd prize	£30	No 71 Dolan
3rd prize	£20	No 52 Adamson

Many thanks to all our supporters

MANY THANKS

For donations to church funds in memory of the late Kenneth Wilson whose funeral was celebrated in Our Lady's on October 2nd. R.I.P.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

1. Tuesday 24th November, Blackrod, (and switch-on of the lights) 6.30pm; followed by more Carols and refreshments in St Katharine's Church.
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 on list at back of each church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

1. 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.
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. There is a Remembrance Commemoration on Sunday afternoon 1st November at St David's, Haigh. Time and details to be announced.
5. 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".

Every good wish and blessing

Fr Kevin.