

## Mass Intentions: 9<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Claude Isaacs RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>The most Holy Name of Mary</b> 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving on behalf of Catherine Bonanno
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 10.00 – Jackie Parrott RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</b> 10.00 – Filomena Maria Wood – on her 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Ayomide Ishmael RIP

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.

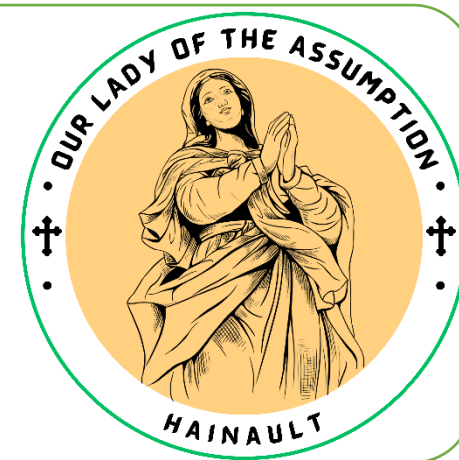
**Mass Attendance last weekend: 222**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £936.43**

**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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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9-10 September 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 125-127

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**179** – For the healing of the nations

**209** – God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

**800** – When I needed a neighbour were you there were you there?

**388** – Shine, Jesus, shine

### *Dear brothers and sisters,*

When we look back at history or indeed at the news any evening, we can quickly see that our world, both ancient and modern, is marked, even scarred because of war and conflict. Sadly, many still believe that power and control is right and attack is the best and first line of defence. Conflict however is not limited to the global stage. In our homes, families, workplaces and yes, even our local parish community, there is conflict because of arguments, misunderstandings and anger. Conflict is not new, in fact it is very human and natural and if dealt with properly, it can even be healthy. The worst thing that we can do is to ignore it. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us not to avoid or cover up conflict but rather to deal with it head on!

From the Gospel today, it would seem that even the first followers of Jesus had major issues with conflict and forgiveness. The Gospel ends with these words from Jesus, 'when two or three gather in my name, I am there with them.' We also know that when two or three people get together, there is

also the possibility of conflict and misunderstanding! So as usual, rather than simply avoiding this, Jesus deals with it honestly and openly. He says to those listening and more importantly to us today; 'If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with them, between your two selves.' As we all know from experience, this is far easier said than done! There are the choices that we are called to make when there is conflict and misunderstanding; we can ignore it, react negatively or we can try our best to follow the words and example of Jesus. Can we, could we do this; are we able to speak to the other person honestly and peacefully? If they offer me their apology, can I freely accept it? If I have hurt them in any way, can I humbly offer my hand and apology in the hope they too will be warmly received?

It is worth noting that the example Jesus offers is not about a stranger or someone we don't know. The people that we need to apologise most to are often the ones closest to us; our family and friends; those we love. It is because of what we say and do that we hurt and harm others. It is also through what we decide to say and do afterwards that will help and heal others. The choice is ours.

It would be wonderful if there was no conflict and we all got along with each other. How much happier we would all be. But neither we, our families nor the church are like that. Even the most loving of families experience conflict and arguments.

When we say the 'Our Father,' we pray, 'forgive us as we forgive others'. If we ask and look for forgiveness, then as followers of Jesus, we are challenged to offer forgiveness and at least try to be peacemakers. Again, this is easier said than done, but it is worth the effort for everyone's sake and health.

Mahatma Gandhi said, 'be the change you want to see in the world'. If I want the world to be more peaceful, I am called to be a person of peace. If I would like to experience more forgiveness, then firstly, I am called to be a person who offers forgiveness.

*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.

### **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 **24<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**.

Information regarding the Confirmation Programme will be available soon.

### **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. God bless you all!

### **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.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Altar Servers**

Dear Parents or Guardians, if your children (boys & girls) have made their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers, please contact the Parish Office by email. Full training will be offered.

### **Donations**

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