

Mass times and intentions: 20th – 28th January 2024

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| Saturday | 20 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 21 | 11.30 – Betty Hetherington RIP |
| Monday | 22 | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 23 | Feria 10.00 – Irene Condren RIP |
| Wednesday | 24 | St Francis de Sales 10.00 – Andrew & Veronica intentions |
| Thursday | 25 | THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 10.00 – Nora Mary Kelly & Husband Desmond |
| Friday | 26 | Ss Timothy & Titus 10.00 – Sr. Imelda Scully RIP |
| Saturday | 27 | Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Vergin Mary 10.00 – Busari & Olusanya families |
| | | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Betty Hetherington RIP |
| Sunday | 28 | 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: 251

Offertory Collection last weekend: £679.62

Renovation fund: £60.00

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21st January 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 129-131

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

386 – Lord of all hopefulness

128 – Come, Lord Jesus, come

77 – Because the Lord is my shepherd

280 – I received the living God

Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus is beginning his public ministry and so he starts to call people to follow him. Jesus always made a point of meeting and calling people wherever he found them. He met and called Matthew the tax collector when he was counting his money. He met and called the woman when she came to the well for water.

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they are doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They were not on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, ‘*I have called you by your name, you are mine*’ and that ‘*I have written your name on the palms of my hands.*’ This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who we are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, '*Come follow me.*' Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

The important thing to remember and realise is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name. He is still inviting us to follow him with these words, '*if you want to be my disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me.*'

After Jesus called these men and women to follow him, he sent them out in his name to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in *his* name, not their own. Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what we do.

This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, 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 Council meeting

Fr. Tarcziu 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 **Thursday 1st February 2024** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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!

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.

Foodbank - 3food4u

If you would like some help with your weekly shopping bill there is a Food Bank called '3food4u' where you can get good quality food free without needing an assessment or a referral. You just drop in. We have all the basic essentials for you and your family.

Open every Wednesday from 5 till 6.30 in the church hall at All Saints in Chigwell Row IG7 4QD.

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.

Lost Property

Have you left any items in the Church? Please check and see the Lost Property Box in the lobby at the back of the Church.