

# 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

October 24th/25th 2020

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A)



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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 weekend'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 mid-week Masses planned for the near future.

## **Response to the Psalm:**

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

## **FOR THOSE NOT READY OR ABLE TO RETURN TO CHURCH - SERVICES ONLINE**

A number of parishes continue to stream masses on line both daily and on Sundays.

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

Other local churches providing online Live Streaming of masses include:

St Cuthbert's, Bolton [www.stcuthberts.org.uk](http://www.stcuthberts.org.uk)

St Gregory's, Chorley [www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk)

Further options can be found here: <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

## **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**

**26<sup>th</sup> Oct – SS Chad and Cedd:** Chad, who died at Lichfield on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 672, and Cedd, who died at Lastingham (Yorkshire) on this day in 664, were brothers who were educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. Cedd was founder of many monasteries and was sent as a bishop to evangelise the East Saxons and established his See at Bradwell (Essex). He died of the plague at his monastery in Lastingham. Chad was Abbot of Lastingham when chosen Bishop of Northumbria, but his ordination was contested by Wilfrid, and he humbly withdrew. He was then sent as Bishop of Mercia, where he founded the See of Lichfield. Despite the shortness of his ministry, he was immediately revered as a

saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to preaching the Gospel.

**28<sup>th</sup> Oct – St Simon and Jude:** the name of Simon is placed eleventh in the list of apostles and nothing is known of him, except that he was born at Cana and was known as the Zealot. Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, was the apostle who, at the Last Supper, asked the Lord why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the whole world (John 14.22).

St Jude is depicted in one of the stained glass windows in Our Lady's Church, donated by the late Ted and Rita Hanley to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEKEND**

Thoughts for the 30th Sunday of the Year.

This week's thoughts are from Nicholas Hutchinson's book, *Praying Each Day of The Year*, Volume 3.

Nicholas was an outstanding teacher and mentor of young people. He taught in several De La Salle High Schools but also served the Lord for many years while incapacitated by ill health, residing as a member of the De La Salle, St John's Community in St Helens where I met him. He always asked about others and showed tremendous interest in the events in our parish. He wrote many books to assist teachers in their Christian vocation and also composed the beautiful Prayer of Commendation that I use at the end of Funeral Masses. His dates are 1954 to 2016.

Margaret Clitheroe was a butcher's wife in York during the sad and tragic times of the sixteenth century when people were persecuted, some for being Catholic and some for being Protestant. In Margaret's time an Act of Parliament made it High Treason to be a Catholic or encourage others to be Catholic. Margaret herself was a convert to the Catholic faith and kept a Catholic teacher for her own children and those of a few neighbours. She had a priest's hiding place in her house in York ready to conceal a visiting Catholic priest if her house was about to be searched. When it was, candles and vestments used for Mass were discovered. Margaret was taken to court and charged with treason; standing before the judge she

refused to plead guilty or not guilty to the charge of treason. By not pleading she wanted to spare her children and servants and neighbours from having to give evidence. At the same time she did not want to trouble the consciences of the members of the jury. The crime of sheltering, or helping, a Catholic priest was punishable by hanging but Margaret knew that she faced a worse penalty if she did not plead in court. She was to be lain on the floor and have weights placed on a door that would lie on top of her. A sharp stone was placed under her back and indeed on the 25th March 1586 Mrs Margaret Clitheroe was crushed to death in York, having prayed for Queen Elizabeth.

She was one of the forty martyrs of England and Wales to be canonised on 25th October 1970.

In that century, the 1500s, there were also Protestant martyrs. Thirty one years before Margaret's death two Protestant Bishops were burned at the stake in Oxford while the Catholic Mary was Queen. Bishop Hugh Latimer spoke to Bishop Nicholas Ridley as the flames were about to be lit, "Be of good comfort Master Ridley and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as I trust will never be put out."

Margaret's house can be visited at 36 The Shambles in York, where Mass is often celebrated. Recently, as part of the celebrations and welcome of the city to the new Anglican Archbishop of York, the local

Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough and the new Archbishop prayed in Margaret's house.

Pope John Paul II, when celebrating a gathering at the racecourse in York on 31st May 1982, where married people renewed their marriage vows, said, "I deeply appreciate the presence here of many fellow Christians. I rejoice that we are united in a common Baptism and in our renewed search for Christian Unity."

St Margaret Clitheroe of York, pray for us.

Fr. Kevin

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Received this week:

- Andrew Hartley
- Peter Moore
- Bob Connor
- Mary Daley
- A mass in thanksgiving
- Robert Hugh Unsworth
- Dan Hutton and James Greenwood
- Charles and Gladys Pike
- Colm and Eileen Boyce
- Ronnie Carswell
- Joan and Brian Goulding.

### **MASS INTENTION**

We received mass intentions for the late Robert Carswell who died on Saturday 17th October, aged 100 years. He was the husband of the late Sheila Hamer who used to live next door to the Victoria pub on Haigh Road and whose family attended Our Lady's Church. They lived near Lowestoft in Suffolk. Many in the Parish may remember them. We are sending our deepest condolences to their daughter Sarah.

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

Please pray for the sick, especially those in hospital with Covid-19, and we also remember Bob Westmorland, Tony Webber, Ken Thomas, Kevin Croston, Gerald Horan, Gordon Finnerty and Kate Hammond.

### **BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome Olivia Vanessa Ireland, the second daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (nee McKay) at Holy Family Church.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

All being well the First Holy Communion are planned to take place the weekends of November in both our churches.

### **MISSION SUNDAY**

Many thanks for the £290 donated in the collections for both churches to support the missions.

### **GRATEFUL THANKS**

We acknowledge with grateful thanks a donation to church funds from Mr and Mrs Westmorland.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES**

Will be available this weekend. The custom is for masses to be offered every day throughout November for our faithful departed.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8th NOVEMBER**

British Legion items will be on sale at church.

### **CHURCH COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Are available for collection at Our Lady's. Numbers between 101 and 110 have been reassigned to numbers between 1 and 100. They come into use the first weekend of November.

### **MESSAGES FROM PARISHIONERS**

- You are all in our prayers. We are missing Mass and the community and send our warmest wishes to everyone. The Disley family.

### **EXPLAINING TIER 3 FOR CHURCHES**

Places of worship are open in all three tiers but with increasing restrictions as you go through the tiers.

Tier 1 is subject to the rule of six, household mixing indoors is banned in tier two, and household mixing inside church and outside church is banned in tier 3.

### **A LOVELY IMAGE**

In these times we thought it would be good to share this beautiful image of Jesus' all-encompassing love as he comforts a victim of Covid-19 which we received on social media. Unfortunately, we are unable to identify, or credit, the person who created it. Kevin and Margaret Riley



Every good wish and blessing.

*Fr Kevin.*