

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 18th 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (Year C)



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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 ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/ live from 9.30am and, if not then, available from about 1.00pm. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group and website.

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

CALENDAR & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

19th Sept – St Theodore of Canterbury: Italian monk appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 666. He died 690.

20th Sept – Martyrs of the Korean Peninsula (18th & 19th century)

21st Sept – St Matthew: Apostle and Evangelist.

23rd Sept – St Pius of Pietrelcina: a priest better known as Padre Pio. Italian Franciscan who bore the stigmata. Born in 1887, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars and was ordained priest in 1910. His ministry displays a devotion to prayer and the sacraments. He also committed himself to relieving the pain of many families. He died in 1968.

24th Sept – Our Lady of Walsingham: The Lady of the Manor of Walsingham was instructed in a vision of the Virgin Mary to build an exact replica of the house of Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061. This shrine in the north of Norfolk was begun in the late 10th century and was one of the foremost shrines for pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom until its destruction on the orders of Henry VIII. In more recent years a great Ecumenical venture, through the intercession of Our Lady, has drawn Churches together, celebrating the Shrine as a reminder of the Annunciation to Mary in Nazareth and the humanity of Jesus as a hope and beacon for society.

THOUGHTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

In this weekend's First Reading the prophet Amos complains about the unjust practices of the rich who cheat the poor. Together these passages cry out for justice and affirm God's love for those who have less. A theme continued by the Psalm.

The Second Reading offers suggestions for prayer, especially for those in authority; when

they are blessed, all society lives a tranquil life.

In today's Gospel St Luke gives another sobering reminder that Jesus sides with the poor rather than the wealthy.

The shorter version of the Gospel collects sayings of Jesus that pertain to God, wealth and responsibility.

The longer version of the Gospel includes the challenging parable of the rich man's servant who is praised for cheating his employer. The meaning of the story is difficult for us to

grasp and perhaps Luke himself had the same problem. The servant is praised for his cleverness but not for his dishonesty.

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 19th

Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's at 9.15am enabling those who attend to watch the State Funeral on television.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick, especially those in hospital with Covid-19, and we also remember Ann Harper, Jean Coyne, Marjorie Westmorland, Dorothy Cottam, John Brewder, James Connor and Ken Aspinnall.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eleanor Bunting, Charles Fisher, Fred Taberner, James Wright, Betty Lloyd, Joan Risley, Dorothy Austin, May Sinclair, Jean Jepson, Eileen Melling, Walter Scott (senior) and priests of the Diocese Terry Schofield, Philip Price and Michael Kinirons.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 14th September:

The repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, Marianne Edwardson (lately dead), Ian Smith (anniversary October), a private intention, Walter Scott senior (anniversary), Charles Fisher (anniversary), Alice McCann (lately dead).

LATELY DEAD

Queen Elizabeth II, Arthur Cottle, Alice McCann, Terry Fairclough, Margaret Ball and Marianne Edwardson.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To the family of the late Arthur Cottle of Aspall whose wife, Marie, died May 2020. Funeral to be arranged.
2. To the family of the late Margaret Ball, former member of staff, with her late husband Gerald, of St Joseph's High School, Horwich. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St William of York's Church, Bolton on 14th September.

3. To Dot McCann on the death of her sister in-law Alice.

4. To the family of the late Terry Fairclough. He and his late wife were active members of Holy Family Parish. She died in October 2010. His Funeral service will be in Holy Family church 11.00am Thursday 29th September

R.I.P.

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE RELICS OF St BERNADETTE

We will be represented at the Mass on Tuesday 20th September in St John's Cathedral, Salford by Mr and Mrs David and Kath Green.

BAPTISM

Next weekend at Our Lady's we will welcome Summer Raye Lowe, daughter of Amy, and her cousins, Jaxson and Lincoln Lowe, children of Emma Lowe. We wish them well.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

Dates for meetings and celebrations will be in next weekend's Newsletter.

AN ADULT FOUR-WHEELER WALKER

If anyone would like or needs one with seat incorporated, it is available free. Please ring Marjorie on 01942 510723.

SHREK IS COMING TO BOLTON

Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society will be presenting Shrek the Musical, featuring our own Mandy Millard, at the Albert Hall, Bolton from September 20th to 24th 2022. For more information www.shrekbolton.com

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin