

## Mass Intentions: 21<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Saturday	21	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	22	11.30 – Bill & Molly Donovan RIP
Monday	23	No Mass
Tuesday	24	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Ruth Mekako - Birthday
Wednesday	25	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Joan Eadon RIP – Anniversary
Thursday	26	St Cedd – Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese 10.00 – Irene Josephine RIP
Friday	27	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – A personal intention - Bridget
Saturday	28	SS SIMON AND JUDE - Feast 10.00 – Irene Josephine RIP 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Lino & Rose Da-Cunha RIP
Sunday	29	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: 263**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £562.76**

**Renovation fund: £764.50**

**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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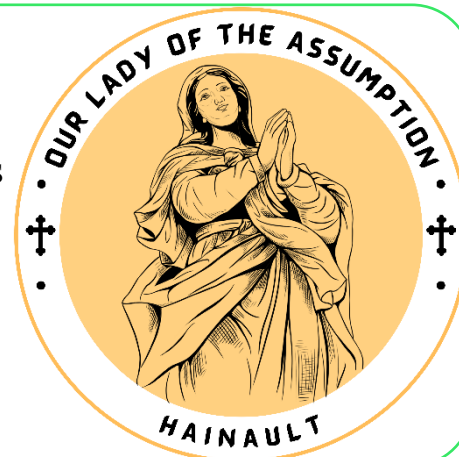
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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 143-146

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**684** – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

**23** – All that I am, all that I do

**183** – Forth in the peace of Christ we go

**59** – All the name of Jesus (verses 1, 2, 6 & 7)

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Someone once said that *'the only things certain in this world are death and taxes'*. And it appears from our gospel that at the time of Jesus, taxes had to be paid then also!

The Pharisees never missed any chance or opportunity to try and trap Jesus. They were always hoping that he would say or do something that would trap him and make him look foolish in front of his friends and followers.

Just because we are followers of Jesus, it does not mean we are exempt from living in the real world. We go to work, earn our wages and spend our hard-earned money on the things we need to stay alive. Bills have to be paid and we too today have to pay tax to keep our economy going.

People often misquote this saying from the New Testament; *'money is the root of all evil'*. The correct saying in the Letter to Timothy is *'the love of money is the root of evil.'* There is nothing wrong with money in itself. It is how we use, misuse and even abuse money that matters.

In a book called *The Little Prince*, it says 'it is with the heart that one can truly see, what is essential is invincible to the eye'. In our own daily lives, we need to be aware of what we consider being essential. Is it having more money so that we can spend it on things that we want rather than need? The newspapers and the television constantly bombard with us advertisements. They offer us the message that if we buy a certain phone, drive a certain car and wear certain clothes, we will be happy, secure and fulfilled. This is not true. This is definitely fake news. The real good news is that our dignity does not come from spending money on things we don't actually need. Our dignity and value come from being created, loved and known by God. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us that we are *precious* in the eyes of God. This is good news that will last. It is not some trendy statement that will go out of fashion.

Perhaps we need to take some time this week to reflect on our daily lives to discover what is truly and deeply essential to us. According to Jesus and the gospel what is essential is love, forgiveness, peace, justice and concern for the poor. As we do this, may the words of Jesus from today's gospel stay with us; 'give to Caesar what is due to Caesar and give to God what is due to God'.

*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.

### **Thank you**

Fr. Tarciziu and the Parish Council acknowledge and thank you for your generous response to the Finance Talk, the main points of which were:

- There is no money in our Parish Bank Account and we have already spent around £6,000 on materials for the essential repairs/refurbishments currently being done. This is the reason we introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

- If you pay tax, you were encouraged to say 'Yes Please' to the taxman who promises to give our church 25p for every £1 donated. All you need to do is fill out the Gift Aid form telling us your name and address. Note the Church does not get to know any of your financial details. You will get a unique number on your Gift Aid box which we ask you to write on future envelopes you use enclosing offerings.

- Before coming to church, we often, at the last minute, have to rummage to find our 'Mass Money'. Most of us pay our Utility bills etc. by Standing Order - would this method suit you? If the answer is Yes, please contact your bank to set it up or set it up online via your banking portal:

Account Name: **Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption**

Sort Code: **40-13-22**

Account Number: **31019244**

It is so nice to have our church 'back' with Fr. Tarciziu enthusiastically at the helm. Let's work together to make our Parish Home both beautiful and financially viable!

### **Church renovation fund**

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

You can also make a donation to the Parish by just scanning the QR code and entering the appropriate amount.



### **World Mission Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

The Pope's message is *Hearts on Fire, feet on the move*. Following 11am Mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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*)