

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION HAINAULT

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16th-17th December 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

THIS SUNDAY at 4.00pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Presented by the First Communion Children



Mince-Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards in the Parish Hall

Catechesis on the Eucharist (4)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist today centres on *the importance of Sunday Mass*. As Christians, we celebrate the Eucharist in order to encounter the Lord, to hear his word, eat at his table and, by his grace to fulfil our mission in the

world as members of his Mystical Body the Church. As the day of the resurrection and the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Sunday is the Christian holy day *par excellence*. How could we pass this day without encountering the Lord? Sadly, in many secularized societies, we have lost the sense of Sunday. The Second Vatican Council asked us to celebrate the Lord's Day as a day of joy and rest from servile work, precisely as a sign of our dignity as children of God. Each Sunday is meant to be a foretaste of the eternal bliss and repose to which we are called and which we share, even now, in Holy Communion. In the end, we go to Mass not to *give* something to God, but to *receive* from him the grace and strength to remain faithful to his word, to follow his commandments and, through his living presence within us, to be witnesses of his goodness and love before the world.

Franciscus PP.

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

CAROL SERVICE for John Bramston Primary School: this takes place *this Wednesday at 10.30am*. All parishioners are welcome. *Please note that Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.30am.*

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD:

Membership renewal now due: £8. Concessions £2.

CHURCH REPOSITORY: *lots of Christmas cards, calendars and other "goodies" – good quality at a reasonable price. Don't leave it to the last minute to do your shopping!*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE (*Sunday 24th December*)

6.00pm First "Vigil" Mass of Christmas

Sherry & Mince-Pies afterwards in the Parish hall

9.30pm Carol Service followed by

Mass *during the Night* ("Midnight")

CHRISTMAS DAY (*Monday 25th December*)

8.30am Mass of the Dawn (*1962 Missal*)

10.00am Mass of the Day

ADVANCE NOTICE: A Mass for those enquiring or discerning a vocation to the priesthood will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes at Leigh on Sea at 12noon on the feast of St Thomas Becket, *Friday 29th December*. All are welcome to come and pray for vocations and meet our seminarians. Anyone who would like a lift, please let me know as soon as possible.

Fr Selvini

2018 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from *Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th July*. We shall be accompanied by an experienced medical team and there is plenty of help for those with mobility needs. The pilgrimage is no less ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends; all are welcome. There is a full programme to opt in and out of. There are brochures at the back of the church. For more information or for a brochure, please 'phone the pilgrimage administrator Cathy O'Connor: 01206 735623.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

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Mass Intentions for week beginning 16th December 2017

Sat 16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>)	6.00pm	For Denis Carey (ill)
Sun 17		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Thanksgiving (Michl) / Anne Lovett RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Mon 18	O Adonai	10.00am 6.30pm	Mick Carey RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Madeleine Selvini RIP (<i>1962 Missal</i>)
Tue 19	O Radix Jesse	10.00am	David Jennings RIP
Wed 20	O Clavis David	<u>9.30am</u>	Donnacha O'Donovan RIP (<i>month's mind</i>)
Thur 21	O Oriens	10.00am	Dempsey Family (special intention)
Fri 22	O Rex Gentium	10.00am	Maureen Greenwood RIP / Anthony Shaw RIP (<i>both first anniv.</i>)
Sat 23	O Emmanuel	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat 23	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Maureen Reidy RIP / For Robert Reed (FM)
Sun 24		10.00am 12noon	Alan, Simon & Jeremy Newell RIP John McLaughlin RIP

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Maciej Pogorzelski, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'afers, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 234 (*snow!!!*)

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £509.13

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.