

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 3rd 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (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



SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link

www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

4th Sept – St Cuthbert: born about 634, died on Inner Farne Island 687. By tradition a shepherd boy who became monk and Prior at Melrose Abbey in the Borders. After the Synod of Whitby in 654 he became Prior of Lindisfarne. In 676 he left to live in solitude on the island of Inner Farne. For his last two years he served as a Bishop but returned to the island to die. For centuries his shrine was a focus of pilgrimage and healing in Durham Cathedral.

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.

9th Sept – St Peter Claver: 1580-1654 - a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary born in Verdú (Catalonia, Spain) who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans.

THOUGHTS

After St Peter's great profession of faith that we heard last weekend, today we shall learn the cost of being a disciple. It is no easy invitation: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

We entered into the Cross of Jesus, and began our following of him, when we were baptised as members of God's family in the

Church. The Cross is ours, but the Cross leads to resurrection and that is ours too. It is the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism that sustains us on the difficult road of following the Lord's life and teaching.

(Society of St Gregory)

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Includes Arthur Daniels, Patrick Fox, Jim Mullaney, Chris Willetts, Doreen Ainscough, Joe Marcroft and priests of the Diocese Tony Gallagher and Terry McCann.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for those who have died recently. Ada Wall, Monica Woodworth, Canon Denis Clinch (former Parish Priest of St Mary's, Mulberry Street, Manchester 'The Hidden Gem'), Fr Emmett Dagens whose last appointment as Parish Priest was at St George's, Nelson, Lancashire. He retired back to Northern Ireland in 1987.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family of the late Thomas Stazaker of Aspull who died in early August. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady's on August 16th prior to cremation at Howe Bridge.
2. To the family of the late Monica Woodworth, mother in law to Lisa of Blackrod. She was a regular at Mass at Our Lady's when visiting her family.

R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 30th August include:

Vincent Unsworth, Perry Cox, Brian Wimsey, Harold McAndrew, Brid Woods, Tommy Stazaker, Frank O'Donnell, Irene McFarlin, Frank Bibby, John Dolan, Maureen McNamara, Fr John Johnson, Elizabeth Ann White, Bernard Watmough, John and Agnes Hawkins, Veronika Ashton and Monica Woodworth.

GOOD WISHES

To staff, pupils and Governors of Our Lady's and Holy Family Primary schools and St Joseph's High School, Horwich as they begin the new school year this week.

MANY THANKS

To Margaret King for her kind donation to Parish Funds on the occasion of the interment of her late husband's ashes in the grounds of Howe Bridge Crematorium. Danny's Funeral was celebrated in early April. R.I.P.

Every good wish and blessing.

200 CLUB - JULY 2023 WINNERS

1st prize £50	No 55	E. Riley
2nd prize £30	No 45	K. Bowden
3rd prize £20	No 2	Colin Chater

Many thanks to all our supporters

SOCIAL SUNDAYS

A group of us thought it would be nice to have refreshments and time to chat after mass (about 10.30am) on Sunday mornings in the parish meeting room. We have volunteers to help us with the first session and will provide tea and coffee, biscuits and home made cakes. It would be lovely if you could spare a few minutes to join us and moving forward, maybe more people will want to get involved, baking cakes or helping out. Everyone is welcome. We propose to hold Social Sundays on Sunday 1st October, Sunday 3rd December, Sunday 21st January, Sunday 14th April and Sunday 23rd June. We look forward to seeing you. Neil West.

WIGAN DIGGERS FESTIVAL

Saturday September 9th -11.15am Starting
Parade up Millgate - 9.30pm finish
Free for everyone! For more information go to wigandiggersfestival.org

LANCASHIRE EVENING

The Friends of Wall Hey would like to invite the parishioners of Our Lady's to a Lancashire Evening held at Aspull Legion 13th October 2023, 7:00pm. Music with Ken Scalley and Lawrence Hoy. Hot pot supper, raffle and, hopefully, a traditional conker fight!

Tickets £5 available from Lesley Price or Philip Livesey. (lprice13@hotmail.co.uk)

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE DECEMBER 2023

Northern Star Travel Ltd. have organised a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, from 4th to 9th December. Included in the price are return flights from Manchester to Carcassonne, airport duty and city taxes, one suitcase for the aircraft hold and five nights full board in the Four Star Hotel Padoue (not including travel insurance).

Further details and bookings 0161 773 2115 or www.northernstartravel.com, 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester M24 6UQ.

Fr Kevin