

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**

January 7th 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



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Sacrament of Reconciliation **Saturday** 11.30-12noon Our Lady's Church

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/ourladyschurchapull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord
homage.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

8th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. The official end of Christmas Season.

12th January – St Aelred of Rievaulx: of Rievaulx Abbey in Yorkshire where he became Abbot. He is celebrated for his

Spiritual writings, especially on Christian friendship.

13th January – St Hilary: Fourth century Bishop of Poitiers who died in exile as a defender of the faith against heresy.

THOUGHTS

'Pilgrims of Hope' the 25 Jubilee Year

Following the extraordinary 2015 to 16 Holy Year of Mercy, instigated by Pope Francis, the forthcoming Jubilee will take place in line with the norm of leaving a 25 year gap between each one. The most recent ordinary Jubilee took place in the Millenium Year, 2000.

Jubilee years have been a regular celebration in the Catholic Church's life since 1300. Jubilee, or Holy Years, are a celebration of a special gift of grace characterised by the forgiveness of sins. Traditionally it begins just before Christmas and ends on the Epiphany of the following year.

The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. After that the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas, St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and St Mary Major are opened and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year.

During this year the city of Rome is expected to welcome over 35 million visitors. Pope Francis has approved the motto 'Pilgrims of Hope' for the 2025 Jubilee Year, two words that represent key themes of Pope Francis' Pontificate. As preparations continue in the Vatican we are looking how to mark the special year here in our own Diocese. More will be shared throughout 2024.

(from the Salford Diocesan Almanac 2024)

PARISH NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Are Week 1 of the Year Cycle 2.

NEXT SUNDAY

Is the Second Sunday of the Year (B) Green Vesture again until Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

LATELY DEAD

Rita Moore and Joyce Doherty.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family of Rita Moore of Little Scotland, Blackrod. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady's, Thursday 18th January 11.30am prior to Committal at Overdale.
2. To the family of the late Joyce Doherty. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in Holy Family Church, Thursday 11th January 2.00pm. followed by Committal at Wigan Crematorium. (Mass 9.15am as usual in Holy Family Church).

R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES

Include: Mary Leather, May Prendergast, Agnes and Joe Sherriff, Bernard Raffo, Jim Curran, John Molloy, Anna-Bianca Booth, Margaret Daniels, Frank Makinson, George Cott, Margaret Moore, Mark Tennant, Ken Slater, Kathleen Banks and priests of the Diocese Gerard Duffy, James Ryan, Frank Donnelly, Valerie Barron, William Roberts, Tom Hackett, Joseph Duggan and Valentine Kamaitis.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Over Christmas as of Wednesday 3rd January include: Marian Johnson (lately dead), the O'Sullivan family (Bath, Somerset), Marjorie McGrail, Betty McDevitt, Pauline Bailey (lately dead in Ashton), Special Intention, Rita Moore (lately dead), Golden Wedding Anniversary, Antonia and Thomas Mason, Walter Scott, Mavis Kilgannon, Isobel MacDonald (lately dead in Inverness), Mary Cunliffe (birthday anniversary), Frank Donnelly (anniversary), Valerie Barron (anniversary), Margaret Moore (anniversary) and William Roberts (anniversary).

BAPTISMS

Our Lady's - January 20th Madison Elizabeth Arrowsmith, daughter of Sonia and Reece, sister of Alfie.

Holy Family - 14th January 2024, Ella-Rae and Millie-Rae Dinsdale, daughters of Brendan and Karen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confessions) Holy Family Church, Saturday 13th January 10 to 10.30am.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING

For parents, 6pm in Our Lady's Church Tuesday 9th January. Please bring your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

MANY THANKS

For the Christmas cards and gifts I received, especially those which will benefit Cafod and others of your chosen charities. Fr Kevin

Thanks also to those who helped to celebrate Christmas in such style in both churches, especially our singers and guest musicians.

GOOD WISHES

To Mgr Canon Michael Quinlan, formerly Parish Priest of Our Lady's and brother of the late Fr Patrick Quinlan (Sacred Heart, Westhoughton) who has now retired to Ireland. A noted Church Canon Lawyer, he combined the roles of Chancellor and Vicar General in the Salford Diocese for many years. We wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

THANKS

To David and Christine Cowley, formerly of Aspull and now of Canton, Georgia, USA, for their kind Christmas Donation to Our Lady's Parish Funds.

200 CLUB - DECEMBER 2023 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 87	J. Burns
2nd prize	£30	No 73	Hazel Johnson
3rd prize	£20	No 74	Garbett
£100 Christmas prize No 58 Fr Kevin			

Many thanks to all our supporters.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

To join the rota of parishioners who take our food donations to the Brick in Wigan. Volunteer commitment is only every few months. Contact Nicola Myers for more information or to help out on 07546 890579.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin