

Mass times and intentions: 06th – 14th January 2024

Saturday	06	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	07	11.30 – The members of our choir
Monday	08	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10.00 – Elizabeth Diagbonya RIP 20.00 – The People of the Parish
Tuesday	09	No Mass
Wednesday	10	Feria 10.00 – Teresa Hudson RIP 12.00 – Funeral Mass - Scolastica Nakyajja RIP
Thursday	11	Feria 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
Friday	12	Feria 10.00 – Olive & James - Thanksgiving
Saturday	13	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Betty Hetherington RIP
		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	14	11.30 – Daniel Mekako – Birthday

Thursday 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: 249

Offertory Collection last weekend: £793.25

Renovation fund: £283.50

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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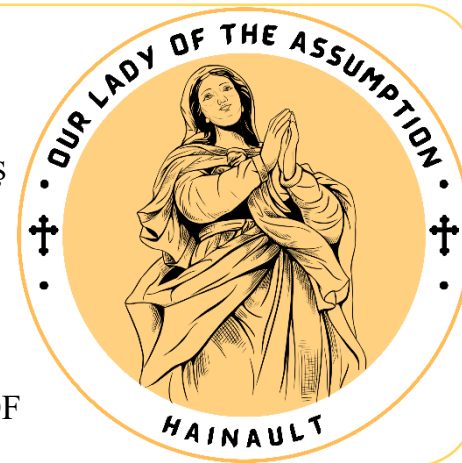
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 07th January 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 115-118

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

788 – We three Kings of Orient are

643 – Silent night, holy night

55 – As with gladness men of old

512 – Now thank we all our God

Dear brothers and sisters,

The People in darkness have seen a great light

The word *Epiphany* means to reveal or to make known. This Sunday, these strangers whom we call kings, who were led and drawn by the light of a star to come and do homage to Jesus. They arrive with strange gifts as they bend low and kneel in front of the King of Kings. These kings from far off lands are humbled in the presence of Jesus. The birth of Jesus is no longer meant just for the People of Israel, but for the whole human race.

People reacted differently to the birth of Jesus. The shepherds recognised one of their own in that animal shed; someone who would later say of himself, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' The kings, too saw one like themselves; someone who would later say of himself, 'Yes, I am a King.' Herod, however, who was a powerful and influential king was worried, anxious and even threatened by this child. It was Jesus who had the real power, not Herod.

Angels came and told the shepherds where Jesus was to be found. The kings followed the light of a star that led to Jesus. Today, we experience God in far more ordinary ways. God continues to break and burst into our world and our lives in many different ways. We have to be looking for them or else we will miss them. An act of kindness, compassion or generosity from someone reminds us that God is with us. A silent hand on our shoulder when we are struggling can reveal God to us. An apology made and a hand offered as a sign of peace; these are all small daily *epiphanies*. These are the ways and times that God continues to break into our world time and time again each and every day. The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is not about something that just happened a long time ago - this great feast reminds us to look for and find God within and around us.

An Irish poet wrote that '*God is in the bits and pieces of every day.*' The ways we experience God are not always in loud and dramatic ways. God often just whispers to us gently and nudges us to hear something, notice something or do something. We have to be looking and searching for these signs or we will miss them. We have to be listening or we will miss the whisper.

The kings had the wisdom and courage to follow the star wherever it led them. Today in my own daily life, do I have the courage, wisdom and faith to let God guide and direct me?

On this great feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, we pray for ourselves and all people of good will who are searching for God. May we have the light of faith to guide us through the ordinary events of our daily lives.

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.

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

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages: 30th April – 7th May & 2nd – 9th September 2024

The total cost of each pilgrimage is £700 and a £30 discount will be given to those who book and pay a £100 deposit before the 2nd February 2024.

The package includes flights, luggage, transfers, half board at the hotel, plus our own guide for the week. For further information please phone Gail on 07989 879148 or email gail.hewett@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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.