

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 14th 2024

Fifteenth 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
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Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Family
Friday	9.15 am	Our Lady's
Saturday	11.00 am	Our Lady's



SERVICES LIVE-STREAM & ONLINE

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

Response to the Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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

15th July – St Bonaventure: born in Italy in 1218, he entered the Franciscan Order, and gained a Master's degree in Philosophy in Paris; he eventually became Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual works and teaching. He died in 1274.

16th July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Sacred Scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel, where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of the people of Israel in the living God. In 1156 a group of hermits settled there and afterwards established the Carmelite Order to lead a contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the Co-Principal Patron of the Salford Diocese.

THOUGHTS

One of France's greatest scientist was Louis Pasteur who lent his name to the process of pasteurising milk. He became well known in his lifetime receiving National Honours in recognition for his scientific achievements.

One day he was travelling by train and was reading the Bible to himself. The man who happened to be sitting next to Louis Pasteur did not know who he was but saw that he was reading about Jesus feeding 5000 with five loaves and two fish. The man said to him, "You don't believe that story do you." Pasteur said, "Yes, I do believe it." The other man not knowing who he was speaking to

said, "Well, I don't believe it. I am a scientist you see and that story doesn't fit in with science."

At that point the train slowed and the man was about to get off. He said goodbye, giving his name. He was more than surprised to hear in response, "And my name is Louis Pasteur."

The man claiming to be a scientist had been dismissive of the religious beliefs of Louis Pasteur, one of the world's greatest scientists.

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.

LATELY DEAD

Brian Causey and Tricia Moore.

FUNERAL MASSES

1. Mass for Tricia Moore of Blackrod will be celebrated on Friday 19th July at 10.30am in Our Lady's Church prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium at 12 noon.
2. The Funeral Mass for the late Brian Causey of New Springs will be celebrated on Monday 22nd July, 11.00am in Holy Family Church prior to interment at Westwood Cemetery, Wigan.

With prayerful sympathy from all of us in both our Parishes. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. R.I.P.

(No 9.15am Mass in Our Lady's on Friday 19th July Or Monday 22nd.)

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie McNab, James Green, Mary Goulden, Les Rushworth, Shaun McKiernan, Mary Barker, Winnie Moffitt, Alan Johnson, Bert Seddon, Daniel Hulme and priests of the Diocese Terry Dodgeon and Alfred Smith.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 10th July include: Brian Causey (lately dead), Tricia Moore (lately dead), Bert Seddon (anniversary), Daniel Hulme (anniversary).

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Maya Lomiiko-Brown, sister of Theo who was baptised in Our Lady's July 2022. Children of Wade and Beth of Blackrod. We wish them well.

Next Baptisms Sunday 21st July in Our Lady's at 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE - LEAVERS' MASSES

In our schools - Tuesday 16th 10.30am in Holy Family School and Thursday 18th 11.00am in Our Lady's School. (There will be no 9.15am Masses in Holy Family Church on Tuesday 16th or Thursday 18th.)

ASPULL METHODIST CHURCH FAREWELL SERVICE

For the Methodist Minister Shaun Swithenbank, this Sunday evening in Aspull Methodist Church 7.00pm. All are welcome.

PRESENTATION

A very warm welcome to family, friends, colleagues, Councillors and representatives of the many local organisations who have come to support Philip Livesey this Sunday morning celebrating the award of the Benemerenti Medal from His Holiness Pope Francis in recognition of his service to the Parish and the wider community. The Presentation will take place at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

Well done Phil! We are all delighted and acknowledge the many in our Parish and wider community who make such a real difference by their hard work and dedication as volunteers in our Parishes and community.

PEARL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (30th) IN 2024

We are delighted to congratulate Chris and Jo Bithell and Trina and John Ward who are celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversaries in Our Lady's Church this summer. We wish them well.

LECTIONARIES

These have been ordered for both our churches (before the 30th June to get the 15% discount!) Thanks to everyone for their donations large and small. All are now fully paid for and money donated already will enable the purchase of People's Mass Books for Holy Family Church. There will be six sets, three for each of the three year cycle of Readings. One set has been ordered and paid which comes into use in Advent this year (£495). Others will be delivered and paid for at six monthly intervals.

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.

Every good wish and blessing.

