

Mass Intentions: 23rd September – 01st October

Saturday	23	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Kathleen McDowell RIP
Sunday	24	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	25	No Mass
Tuesday	26	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Priscilla Mansah Ametsime – Anniversary
Wednesday	27	St Vincent de Paul 10.00 – Annette Halcher
Thursday	28	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Jackie Parrott RIP
Friday	29	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL - ARCHANGELS 10.00 – McDowell Family
Saturday	30	St Jerome 10.00 – John Murray RIP 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Maria Gallagher RIP
Sunday	01	11.30 – The People of the Parish

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 225

Offertory Collection last weekend: £583.70

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week and I look forward, very much, to getting to know you all and working with you for the good of our Parish.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23-24 September 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **131-133**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

633 – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

93 – Bread of the world broken

567 – Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you

249 – He's got the whole world in his hand

Dear brothers and sisters,

If I did a full day's work and the person next to me only did half a day's work, but we were both paid the exact same, I would have every right to be angry. Why should the other person be paid the same as me, if I did far more work than them? This seems to be what the gospel this Sunday tells us.

A landowner goes out very early in the morning and hires workers. He hires them for the work he thinks they can do. They even agree on what pay they are to receive. We are also told that he went out four more times to hire more workers; clearly, he had more work than he realised. At the end of the day's work, the landowner pays all the workers the same wages. This is when the argument starts. The first group of workers are angry with the landowner and envious of the other workers. The landowner's generosity is questioned by the early workers, even though they had agreed the pay between themselves before the work started. However, the landowner replies quickly saying to them, 'have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why are you jealous because I am generous?'

What is Jesus trying to teach us through this parable? Historically, the Pharisees were the ones who saw themselves as most deserving of God's friendship and they guarded it with all their strength and power. The 'latecomers' who are treated the same as the first hired workers are those who are sick and poor; the deaf, the blind and the crippled. These are the people about whom Jesus spoke when he said 'I have come to bring good news to the poor'. The people the Pharisees look down on and despise are the very ones that Jesus welcomes and eats with.

Jesus turned everything on its head. He spoke to those no one else would have listened to. He sat and ate with those who were considered to be sinners and outsiders. Unlike the Pharisees, these 'latecomers' are welcomed with open arms and a generous heart. This reminds us of how the prodigal son was welcomed when he returned home. The message of love, mercy and forgiveness are meant for them too. They need it the most!

The way God works in and through people's lives are not our ways. We read this in the first reading; 'my ways are not your ways... my thoughts are not your thoughts'. God does not deal with or treat people as we do.

Jesus asks me not to be like the first group of workers or the Pharisees. I am challenged not to be jealous or envious when God treats others in the same way as me. We are all invited by God to build the Kingdom. Some people are called by God before we are. Some will be called after us. It doesn't matter when we are called; all we have to do is wait and to be ready when God calls us.

Amen!

Refreshments after Sunday Mass

I would like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits and a chance to meet, socialise and get to know each other.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary praesidium (Queen of Angels) meet every Sunday after 11.30 Mass and invite all of you dear children of Mary to join us. Active members as well as auxiliaries are warmly welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2023-2024

The Application forms for *First Holy Communion Programme* for 2023/24 are now available at the back of the Church. You need to have the following to be eligible for the programme:

- live within the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Hainault
- your child needs to be at least in Year 3 at school (7 years old and above)
- practising Catholic family (goes to Church regularly for at least one year) in this parish; or reference from previous parish priest if you're new to our Church community.

Please hand in your completed application form to Fr. Tarciziu no later than **24th of September 2023**.

The Application forms for *Confirmation Programme* for 2023/24 are now available at the back of the Church. You need to have the following to be eligible for the programme:

- live within the parish of our Lady of Assumption, Hainault
- your child needs to be at least in Year 9 at school (14 years old and above)
- practising Catholic family in this parish (baptised Catholic, goes to Church regularly, and receive the sacrament of Communion and Reconciliation); or reference from previous parish priest if you're new to our Church community.

Session will be **every Sunday at 9.30am**, starting on the **15th of October 2023**.

Please hand in your completed application form to Fr. Tarciziu no later than **1st of October 2023**.

Parish Council meeting

Fr. Tarciziu would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss plans for the future of our Church. It is proposed the meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish, please send an email to hainault@brcdt.org and we will be happy to supply you with the relevant account details.

MISSIO BOXES or The Red Boxes

It is that time of the year again. Would the Parishioners who have the red boxes at home please bring them into Church. I will collect them & bank the contents for the Missons. Please leave the boxes in the Sanctuary with your name clearly on the box. Once counted, I will leave a box at the rear of the Church for you to collect, with your name attached.

If anyone reading this is wondering what these boxes are for, please collect a leaflet at the back of the Church labelled "Missio" or speak with me to arrange a box. (*Wendy Moroney, Missio Secretary*)