

# 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**

September 8th & 15th 2024

Twenty-Third & Twenty-Fourth Sundays of Year B



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

## 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
<b>Saturday</b>	11.30-12noon	Our Lady's Church



There will be no on-line Sunday Mass this weekend. A live stream will be available for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday, September 15th.

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/>

### Twenty-Third Sunday - September 8th

**Response to the Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday - September 15th

**Response to the Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

### CALENDAR - SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**9th Sept - The Feast Day of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** (transferred from Sunday 8th)

**10th Sept - St Ambrose Barlow:** Priest and martyr.

**13th Sept - John Chrysostom**

**14th Sept - Feast of the Holy Cross**

**20th Sept - Martyrs of Korea**

**21st Sept - Matthew:** Apostle and Evangelist.

### THOUGHTS

#### Twenty-Third Sunday

Jesus returns from a tour of predominantly gentile districts north of Israel (Tyre and Sidon are cities in what is now Lebanon). Mark introduces this by way of showing that gentile converts were welcome in the community of believers.

#### Twenty-Fourth Sunday

Mark's Gospel is sometimes called the Gospel of The Secret - the secret of Jesus' true identity. The evil spirits are ordered to be silent. People who are healed of their illnesses are told to keep quiet about it and now the disciples are told to keep to

themselves the truth blurted out by Peter. This is the turning point in the Gospel, now the 'blind', the blind disciples have had their

inner eyes opened, now Jesus' mission is revealed to be truly dangerous.

Fr. Kevin

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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

Pat Griffin, Denis Miller, Audrey Campbell and Dean Topping.

### PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To all those who have lost loved ones over the summer period. We remember with affection Terri Saunders, Cynthia Thomas, Denis Miller, Barbara Finney and Pat Griffin.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Arthur Daniels, Jim Mullaney, Patrick Fox, Chris Willetts, Doreen Ainscough, Christopher and Mary Nisill, Joe Marcroft, Elizabeth Bird and priests of the Diocese Tony Gallagher and Terry McCann.

### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 4th September include: Private intention, Pat Griffin (lately dead), Jim and Margaret Dolan (Ruby Wedding Anniversary), Frank O'Donnell (anniversary), Cynthia Thomas (lately dead), A Golden Wedding Anniversary, Frank Bibby (anniversary), John and Agnes Hawkins, Chris Walsh (lately dead), Patrick Fox (anniversary), Mary Pye (lately dead), Rebecca Scott, Chris Forster, Julie Morgan, Dean Topping (lately dead), Kevin Croston, Bernard Watmough (anniversary), Christopher and Mary Nisill (anniversary), Elisabeth Bird (anniversary), Walter Scott (anniversary) and Audrey Campbell (lately dead).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

In Holy Family Church Saturday 14th September 10:00 to 10:30am.

### SCHOOL MASSES

To celebrate the new school year.

Thursday 19th September, 9:30am in Holy Family Church and 11:00am in Our Lady's School.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Our good wishes to Paul and Liz Ward of Aspull on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18th August.

### MANY THANKS

From Rita and Ged Bannon and family who shared their 40th Wedding Anniversary in Our Lady's Church on Sunday August 25th. They much appreciated the tremendous welcome of the parishioners.

### BEST WISHES

To Di Arkwright, wife of David of Haigh village, who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Confirmation and First Holy Communion in Our Lady's Church on Saturday 10th August. She has been an active member of the Parish and a regular here for over fifty years and we wish her well.

### SOCIAL SUNDAY DATES FOR THE DIARY

At Our Lady's:

Sunday 22nd September

Advent Sunday 1st December

Sunday 19th January

Easter time Sunday 27th April

Summer Social Sunday 8th June

### CAFOD

Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October and Catholics are invited to respond to the needs of communities who face extreme poverty, injustice and climate change. An appeal will be made at each Mass the weekend before. More information will follow.

### THE BRICK

As a result of the continuing cost of living crisis, The Brick is still experiencing unprecedented levels of demand and has requested the following food items: Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Rice and Pasta Sauces.

In addition, the Brick are take 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

Every good wish and blessing.

Fr Kevin