

# 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 28th 2024

Seventeenth Sunday of Year B



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

## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Our Lady's
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30 am	Our Lady's
	11.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Monday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15 am	Holy Family
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 am	Our Lady's
<b>Saturday</b>	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/ourladyschurchurchaspull/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyschurchurchaspull/) live from 9.30am. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group.

**Response to the Psalm:** You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## **CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**29<sup>th</sup> July – St Martha, Mary and Lazarus:**

Martha received the Lord into her house and provided for his needs with great care. At her request, the Lord raised her brother from the dead.

**30<sup>th</sup> July – St Peter Chrysologus:** Bishop of Ravenna in the fifth century. Used short homilies as a way of instructing the faithful as

well as writing learned theological and dogmatic texts. He died in 450.

**31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola:** Former Soldier. Jesuit Founder. Pope Francis is the first member of the Society of Jesus to be elected Pope.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aug – St Alphonsus Liguori:** Bishop, Doctor of the Church and founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. Died in 1787.

## **THOUGHTS**

Today and for the next few Sundays we abandon St Mark's Gospel and follow Chapter Six of St John's Gospel, the long and highly significant discourse that follows on from the feeding of the five thousand.

The twelve protest that they are unable to feed the multitude but in Jesus' hands the insignificant offering becomes enough to feed everyone, with twelve hampers of scraps leftover.

With the First Reading in mind, from the Second Book of Kings, it becomes obvious that this is not simply an account of a happening, however extraordinary. The writer of John's Gospel intends this to be a

piece of teaching. Jesus' mission is to the whole of Israel, the twelve tribes already symbolised by his choice of an inner circle of twelve disciples. The needs of the people are not fed from nothing. Some small token comes from among them but is transformed by Jesus to become a superabundant nourishment, but this is only the beginning, and the enthusiasm of the crowd is for immediate and material satisfaction.

This is the first of five weeks when we journey through the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St John. It comes as a surprise to many that in the Gospel of St John there is no account of the Last Supper, apart from Jesus washing his disciples' feet. The other three

Gospels describe Jesus taking bread and wine and commanding us to do this in memory of him and, as we know, the earliest written account that we have of the Last Supper was written by St Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians describing the tradition already being handed on from a meal at which Paul himself was not present.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us over the next few weekends to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Jesus' farewell gift of love, the Blessed Eucharist in which we truly believe he is bodily present in the bread that becomes his Risen Body and the wine that becomes his Precious Blood.

From - Music and Liturgy

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

### **LATELY DEAD**

John Sharrock, Terri Saunders, Brian Causey and Monica Kay.

### **PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

To the family of the late Terri Saunders of Aspull. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 6th August (the Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration) in Holy Family Church at 10.30am followed by cremation in Wigan Crematorium at 12 noon. R.I.P.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Molly Lawless, Eddie Philips, Lee Mark Oakley, Dorothy Dickinson, Irene Mailey, Nelly Nuttall, Margaret Massingham, Bob Brewder, Gerard Dixon, Cliff Ashurst, Vincent Unsworth, Martha Higham, Brian Wimsey and priests of the Diocese John Neville, Frank Jennings, Peter Dilworth and Joe Lee (former Parish Priest of Holy Family, New Springs).

### **MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED**

As of Wednesday 24th July include: Tricia Moore (lately dead), Vincent Unsworth (anniversary), Brian Wimsey (anniversary), Ellen M. Donnelly (anniversary) and Monica Kay (lately dead).

### **BAPTISM**

This Sunday, at 12.30pm, we welcome Elijah Michael Cox, son of Lucinda and Michael who were married in Our Lady's Church, April 2022.

### **BAPTISMAL CEREMONY**

On Sunday 4th August for Patrick Jennings, son of Edward and Nan. Patrick was baptised as a baby in Oldham Hospital and now, at his family's request, will complete the full ceremonies that were omitted then.

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

For the 18th Sunday of the Year will be the annual summer holiday edition for August/September. The next newsletter after that will be Sunday 8th September, the 23rd Sunday of the Year.

### **200 CLUB - JULY 2024 WINNERS**

1st prize	£50	No 32	L. Price
2nd prize	£30	No 85	Pieczonka
3rd prize	£20	No 36	K. Duffy

Many thanks to all our supporters

### **LOURDES CENTENARY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

Our Bishop and many pilgrims are going this week to Lourdes Centenary Pilgrimage of the Salford Diocese, 26th July to 1st August. Please join in prayer with them and perhaps visit the Lourdes Shrine website to join in the prayers and devotions this week.

### **THE BRICK-THE BIG SLEEP OUT**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Brick Community Stadium will be opening its doors to raise awareness of the number of people in Wigan and Leigh experiencing poverty and homelessness and to raise vital funds for The Brick Charity, to alleviate the financial pressures that individuals and families face.

Nicola Myers and her daughter, Katie, are taking part in the Big Sleepout, from 7pm 2nd August to 7am 8th August, to raise money for the Brick. If anyone would like to support this cause they can give a donation to Nicola or donate via Justgiving. To support and donate this way, go online to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) then enter "Nicola's fundraiser for the brick" in the search box and you should find Nicola's fundraising page.

Every good wish and blessing.

Antonia