

Mass Intentions for the week beginning 24th December 2016

Sat 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00pm 9.30pm	Jago Family RIP The People of the Parish
Sun 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	8.30am 10.00am	Private Intention (JB) (1962 Missal) Ronald Taylor RIP & Anna Lisa Lacsa RIP
Mon 26	ST STEPHEN, DN & M.	10.00am 6.30pm	Peter Hetherington RIP (anniv.) The Garcia Family (1962 Missal)
Tue 27	ST JOHN, AP. & EV.	10.00am	Sheila Eales RIP
Wed 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM.	<i>No Mass</i>	
Thur 29	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BP & M.	10.00am	Intentions of Michael Walsh
Fri 30	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	10.00am	Intentions of May & Paddy Joe Mayock
Sat 31	WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS		<i>No Rosary – no morning Mass</i>
Sat 31	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	6.00pm	Connie Liddard RIP (anniv.) / Bill Wakefield RIP (anniv)
Sun 1/1		10.00am 12noon	David & Andrew Jeffreys RIP The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, 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.

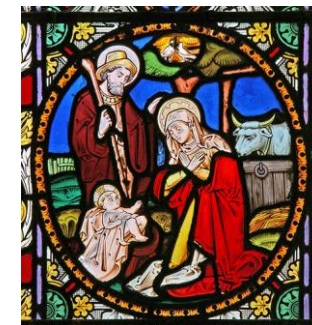
Mass Attendance last weekend: 360

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £835.00

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

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**24th/25th December 2016 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

<p>lĩnksmũ Kalẽdu</p> <p>Beannachtai na Nollag</p> <p>Fröhliche Weihnachten</p> <p>Nadolig Llawen</p> <p>Buon Natale</p> <p>Nedeleg laouen deoc'h</p>	<p>സന്തോഷകരമായ ക്രിസ്മസ്</p> 	<p>Cracium Fericit</p> <p>Bon Et Joyeux Noël</p> <p>Feliz Navidad</p> <p>Wesołych Świąt</p> <p>Feliz Natal</p> <p>A holy and blessed Christmas to you and all your loved ones!</p>
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from Fr Jean-Claude Selvini & Fr Daniel Kulangara

Reflections for the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

[On Friday] we shift our gaze from the grotto of Bethlehem where the Saviour was born on Holy Night to the humble house of Nazareth, to contemplate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate in the festive, family atmosphere of Christmas.

The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society. The time he spent in Nazareth, the greater part of his life, continues to be shrouded in deep silence. Very little information about it has been passed on to us by the Evangelists. However, if we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen.

Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so.

For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is *an authentic school of the Gospel*. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an *intimate community of life and love*; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "*domestic church*" that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

The Church relies especially on the witness and contribution of Christian families to fulfil her urgent mission. Indeed, in the face of the dangers and difficulties that beset the family institution, she invites families to have greater spiritual and apostolic boldness, knowing that the family is called to be "a sign of unity for the world" and thus to bear witness to "the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying".

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace that the new-born Christ has given as a gift to humanity.

St John Paul II (Angelus, 2001)

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).

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017: The next session is *on Sunday 8th January 2017* at St John Vianney, Clayhall, starting at 3.00pm promptly.



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 SATURDAY (NEW YEAR'S EVE): no Rosary / no morning Mass

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD: membership renewals are now due. Full membership £8. Concessions £2.

ADVANCE NOTICE: the annual *White Flower Appeal* organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be held at the end of all Masses over the weekend of **7th & 8th January 2017.**

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: *Sunday 28th May – Saturday 3rd June 2017* led by Fr Francis Coveney: £829 per person – based on a group of 40 pilgrims. 4 nights half board + 2 nights full board. Full services of a Tangney Tours courier Further details including booking form can be obtained from the back of the Church or from Tangney Tours. Please send completed booking forms to Gill Didino, Tangney Tours, Pilgrim House, Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF. Telephone 01732 886 666.

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!

Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS

Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

Et Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis