

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

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Thirtieth Sundays - Year C



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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



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:

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

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

From the Society of St Gregory

Today's parable in Luke's Gospel follows last week's immediately in the Gospel but the audience is different. Instead of the disciples, Jesus is now speaking to people who think highly of themselves and treat others with contempt.

The Pharisee perhaps too self-obsessed to be true, let's hope he is a caricature for the sake of the story, but he may be all too recognisable even today.

It is easy to take sides in this story but there is also a danger of beating ourselves up too much!

PARISH NOTICES

SUNDAY ON-LINE MASS

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Up to Thursday 23rd October include: Sheila McKiernan (sick), Ian Smith (anniversary), Sister Mary Brendan McLaughlin (lately dead), Pauline Moore (anniversary), Catherine and Arthur Locke (anniversary), Dan Hut-ton (anniversary), Norman Connor (lately dead), Private Intention for Benjamin and family and Robert Hugh Unsworth (anniversary).

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To Sadie Fisher and family on the death of her sister, Sister Mary Brendan McLaughlin some time ago. R.I.P.

FUNERAL SERVICE

For the late Mike Hollick (former Councillor and Mayor of Blackrod) St Katharine's, Blackrod, Tuesday 28th October 12.45pm. R.I.P.

SCHOOL MASSES IN NOVEMBER

Tuesdays in Holy Family Church 9.30am. November 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th.

Fridays in Our Lady's Church 9.30am. November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.

REMEMBRANCE

Many thanks to Matthew Hothersall who has volunteered to read the Scripture at the 11.00am Commemoration at the Finger Post, Aspull.

As usual Fr Kevin will attend the 3.00pm Service in St Katharine's, Blackrod for the 25th time since 1998.

Poppies etc are available in both churches for Remembrance Sunday Nov. 9th.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

Envelopes will be available soon to include the names of our loved ones in Masses offered each day in November in both our parishes for our Faithful Departed. R.I.P.

MANY THANKS

For donations to Holy Family Church Funds from the Bolton Zimbabwean Catholic Christian Community. They recently gathered in Holy Family Church for a Jubilee Mass Celebration.

THE NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES

Start next weekend of November 1st/2nd.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Quite a few donate to church funds by Bankers Orders and also fewer people nowadays carry cash with them ... Please do not think that we are not in need of this support! Do feel free to start a regular donation to Parish funds

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Or use this link to access the form www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Holy-Family-New-Springs-Standing-Order.pdf

If you pay Income Tax, please Join the Gift Aid to benefit the Parish. It is only one form to complete and that is it!

CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP TO LEEDS

29th November - costs £22. Coach leaves from Holy Family Church. Seats are still available. Please contact Margaret Adams for more details - 07927 903 516.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holy Family Christmas Fair

Sunday 23rd November, 12.15pm following Mass. All donations for stalls gratefully accepted, toiletries, books, games/puzzles and bottles for the tombola. There will be a tub in the Church porch for donations. Home baking welcome on the day.

Further details - Margaret Adams or Pat McKay.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

4th January 2026 at 2.00pm. Further details to follow nearer the time.

THE BRICK

Many thanks for your continued and generous support of the Brick.

They are very appreciative of the support from our Parish.

The Brick continues to need the following food items: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits and tinned meats.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin