

Mass times and intentions: 08th – 26th November 2023

Saturday	18	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18.00 – Anna Harvey RIP
Sunday	19	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	20	No Mass
Tuesday	21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Seamus Gorman RIP
Wednesday	22	St Cecilia 10.00 – Suzanne Nathan RIP
Thursday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Olivia Louise - Thanksgiving
Friday	24	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps 10.00 – Janet Metcalfe RIP
Saturday	25	Saturday of Our Lady 10.00 – Elizabeth Flora (Betty) & William Charles (Bill) Killick RIP OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING 18.00 – Dan Casey RIP
Sunday	26	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: 258

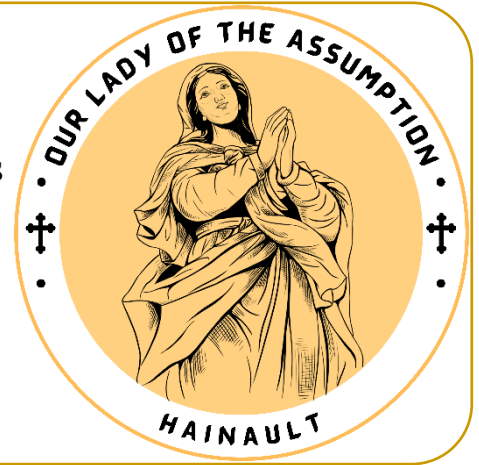
Offertory Collection last weekend: £1161.08

Renovation fund: £552.02

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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th November 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 155-157

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

535 – O Jesus Christ, remember

159 – Father, I place into your hands

706 – The Lord's my shepherd

488 – Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters,

We all love getting a nicely wrapped gift whether it is for our birthday or at Christmas. We open and unwrap the gift that has been kindly given to us. We thank the person who gave us the gift and we use it. Think how the person who gave us the gift would feel if we didn't open it; instead, we simply put it away and left it unopened. This is the situation that we are presented with this Sunday.

As it was with last Sunday, the gospel this Sunday puts before us again the message of waiting and asks how we are waiting. A rich man, before he leaves for a business trip, calls three of his servants and gives them each a sum of money. He gives them money according to the ability he sees in each of them. He simply gives them the money; he doesn't tell them what to do with it or how to invest it. He trusts them enough to let them decide how best to use what they have been given. The first two servants invest their money and so double the amount given. The third servant, for whatever reason simply buries his money in the ground.

When the man returns, he calls in his servants and asks them to account for the money he gave them.

This parable speaks to us of God and how God treats us. We have all been given gifts and talents by God. The important thing is not what I have been given, but how I use what I have been given. God calls us, God loves and as we see in this gospel, God also trusts us. Our talents are not just for ourselves; they are meant to be used to proclaim the gospel and build the Kingdom of God. Just think of the trust God has in each of us and the risk he takes with us. We are now living in a time when we are waiting for the Lord to return. This parable teaches each of us what to do during this time of waiting. We can't simply sit, wait and do nothing. Our waiting is not to be idle or passive. We are to live our daily lives in such a way that we use all the many gifts and talents God has given each of us. In the gospel, the man not only gave his servants money, he also trusted them with a big responsibility. Jesus has given each of us the same responsibility. Through our ordinary lives and through the use of our gifts, skills and talents, we are to show that we too are faithful servants. When the Lord does return, each of us will be held accountable for the use of our gifts and how we have lived our lives.

May we choose the path and a life of faithfulness and fruitfulness which leads to blessedness and a share in God's joy. May God say to each of us, well done, good and faithful servant.

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.

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. Our Christmas cards and gifts are now also available.

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**

Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Group

This Bereavement Support group was started in 2000. It has been running successfully for 23 years and meets every 4-5 weeks. The aim of the group is to offer support to individuals to allow successful grieving to occur. The meetings are held in the *The Hainault Forest Community Club* - 100b Manford Way, Chigwell, IG7 4DF. Meetings start at 7pm.

If anyone is interested in attending these meetings or requires more information, please contact *Mary Casey* on 07710155360.

Christmas Hamper

We will raffle a Christmas hamper this year to help raise money for the decoration fund. There will be a box at the back of the Church if anyone would like to donate any non-perishable food items. Raffle tickets will go on sale in December and the winning ticket chosen after mass on Sunday **17th December 2023**.