

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**

June 30th 2024

**Solemn Feast of Saints Peter & Paul
(Week 13 of the Year)**



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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: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

3rd July – St Thomas: remembered as “Doubting Thomas”, his profession of faith, “My Lord and my God” is a climax of the Easter story. Tradition has it that Thomas preached in India and was martyred there.

4th July – St Elizabeth of Portugal: born into the Aragonese Royal family in 1271, she is known for her care for the poor; after her husband's death she gave away her goods

and joined the Third Order of St. Francis. She died in 1336.

6th July – St Maria Goretti: born into a poor family in Ancona, Italy in 1890. She spent her childhood helping her mother in the domestic chores. She was much given to prayer. In 1902, while defending her chastity against a neighbour, she preferred to die rather than submit, and was fatally stabbed.

THOUGHTS

In celebrating Saints Peter and Paul together this weekend rather than on separate Feast Days we are reminded that discipleship of the Risen Lord Jesus is something we do together.

Christianity is never simply a ‘me’ and ‘Jesus’ relationship.

Peter, who had spent three years with Jesus and Paul, someone who never met Jesus in the flesh, and was only called to the Faith after the Ascension has occurred. Paul was a highly educated Pharisee and Peter a humble, ordinary fisherman running the family business.

As disciples we are called to be in community with God and with each other.

Tradition holds that on this day Peter and Paul met on the road and embraced before marching off to their deaths. Peter on the Vatican Hill in Rome and Paul outside the city walls. They suffered at the hands of the Emperor Nero who persecuted Christians to distract the population from the sorrows of the great fire of Rome.

Together they represent the early evangelisation of Jews and Christians.

Fr Kevin

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 26th June include:

Mary Josephine Unsworth (anniversary), Carol Asbridge (sick), Joan Duffy (anniversary), Sam Bird (anniversary) and Louise Anne Hawkrigg (anniversary).

FUTURE BAPTISMS

July 7th - Isabella Anne Daly (Holy Family)

July 13th - Maiya Lomiiko-Brown (our Lady's)

July 21st - James Ryan John Hall 12.30pm and Elliot Leo Steele 2.30pm (Our Lady's)

July 28th - Elijah Michael Cox 12.30pm (our Lady's)

Aug 11th - Finlay James Swanton-Byrne (Our Lady's)

WEDDING

Melissa Webster and Liam Tierney - Wedding Service Saturday 27th July , 12.30pm at Our Lady's.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Many thanks to all involved in the preparation of the children in both our parishes, Catechists, teaching staff and those who were involved in the beautiful celebrations in both churches last weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024/25

Dates for your diaries:

15th January - 6.00pm, Parents' Meeting in Our Lady's Church.

Presentation of the children at the weekend Masses in both churches February 1st/2nd.

19th March - Reconciliation

10.30am in Our Lady's School

and 1.15pm in Holy Family School.

1st June - Walking Day for the local Churches.

First Holy Communions -

Saturday 21st June, 12 noon in Holy Family Church

and Sunday 22nd June, 3.00pm in Our Lady's Church

(The weekend when we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.)

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Many thanks to Neil and his team of helpers and bakers for last Sunday's get together in Our Lady's Meeting Room after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

LECTIONARIES

Thanks to all who have been so generous in making donations towards the purchase of the new Lectionaries etc for both Parishes, that will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BRICK

Grateful thanks to all involved in both churches who continue to support the local Wigan Food Community with their regular donations - please keep it up!

One packet or tin per household every week would make a big difference to those who depend on the Brick.

Remember, the Brick are now taking items of fresh produce but any donations of fresh produce should be taken directly to the food donation centre at St. George's Church, Water Street, Wigan WN1 1DN and **NOT** be left in church please.

HELP!

Colin Swift of Pemberton has been cutting the grass at the back of Our Lady's Presbytery and Church for many years but is no longer able to do so. He would cut the grass, strim the edges etc every fortnight or so during the growing season and was paid accordingly. Please let Fr Kevin know if you know of an individual or local firm who would take over the job. At present it looks as if it has been re-wilded!!!

OUR LADY'S & HOLY FAMILY WHATSAPP GROUP

There are now 71 members of this group and it's a great way to keep in touch or ask questions relating to parish life. It's a friendly forum and the weekly newsletter and the online Mass can also be accessed in this way. If you'd like to join, contact Cecilia Kitts on 07984 827374.

Every good wish and blessing.

