

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

May 10th 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!



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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
	11.30-12noon	Our Lady's Church



There will be no on-line Sunday Mass this weekend.

You can access an on-line live Mass from the National Shrine, Walsingham at 12 noon on www.facebook.com/WalsinghamBlog or their YouTube channel www.youtube.com/WalsinghamCatholicTV.

Or you can access an on-line Mass from St Vincent's, Over Hulton. On-Line Live Streaming of Mass can be accessed via their website: <http://stvincentbolton.org/>

Response to the Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

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

12th May - St Nerius, St Achilleus & St Pancras: Three Roman martyrs. St Nerius and St Achilleus were Roman soldiers who converted to Christianity. St Pancras a young man. All were martyred under the Emperor, Diocletian.

13th May - We remember the apparition of Our Lady to the three children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

14th May - The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

THOUGHTS

From the Society of St Gregory.

In the Gospel for this weekend Jesus speaks to his disciples, but he also speaks to us who celebrate the Eucharist. Therefore, addressing his entire Church, he announces in his farewell discourse that he will send us the Paraclete and that he himself will return at the end of time. This is the message the Church passes on to us today. It also prepares us for the Ascension and the culmination of Easter and Pentecost.

Christ, in the Spirit, is already present and abiding in us. Today is an opportunity to reflect on the ways that the Lord is present in the lives of each and every one of us.

From Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons

The Second Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The story goes that Philip the Deacon went from Jerusalem to Samaria to preach the Gospel there. But, after he baptised the people, Peter and John still had to follow after him to lay hands on the new believers so that they could receive the Holy Spirit.

It appears from the story that Philip needed help. It looks like he did not do a very good job on his own, but give credit where it is due.

Samaria was hardly the place the Apostles

expected the Gospel to take root. They must have been surprised that Philip got anywhere at all with the people that had been the enemies of Jerusalem for so long.

Remember that Jesus himself surprised people with his parable story of the Good Samaritan and that the only grateful leper among the ten that Jesus cured was a Samaritan too.

Remember also how shocked the disciples were when they saw Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well. None of them

expected anything good of Samaritans. But Philip the Deacon made headway in enemy territory. He preached, expelled demons and cured the paralysed. All things considered, not a bad record.

When Peter and John arrived, the Holy Spirit came with them.

Look carefully at the people you think are not doing a very good job or people about whom you have low expectations. They too may be instruments of Christ preparing the ground for the Holy Spirit of Life today.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to 6th May include: Frank Myers (anniversary), Terry Sharrock (lately dead), In thanksgiving, Mary Crompton (anniversary), Thomas Duffy (anniversary), Brian Causey (birthday anniversary), James Partington (lately dead), Iain Cavanagh (lately dead in Huddersfield), Ralph Hammond (anniversary).

ASCENSION DAY

Holy Day of Obligation Thursday 14th May. Masses in church 9.15am Holy Family and 7.00pm Our Lady's.

BAPTISMS

The next Baptisms will be celebrated Saturday 16th May, Sunday 17th May and Saturday 23rd May.

THANKS

1. To Pat Edwards and family for donating the beautiful white flowers to adorn the Lady Altar at Holy Family Church for last Sunday. They came from their granddaughter's recent wedding in Leeds. We wish the happy couple every joy and blessing for their future.
2. To Mr Henderson and all at Holy Family who helped Fr Kevin to be able to visit and take Holy Communion on Bank Holiday Monday to Catherine Wilson. She has been unable to attend church for quite some time. It is so easy for people to go missing from church. It is our joint responsibility to keep an eye open and to make sure that they are not forgotten in our parishes!
3. For donation to Parish Funds from the family and friends of the late Stanley Hughes. R.I.P.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Holy Family Church Saturday 16th May 10.00 to 10.30am.

THE ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This weekend 9th/10th May to support the Pro-Life Charity SPUC. Please be as generous as always. Last year the total for both parishes was a tremendous £895.

HOLY FAMILY BLUE SUNDAY

Join us for afternoon tea, raising funds for M.E./CFS awareness and research in Holy Family Parish Centre next Sunday, May 17th 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Tickets £15 per head includes a glass of Bucks Fizz on arrival. To book please see Pat McKay or call 07804 138243.

ASPULL & HAIGH HERITAGE WEEKEND

Join us at St David's Church, Haigh, for a fascinating journey through time to discover our roots. Whether you a lifelong resident or a curious newcomer, come and explore the rich history that shaped our village and our community. Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Free Entry. All are welcome!

A QUESTION

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils and teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch and a social, finishing at 3.00pm at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. Please try to attend and all are welcome. Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw 0161 483 0173.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin