

Mass Intentions: 28th October – 5th November 2023

Saturday	28	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Lino & Rose Da-Cunha RIP
Sunday	29	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	30	No Mass
Tuesday	31	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Jude Da-Cunha RIP
Wednesday	01	ALL SAINTS – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION 10.00 – John Tattersby RIP 20.00 - The People of the Parish
Thursday	02	ALL SOULS - Commemoration of all the faithful departed 10.00 – All the faithful departed 20.00 - All the faithful departed
Friday	03	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – In the honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	04	St Charles Borromeo 10.00 – In the honour of Immaculate Heart of Mary 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Kathleen McDowell RIP – 2 nd Anniversary
Sunday	05	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: 287

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1076.26

Renovation fund: £1325.00

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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th October 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 146-148

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

248 – He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster

302 – In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

176 – For all the saints (verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 8)

Dear brothers and sisters,

There is always the danger that when we hear a song too often that we become complacent and take it for granted. The same can happen with the readings and gospels we hear when we come to mass. Perhaps this is one of those gospels. We have heard it so often that it no longer has any impact on us.

No one ever said that being a follower of Jesus was going to be easy! We are not only asked to have a relationship with God, we are also called and challenged to be aware of and concerned about those with whom we live and work. We are to love our friends and family as we love God and ourselves. We are reminded of this when we read in the bible, '*how can we love God whom we cannot see and not love our brother or sister whom we do see?*'

Being a Christian and a follower of Jesus is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus is about how I live my daily life in relation to others and God. It is not a private thing between God and me. If I say I love God

but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about those around me, then something very important is missing. If I pray, but then ignore those around me at home or in work that need my help, what is the point of me praying? Praying is not about pleasing God or making myself feel better. Prayer is about me nurturing and nourishing my friendship with God. Then, having prayed and precisely because I have prayed, I am asked and called to turn my attention to those around me who need my help, support and love.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds us that whatever we do for each other, we do for and to Jesus himself. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. The smallest gesture of love can often have the greatest of impacts.

It is often through very small seemingly unimportant deeds, actions and gestures of love that our love for others and our faith can be seen and made visible. One poet wrote that '*God is the bits and pieces of every day.*' We should never underestimate the power of a small gesture such as a smile, a hand on a shoulder or a kind word. These small acts of kindness are how in our daily lives we love God and our brothers and sisters and ourselves with all our heart, mind and soul.

This week, may we be more aware that God is in the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily lives. May we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. May we love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

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.

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Parish Council meeting

Fr. Tarcziu 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 14th November** 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.

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. Tarcziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

Mission Sunday

May I thank all who came to the hall last week to celebrate Mission Sunday. We raised the grand sum of £111.00. This sum will be sent to the Kibera in Kenya to assist those working in the mission there. A particular thank you to Pam for her delicious cakes; also Kerry & Maria for their help. It was a great success thanks to you all. (*Wendy - Missio secretary*)

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.

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

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

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

Account Number: **31019244**

Standing Order / Gift Aid

Thank you so much for setting up a Standing Order and taking the opportunity to Gift Aid.

If you have not done so already, please collect your new gift aid boxes/envelopes from the table at the back of the Church. Thank you!

