

## Mass times and intentions: 31<sup>st</sup> March – 07<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Sunday	31	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - The Resurrection of the Lord</b> 11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	01	No Mass
Tuesday	02	<b>Easter Tuesday</b> 10.00 – Silviu Emanuel Gatan RIP
Wednesday	03	<b>Easter Wednesday</b> 10.00 – McDowell Family
Thursday	04	<b>Easter Thursday</b> 10.00 – Margaret Smith
Friday	05	<b>Easter Friday</b> 10.00 – In honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	06	<b>Easter Saturday</b> 10.00 – In honour of The Immaculate Heart of Mary
		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	07	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: 315**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 1193.06**

**Renovation fund: £ 171.03**

**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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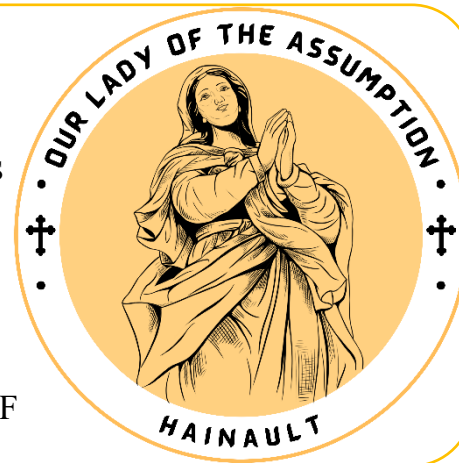
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## EASTER SUNDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 251-255

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**684** – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**90** – Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation

**322** – Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!

**728** – Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Our Lenten journey and pilgrimage are over. Our fasting is complete; now we can feast and celebrate. We have travelled with Jesus from the harshness of the desert to the new life coming from the empty tomb. Having walked with Jesus as we carried our cross, we now share in and experience the joy and power of his resurrection.

When we look at the news on our televisions or read our newspapers, we are all very well aware of all the hardship and pain that exists in our world today. There isn't a day that goes by were we don't read the story of a random act of terrorism or a shooting of one kind or another. There are painful scenes of war, famine and terrorism on our televisions, most if not every evening. Even in our own country and communities there are senseless acts of violence that leave families grieving for the death of a loved one. How are we meant to celebrate Easter in such difficult circumstances?

Even at the time of Jesus there was inequality, injustice, and poverty. He would have seen it, experienced it and been very familiar with it. But it is into that world that he came with the good news of the Kingdom of God. It is into

our world today that Jesus comes with the same good news. It is in and through our world today that we experience and share in his resurrection.

The trial and crucifixion of Jesus must have been such a painful and even disappointing experience for his friends, followers and family. They had placed such hope in Jesus; in his preaching, his teaching and in his miracles. Then they had to stand and watch as he was betrayed, condemned, beaten and then crucified. They stood and watched him die.

It is in and through our ordinary daily lives and our world today that Jesus comes risen from the tomb. The resurrected Jesus comes to us as we are. But he also comes as he is; through the power of God he is resurrected and comes to us with the gift of new and everlasting life. Death has not had the final say. Where there was despair, God brings us hope. Where there was darkness, God has bright light. Where there was death, God bring us not just life, but new and everlasting life. These are the gifts that God offers each of us through the resurrection of Jesus.

In world where there is often the reality of suffering, violence and injustice, we are called to be people of hope. This is not ordinary human hope. This is the hope that comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus. In the face of sadness, difficulty and pain, we are called to look to and rely on the resurrected Jesus and not just on our strength and resources.

The call, invitation and even challenge of Easter is that I experience it personally deep within myself. I am called to be an Easter person, a person of the resurrection. I am called and asked to be person who is filled with the new life and hope of the resurrected Jesus.

We may be tempted to give in and give up the world as it is today. However, because we now share in the powerful resurrection of Jesus, we are to live our daily lives full of Easter hope. As Pope Francis says to us, *as Christians, we must never look like people who have just come back from a funeral!* This Easter Sunday and for the rest of the Easter Season, may we be people who are filled with the Light, Joy, Life, and Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus.

**The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **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 on request every day during Adoration and Holy Rosary or after the Stations of the cross.

### **Church Renovation Fund**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after each Sunday Mass to help with the renovation of our Church. Any donation would be most welcome.

### **Methods of Giving**

Donations can be made via standing orders, online by scanning the QR Code and entering the appropriate amount and via the offertory / 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections.

<b>Standing order details:</b>	<b>Online via QR Code:</b>
<b>Account Name:</b> Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption <b>Sort Code:</b> 40-13-22 <b>Account Number:</b> 31019244	

### **Gift Aid**

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration form. As Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax this allows our Church to reclaim from the taxman 25 pence for each pound donated.

Please note gift aid boxes for the next financial year commencing 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April are available for collection at the back of the Church. If your box is not there (and you have previously signed up to gift aid) please contact a member of the finance committee or email them on [finance-hainault@brcdt.org](mailto:finance-hainault@brcdt.org)

### **Walk With Me – An Eastertide Journey of Prayer for 2024**

The *Walk With Me* booklet for Eastertide is now available. The cost of the booklet is £1. Please put your money in the special box above the holy water at the back of the church. Thank you.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

Jesus' message to Sr. Faustina was: "I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

After the 11.30am Mass next Sunday, the Divine Mercy Icon will be blessed and venerated. There are Divine Mercy leaflets available for you at the back of the Church - please take home with you.