

Mass Intentions: 14th – 22nd October 2023

Saturday	14	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Thanksgiving for the Da-Cunha Family
Sunday	15	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	16	No Mass
Tuesday	17	St Ignatius of Antioch 10.00 – Ligia Colaco RIP
Wednesday	18	ST LUKE, Evangelist - Feast 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Thursday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP – 3 years Anniversary
Friday	20	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Paul Bull RIP
Saturday	21	Saturday of Our Lady 10.00 – Holy Souls in Purgatory 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	22	11.30 – Bill & Molly Donovan 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: 245

Offertory Collection last weekend: £789.41

Renovation fund: £972.50

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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th October 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 140-143

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

499 – My God loves me

674 – Sweet sacrament divine

77 – Because the Lord is my shepherd

190 – Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Dear brothers and sisters,

All are invited, all are welcome

We all love a good meal with our friends and family. Whenever we share a meal with those we love, there is a sense of joy, community and belonging which is experienced by those around the table. Stories are told and new memories are created.

The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospels, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. To share a meal with another person then was sign of equality. All those around the table were seen as equals as they often ate from the same plate or bowl. However, if you were sick in any way, you were not allowed to sit at the table with others, even members of your own family. To be sick was to be seen as a sinner who was being punished by God. The Pharisees, Scribes and the Jewish elders decided who could come into Temple, the synagogue and sit at the table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the standard that they laid down, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others.

Jesus is very well aware of this. He himself often ate with those who were ignored, hated and dismissed. We read in the gospel of Mark that the religious leaders pointed to Jesus and complained that he even eats with sinners. Nobody was excluded or dismissed by Jesus; all were invited, welcomed and included.

In the first reading and gospel this Sunday, the image and symbol of the meal and banquet are used to let us know how generous God is. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food. The Lord will remove the veil of sadness and all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are his guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.

As Pope Francis reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'

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.

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.

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.

Confirmation Programme for 2023-2024

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

Death Notice

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Hudson who died recently. Jean's Funeral will be on Thursday 19th October at 1pm at Forest Park Crematorium (Forest Road, IG6 3HP). May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Church renovation fund

There will be a 2nd collection after each Sunday Mass, to help with the renovation of our Church. Any donation would be most welcome.

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.

Or just scan the QR code for the appropriate amount.



Parish Repository

We stock a wide range of gifts, cards and devotional items. Please put your payment in the box by the gift tables. Fr. Tarciziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

World Mission Sunday – 22nd October.

The Pope's message is *Hearts on Fire, feet on the move*. Following 11am Mass on the 22nd there will be the afternoon tea in the hall. The money donated on this day will be used to support The Kibera, Kenya Africa Mission. I will be available to speak about this mission and also about the red boxes for collection in the home. Thank you in advance. (*Wendy Moroney*)

Pilgrimage to the Infant Jesus of Prague and St Jude Shrine, Faversham, Kent.

The coaches leave from the front of our church on Saturday 28th October at 9.30am and departs from Kent about 3pm after prayers, Holy Mass followed by refreshments. If interested please contact 07738333632 for further details and queries. (*Joyce Barroba*)

Newsletter copy deadline

If you would like to place a notice in our newsletter, please send your request via the Parish Office email address by the Thursday before the relevant weekend.