

Mass Intentions: 16th September – 24th September

Saturday	16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	17	11.30 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Monday	18	No Mass
Tuesday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Wednesday	20	St Andrew Kim & Paul Chong & Comps 10.00 – Paul Bull RIP
Thursday	21	ST MATTHEW 10.00 – John Murray RIP
Friday	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Jackie Parrott RIP
Saturday	23	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 10.00 – In Honour of The Blessed Trinity 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Kathleen McDowell RIP
Sunday	24	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.

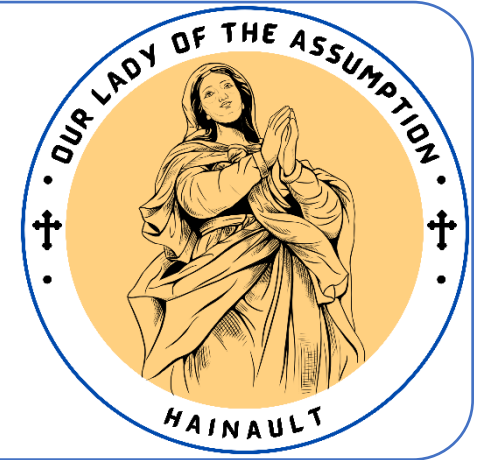
Mass Attendance last weekend: 235

Offertory Collection last weekend: £531.44

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16-17 September 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **128-130**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
289 – I will be with you wherever you go.
678 – Take our bread, we ask you
77 – Because the Lord is my shepherd
215 – God is love: his the care

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday's readings reminded us of the responsibility we have to those we hurt and those who hurt us. No effort is to be spared in the pursuit of reconciliation and forgiveness. All three readings this Sunday, especially the Gospel, continue this message and make this point very clearly.

While naming and highlighting all the negative things that lead to sin and division, the first reading also tells us to, 'forgive your neighbour the hurt that is done to you....' 'Do not bear your neighbour ill-will.' The second reading puts our relationship and connection with each other very plainly; 'the life and death of each of us has its influence on others...' What I say, how I speak and how I treat others has the power to build them up or tear them down. Our words and our actions can sometimes be weapons of mass destruction. The choice is ours, as to how we treat others.

Peter is the one who in the Gospel asks Jesus, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my neighbour if they wrong me? As often as seven times?' Jesus replies without any hesitation, 'Not seven times I tell you, but seventy-seven times'. In this answer, Jesus is not giving us a number of times that we are to forgive others. At the time of Jesus, the phrase 'seventy-seven times' meant 'without end'. So, Jesus is telling Peter and us today that there is to be no end to our forgiving of others. For the Christian, forgiveness is not something that is done occasionally; it is to be part of our lives and a way of living.

As God freely forgives us, we are called, difficult as it may be, to forgive those who have hurt us. Jesus uses the story of the ungrateful servant to highlight this. The king is freely gracious in his forgiveness of his servant. This same servant behaved in completely the opposite way. He is hard and unforgiving with another servant who is in debt to him.

Hard as this may be for us, we are asked to try to be as forgiving as the king in the Gospel is, and not to be cold and hard-hearted like the servant.

God does not forgive us once; we are continually forgiven in and through Jesus. We need to develop a relationship with God that teaches us that God loves us as we are; as sinners. We are loved sinners. Hopefully we will come to realise and appreciate that faith is not just about teaching us how to live; faith is about teaching us how to live again, and again and again.

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*)