

Mass times and intentions: 13th – 21st January 2024

Saturday	13	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	14	11.30 – Daniel Mekako – Birthday
Monday	15	No Mass
Tuesday	16	Feria 10.00 – Dave & Fran Thurgood intentions
Wednesday	17	St Antony, Ab 10.00 – Gilda Pednekar RIP
Thursday	18	Feria 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Friday	19	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Saturday	20	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Vergin Mary 10.00 – Kitty Curran RIP
		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	21	11.30 – Betty Hetherington RIP

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: 281

Offertory Collection last weekend: £778.61

Renovation fund: £59.20

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.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

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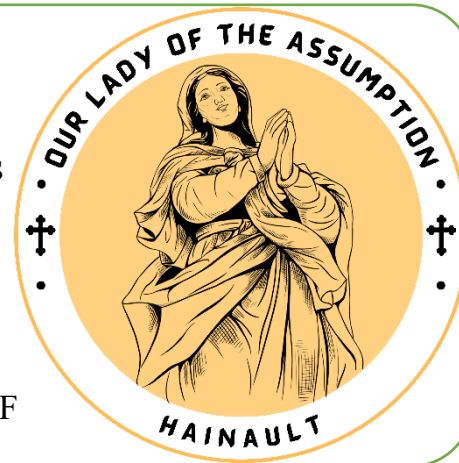
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14th January 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 127-129

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

755 – Unto us is born a Son

676 – Take my hands and make them as your own

73 – Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side

227 – God's spirit is in my heart

Dear brothers and sisters,

As Jesus walks by minding his own business, John points at him and says to those who are with him, 'Look there is the Lamb of God.' They drop everything they were doing, leave John and go after Jesus. Before they can speak or say anything, Jesus turns, looks at them and asks a very direct and personal question; 'What are you looking for?'

What a question! Jesus wastes no time in getting to the heart of the matter. They respond with a question of their own, 'Master, where do you live?' This question is not about directions or an address. They really want to know who Jesus is and where he comes from. In response, Jesus does not give them directions or an address. He offers them an invitation, 'Come and see.' This is a very open and a very challenging invitation. It was then and still is today.

Jesus does not force them to follow him. He does not insist that they go with him. He simply says to them that if they want to know who he is, then they are welcome to go with him and spend some time with him.

The best way to get to know a person is to spend time with them. And so, we are told *that they went with him, saw where he lived and stayed with him the rest of the day*. We can only guess that they ate with Jesus, they spoke to him and that they listened to him. After their time with Jesus, we are told that one of them, Andrew went and told his brother Peter about Jesus and actually brings him to meet Jesus. Andrew has become a missionary disciple. He shares with Peter what he himself experienced from being with Jesus

Are we so different from these people in the gospel? Every day Jesus offers us the same open invitation, '*Come and see*.' Jesus wants to be with us so we too can spend some time with him. The choice whether or not we accept this invitation and follow Jesus is ours to make. He will not force us or make us follow him. It has to be our choice. If we do follow Jesus, then we are going to be changed, just as Andrew was. You can't experience Jesus and stay the same. Andrew didn't keep to himself the experience of being with Jesus and neither can we. We are called by Jesus to share our good news about him with others. That's what being a disciple means. Today each of us is being called by Jesus to become missionary disciples.

The best way we can talk to Jesus and listen to him is through prayer. We can read the gospels, pray the rosary, go to mass or we can simply light a candle in our kitchen and sit in silence. Through our prayer, we hear the invitation of Jesus. When he says, '*Come and see*', what is *your* response?

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.

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.

Church renovation fund

You can make a donation to the Parish, to help with the renovation of our Church, by scanning the QR Code and entering the appropriate amount. Any donation would be most welcome.



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.

Vacancies

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/ for staff vacancies in our parish schools across the Diocese.

Newsletter copy deadline

If you would like to place a notice in our newsletter, please send your request via the Parish Office email address by the Thursday before the relevant weekend.