

# 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 3rd/4th 2021

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Week 14 of the Church's Calendar



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Masses :  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - Our Lady's  
Sunday 9.30am - Our Lady's  
Sunday 11.15am - Holy Family



## WEEKEND MASSES AT OUR LADY'S AND HOLY FAMILY

This week's Masses

Vigil Mass - Saturday at 6.00pm and the Sunday Mass at 9.30am, both at Our Lady's.

Sunday Mass - Holy Family at 11.15am.

Parishioners are reminded that, at present, there is still no obligation to attend Mass. We will let you know when this changes.

There are no regular mid-week Masses planned for the near future.

**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.

## SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday Mass from Our Lady's via the Parish Facebook page using this link [www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladychurchaspull/) available from about 1.00pm. It is also available via the Parish WhatsApp group and website.

A number of parishes are also streaming masses on line both daily and on Sundays.

One of the nearest to our parish, in our Diocese, is St Vincent's, Over Hulton. Online Live streaming of mass can be accessed via their website: <http://stvincentsbolton.org/>

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

(based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori)

## CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

### Saints commemorated this week

**5<sup>th</sup> July – St Anthony Zaccaria:** born in Italy in 1502; Anthony was ordained priest and founded the Congregation of Clerics of Saint Paul to imitate the work of Paul and Barnabas in preaching. His work of stirring preaching and encouragement ended with his death, aged 36, in 1539.

**6<sup>th</sup> 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 trying to rape her, she preferred to die rather than submit, and was fatally stabbed.

**9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**9<sup>th</sup> July – In Scotland, the Celebration of Our Lady of Aberdeen:** The original statue was rescued at the time of the Reformation and is now an object of devotion in Belgium. There are many places in Scotland and on the Continent that have reproductions of this statue.

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEKEND

The City of Gladness

First Reading from Isaiah chapter 66

*“Behold I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem.”*

Today there is little comfort for those living in Jerusalem. Our generation has witnessed great tragedies in the Holy Land. People still live in terror. Holy sites have been damaged. Suicide bombers have killed innocent people.

Efforts for peace rise and fall as the nations of the world seek a way for Jerusalem to find its peace. We know that the city is important to many of the world’s believers, Jewish, Christian and Muslim. It deserves to be a place of peace, an example of righteousness, a beacon of justice for anyone who longs for these virtues (Psalm 122 ‘Pray for the peace of Jerusalem’).

When Isaiah first spoke his prophesy about Jerusalem, the city lay in ruins, ravaged by invaders, its citizens carried off into exile. He heard the voice of God promise a better future for the city, “I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and in Jerusalem you shall find comfort.” These words still resonate deeply within the hearts of all who hear them. We yearn to believe that God will bless Jerusalem with the peace and security promised so long ago.

When the day finally arrives when all the world finds its comfort in Jerusalem there will be great rejoicing. Until that day we join in

the mission of Jesus Christ by bringing comfort wherever we can to the nervous, the suffering, the lonely, the poor and the sorrowing, all those who need what the body of Christ was designed to offer - Love.

Fr. Kevin

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick, especially those in hospital with Covid-19, and we also remember Tony Webber, Ken Thomas, Gerard Dixon, Elizabeth (Betty) Bird, Alan Smith and Ken Aspinall.

### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

As of Wednesday 30th June:

Eddie McCann (lately dead), Mary Josephine Unsworth (anniversary), Ken Thomas (lately dead), Bert Seddon (anniversary), Joan Duffy (anniversary), Vincent Thompson (lately dead), Special Intention and in thanksgiving for favours received.

### LATELY DEAD

Ken Thomas and Vincent Thompson.

### PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

To Cynthia Thomas and family, of Aspull, on the death of her husband Ken after a long illness. His Funeral Service with Holy Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady’s, Thursday 8th July at 11.00am prior to cremation in Wigan. R.I.P.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Terence Dowling, Bert Seddon, Bill Stevens, Phil Smith, Michael Caine, John Daniel, Nellie

Page and priests of the Diocese Brian Seale, John Carroll-Abbing, Arthur Nearey, Gerry Molloy and Denis Gleeson.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

The Annual Appeal in our Parishes to support SPUC was postponed due to the pandemic. It is hoped to have the Appeal and collection as soon as a more normal pattern of Church life is re-established.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Thanks to the Headteacher, Deputy Head and other members of staff of Holy Family School who attended the celebration on Saturday last. They were very helpful both in the planning and the smooth running of the event.

