

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**

July 7th 2024

Fourteenth Sunday of Year B



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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



SERVICES LIVE-STREAM & ONLINE

Sunday Masses from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link www.facebook.com/ourladyschurhaspull/ live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

Response to the Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

9th July – St Augustine Zhao Rong: The Chinese Martyrs who died between 1648-1930. Augustine was a Chinese diocesan priest. Having been a soldier who accompanied a priest, he was moved by his patience and had asked to be baptised; he was sent to the seminary and ordained. Arrested, he suffered the most cruel tortures and died in 1815.

11th July – St Benedict: The "Father of Western Monasticism". Born at Norcia in 480, he gathered followers in Subiaco before moving south to Monte Cassini in 529; here he founded his most famous monastery, and composed his Rule, still the indispensable guide to the Benedictine Order. He died in 547, on the 21st March. Today's feast is the anniversary of the translation of his relics.

THOUGHTS

In 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot dead while he was celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel in the capital city of the Central American country of El Salvador. He was killed because he complained about the treatment of the poor by the government and the army of that country.

On 8th July in 1979, nine months before he was killed, the Archbishop talked about the witness of Christians, and he even used the phrase "if they kill your Bishop".

"If someday they take away from us our

Catholic Radio Station, if they close down our newspaper, if they don't allow us to speak, if they kill all the priests and the bishops too, and you are left a people without priests then each one of you must be God's microphone, a messenger, a prophet. The Church will always exist, even if there is only one baptised person. That one baptised person would be responsible, before all the world, for holding up high the banner of the Lord's truth and justice."

From Praying Each Day of the Year - Brother Nicholas Hutchinson

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

1. To Maureen Causey of New Springs and family on the death of her husband, Brian.
2. To John Moore of Blackrod on the death of his wife Tricia.

Funeral Services to be arranged. R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 3rd July include: Mary Josephine Unsworth (anniversary), Rita Barton (anniversary), Bob Westmorland (birthday anniversary), Theresa Brown (lately dead - from Orrell), Patricia Moore (lately dead), Winnie Moffitt (anniversary), for the Holy Souls, baby Poppy-Mae Harley in Australia (lately dead), Barbara (lately dead and family), Brian Causey (lately dead), George and Maureen Cott (birthday anniversaries).

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Isabella Anne Daley, daughter of Matthew and Jessica in Holy Family Church. We wish them well.

THE LATE MARY EDWARDSON

Of Blackrod. Many people have asked about the Funeral arrangements for the late Mary Edwardson who died two months ago. Fr Kevin celebrated her husband John's Funeral at Our Lady's in May 2023 and continued to visit Mary with Holy Communion as he had done for both of them for a number of years. Her wish was that her Funeral should be celebrated in the Parish where she grew up and so it was held in St Patrick's, Bolton some weeks ago. They were a delightful couple, always welcoming and supportive of the Church. R.I.P.

MISSION BOXES

Many thanks to Mrs Pat Edwards of Holy Family who has been the Mission Director for the Parish for many years. She has decided to relinquish this post and we are looking for a volunteer to take over from her. I am sure that Pat would be pleased to explain the role more fully to someone who would like to help the missions in this way. Please speak to Fr Kevin or Pat.

PRESENTATION

I am delighted to announce that Pope Francis has awarded the medal, Benemerenti, to our own Philip Livesey of Aspull. After a successful career in teaching mostly spent at Our Lady's Primary School, Phil has continued his enthusiastic and dedicated involvement in the school, parish and many community organisations in the area, since his early retirement. The presentation of the medal will be made by Fr Kevin at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday 14th July with light refreshments served in the Meeting Room afterwards. Members of Philip's family, friends and representatives of the many local organisations in which he is involved have been invited. He joins a select list of fellow recipients of the Papal Award in our parishes in recent decades: the late Andrew Hellewell headteacher of Our Lady's Primary School, the late Frances Pilkington, and Eileen Hawkins all of Our Lady's Parish and Tommy Walsh, most recently of Holy Family Parish at the request of the Wigan Catholic Men's Society of which he was a President for many years.

Well done Phil. Ad multos annos. Fr Kevin

200 CLUB - JUNE 2024 WINNERS

1st prize	£50	No 63	Marie Johnson
2nd prize	£30	No 25	Mike Cook
3rd prize	£20	No 15	Bob Massingham

Many thanks to all our supporters

THE REVEREND SHAUN SWITENBANK

Our good wishes to Reverend Shaun and Mrs Switenbank. He has been the Methodist Minister and Area Superintendent, based in Standish for a number of years. He is moving to a new Pastoral responsibility in Yorkshire. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in Aspull Methodist Church, 7.00pm Sunday 14th July. We thank him for his work in our local area, especially in Blackrod, and the work and cooperation that has been part and parcel of our relationship with him in Blackrod between him, the Reverend Angela Winn, the Vicar of St Katharine's and Fr Kevin.

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin.