

**Mass times and intentions: 04<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – Kathleen McDowell RIP – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05</b>	11.30 – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Roland Dwyer RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Jacky Hades RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> 10.00 – Philis Ward RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b> 10.00 – The departed legionaries
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b> 10.00 – Irene Josephine RIP  <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – Anna Harvey RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	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: 241**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £700.13**

**Renovation fund: £348.24**

**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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**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 05<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 149-151

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**602** – Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!

**730** – This is my body, broken for you

**663** – Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

**125** – Come down, O love divine

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The Prophet Malachi asks us today in the first reading: ‘Why do we break faith with one another?’ We break faith with God and with one another and with ourselves. This is our human experience over all of the centuries. It should never surprise us. Yet we are called to keep faith with God, with one another and with ourselves.

The Gospel of Matthew today reminds us that the greatest is the one who serves. This calls us to examine our consciences towards God, towards one another and towards ourselves. We can find that we don’t always like serving - and that is normal. The challenge is to choose serving, not necessarily to like it. We can find that we break faith with God and others and ourselves - and that is normal. The challenge is to renew our faith, to repent and to ask pardon.

We can take Saint Paul as an example today. He shows us how to live. The First Letter to the Thessalonians tells us that Paul was gentle, had affection for others and was willing to work day and night for the good

of others. Perhaps we will not measure up to those standards but they can set the goal for us each day.

We are all one in Christ! Each day and especially on Sundays we are invited to deepen that relationship in Christ, with one another and also with ourselves. We come to celebrate Eucharist to renew these relationships and to know once again the love that Christ has for us. Like all love, we can become accustomed to how things are and forget the incredible gift that comes to us with love.

When we ask ourselves if we have broken faith, it is not because we want to think badly of ourselves or condemn ourselves. Instead, it is an invitation to renew our covenants and to allow God to work ever more profoundly within us. We come for healing, not for condemnation.

When we ask ourselves if we serve, it is not to think badly of ourselves when we see that we have been self-serving and not serving others. Rather, it is an invitation to start serving once again and to rejoice in the serving even when we may not want to serve. We rejoice because we know that we are trying to do what our Lord and Master has asked of us.

This Sunday is a time of refreshment in the Lord. It is a time to give thanks, to celebrate the Eucharist and to delight in God's love. Yes, we always begin with penitence, because we want to love more. Yet we don't stay at the level of penitence. We are invited to live as Christ's own friends and His beloved. Let us rejoice in the Lord.

*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.

### **November is the month for remembering**

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for all our departed loved ones. Sheets to write your loved one's names on are at the back of the Church along with envelopes. Please fill these in as soon as you can and put the envelope in the Remembrance Box in front of the Altar. Thank you.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Tarciziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

### **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.



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!

### **Old but good books for you**

There are many free books and leaflets in the porch at the back of the Church. Please take what you would like.