Sadly, four children from the school were unable to make their First Holy Communion last Saturday due to Covid-19. Another date and time will be arranged as soon as possible.

### **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**

Many thanks to all who regularly attend Mass and follow all the safety guidance. Let's not drop our guard at this stage. Please remember to go directly to your seat and not move around church talking to other people.

### **CAFOD /THE CLIMATE CRISIS/ PETITION**

**Pope Francis** has asked Catholics to contact the Prime Minister and urge him, as host of the UN COP26 meeting in November, to show the ambition needed to stop temperatures rising beyond a disastrous 1.5 degrees. Such a catastrophe would affect the poorest people on the planet who contribute so little to the crisis.

We can help by signing and posting (free post) the CAFOD petition postcards which will be handed out at the weekend's Masses.

The petition can also be signed by scanning the QR code on the information leaflet.

or the QR code here



Thank you.

### **ONLINE MASS**

If you are a little hard of hearing then you can watch the online Mass with subtitles, or captions as Facebook calls them.

To view with subtitles open the video and click on the cog wheel symbol on the bottom right then select Auto-generated caption.

### **WHEN MAKING A WILL**

Everyone should make a Will, and update it from time to time, to reflect changes of circumstances. Always remember to state that you want a Requiem Mass or a Service to be celebrated in a Catholic Church on your death. Especially important if your family do not practise the Faith or you do not have Catholic relatives responsible for arranging your funeral.

### **CARE FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY**

If one of your family goes into residential care, in this or any parish, it is the family's responsibility to let the local priest know, so that they can receive the sacraments on a regular basis as soon as Covid restrictions permit.

### **BOOKS FOR CAFOD**

The following books are available for sale for a small donation, at your discretion, to support the work of Cafod. Each is film wrapped. Most are paperbacks. If anyone is interested, please speak to Fr Kevin.

1. James Hawes - The Shortest History of Germany.
2. Dan Jones - The Crusaders.
3. Tracy Borman - Henry VIII: and the Men Who Made Him
4. L. J. Ross - Cuthbert's Way. The latest in the DCI Ryan, detective series.
5. Robert Harris - Fatherland, 1992
6. Robert Harris - Munich, 2017
7. The Interior Silence. Ten lessons from monastic life by Sarah Sands, journalist and author, formerly editor of Radio 4's Today programme 2017-2020. She makes a pilgrimage to twelve monasteries around the world of different religious traditions, ranging from a Coptic desert community in Egypt to retreat in the Japanese mountains. Hardback, pp200 2021.
8. The Madness of Grief by the Reverend Richard Coles, former pop star, 'the TV Vicar' of Radio 4, Strictly Come Dancing and Have I Got News for You, describing very movingly the experience of grief and loss of a close loved one. Hardback pp178, 2021.
9. One of the most famous works of Agatha Christie, 'the Queen of Crime', The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. One of her earliest mystery books. Paperback.

Every good wish and blessing.

*Fr Kevin*

## **A SUMMER SERENADE**

Wigan Music Service are presenting a Summer Serenade, their first music ensemble for over 16 months, in Haigh Woodland Park (Haigh Hall) on Saturday 17th July from 10.30am to around 5.30pm.

This will be a **free to attend, open air event. No tickets and no seating.** Audience members will be among the other day visitors to Haigh Woodland Park who will be welcome to bring their own folding chairs and

picnic blankets. As such, audience members will be expected to individually adhere to national government restrictions and guidance as members of the public and visitors to the attraction. This will be a **fair-weather event.** It may have to be cancelled if there is adverse weather.

There are two stages set side by side on the picnic lawn between the Café and the children's playground/fairground.

Performance Time	Small performance space	Large performance space
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10.30am		Wigan Youth Training Brass Band
11.00am	Wigan and Leigh Junior Guitar Ensembles	
11.30pm		Wigan Youth Brass Band
12.00pm	Wigan Intermediate Guitar Ensemble	
12.30pm		Wigan and Leigh Junior Strings
1.00pm	Wigan Youth Saxophone Ensemble	
1.30pm		Wigan and Leigh Intermediate String Orchestra
2.00pm	Wigan Youth Training Jazz Band	
2.30pm		Wigan Youth Symphony Orchestra
3.00pm	Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra	
3.30pm		Wigan Junior Concert Band
4.00pm	Wigan Youth Flute Choir	
4.30pm	Wigan Youth Percussion Ensembles (x2)	
5.00pm		Wigan Youth Concert Band