

Mass times and intentions: 25th November - 03rd December 2023

Saturday	25	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING 18.00 – Dan Casey RIP
Sunday	26	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	27	No Mass
Tuesday	28	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Mary Quinn RIP
Wednesday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Mary Holmes RIP
Thursday	30	ST ANDREW 10.00 – Anthony Sabas, Jose Antonio, Dolores, Eladio, Elena, Paz, Antonio, Romina, Marietta RIP
Friday	01	Weekday in Ordinary Time 10.00 – In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	02	Saturday of Our Lady 10.00 – In Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	03	11.30 – In Honour of the Infant Jesus of Prague

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: 244

Offertory Collection last weekend: £743.41

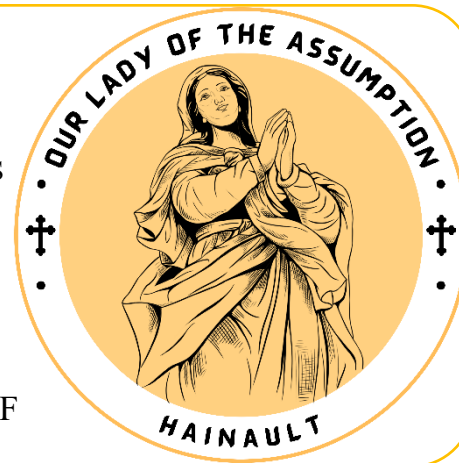
Renovation fund: £627.35

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ The King – 26th November 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **158-160**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

139 – Crown him with many crowns

377 – Lord accept the gifts we offer

77 – Because the Lord is my shepherd

187 – From heaven you came, helpless babe

Dear brothers and sisters,

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent; our time of preparation for Christmas. Therefore, this Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year. Before we begin the Season of Advent, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. So, what sort of king was Jesus?

He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village. His parents were not famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people; shepherds. He never wrote a great novel. He didn't eat or associate with rich or powerful people. He never led an army into battle. He did ask people to take up their cross and follow him. He didn't surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers. He did sit and eat with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected. He reached out to embrace those others saw as worthless and as sinners. He didn't live in a castle surrounded by maids or servants. He did spend his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and all those who were in need of love, healing and

compassion. He didn't own anything. He didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of; but he did share his greatest possession with us; God's love.

The shepherd that is described in the first reading is the king we are asked to follow. This shepherd is one who is caring and compassionate towards us. This shepherd looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. This is the shepherd and king we are asked not only to follow, but whose life and example we are asked to live by. Just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are to care for each other.

Where are we to look for and find Jesus our king today? Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. We are to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus. This gospel and great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within each of us so we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need.

This gospel is not about some unknown time in the future. This gospel is about each of us and how we follow Jesus here and now. The amazing thing is that on this Feast of Christ our King, both the first reading and the gospel speak about others who need our help and support. Whatever we do to and for each other, we do to and for Jesus. So, if we open our hearts as well our eyes, we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet.

Jesus is a King and we are his brothers and sisters. Therefore, we belong to a royal household. May we treat each other with the dignity and respect they deserve; as princes and princesses of a royal family. As one of the early popes said, *'Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you share'*.

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.

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 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. 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**

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**.

Christmas Get Together

All parishioners are invited to the 2023 Christmas get together to share food and drinks after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday 17th December 2023 in the Church Hall when the winning tickets for the Christmas Hamper will be drawn.

This event is to contribute to the Church Renovation Fund. However, there will be no charge to attend the event, everyone is welcome. We will be very grateful for generous donations on the day.

Please note that the raffle tickets will go on sale from today, please see the Social Committee members for your tickets after Mass, outside the church if it's not raining or in the Church porch if it's raining. Thank you!

The Magnificat - November Edition

We have been sent some copies of the November edition of the Magnificat. These will be available at the back of the Church, free of charge - please help yourself.