

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

Saturday	13	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	14	11.30 – Brigit Philip RIP
Monday	15	No Mass
Tuesday	16	Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Caetano & Maria Aninha Pereira RIP
Wednesday	17	Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Thursday	18	Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Friday	19	Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Osmund Leo McMahan RIP
Saturday	20	Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Alice Drew
		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Sr. Jerome RIP
Sunday	21	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: 228

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 829.64

Renovation fund: £ 194.00

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 OF EASTER – 14th April 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 258-261

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

662 – Sons of God, hear his holy Word!

280 – I received the living God

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

358 – Let there be love shared among us

619 – Rejoice! The Lord is King!

Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus continues to appear to his friends and followers. We can only imagine that they are still trying to get over the shock and disappointment of seeing him die on the cross. Now they are also trying to come to terms with the rumours they are hearing from others that Jesus has risen from the dead and is in fact alive again.

Once again, Jesus appears to them. This time he appears to them and greets them with the great prayer, *‘Peace be with you.’* But they are overcome with fear and panic. Jesus notices this and clearly names it when he asks, *‘Why are so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?’* In fairness, they have every right to be agitated and full of doubt. Only a few days before they had seen their master and close friend betrayed, denied, condemned, beaten, crucified and buried. Now here he is standing before them and speaking very clearly to them!

In our own daily lives, we too can become agitated and our hearts can become full of doubt. Often, we can experience painful moments and experiences that feel as if they are overwhelming us and getting the better of us. Perhaps we are overcome with doubt and feel unsure what to do or to whom to turn. At times and moments like this it can feel if we are losing control or even worse our faith. However, it is exactly at these times, that Jesus stands with us and tenderly says, *‘Peace be with you!’* *‘Why are you so agitated and why are these doubts rising in your heart?’*

At the end of Matthew’s gospel, Jesus makes this great promise to each of us; *‘... know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’* No matter what we are experiencing or struggling with, we are never on our own. Jesus is always with us to encourage, support and protect us. Jesus does not save us from our pain and difficulties; he is with us and saves us through our pain and difficulties. It is in and through our ordinary daily lives that we experience the loving presence of Jesus. Jesus stands with us every day just as he stood with his friends and followers after they had experienced his crucifixion. By being raised from the dead, he brought them the new life, joy and hope of the resurrection. The same risen Lord offers each of us the same new life, joy and hope.

Jesus offers each of us the gift of peace. We are not meant to keep this life-giving peace to ourselves. We are called and asked to share it with each other in our homes with our families and with our neighbours in our communities. As we celebrate the season of Easter, we are not only meant to receive the gift of peace, we are meant to be people of peace.

As we offer each other the sign of peace today, may we also do whatever we can, no matter how small or insignificant it may feel, to be people of peace through what we say, what we do and how we treat each other. **Peace be with you!**

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.

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

There will be a 2nd 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 / 2nd Collections.

Standing order details:	Online via QR Code:
Account Name: Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption Sort Code: 40-13-22 Account Number: 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 new financial year 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

Community Coffee Morning

Hosted by staff and medical students from The Willows Medical Centre. Come and have a drink and snack whilst having basic medical checks done. 1-2-1 with a Doctor, BMI check, blood oxygen check.

In our Parish Hall from 11.00 am on 16th April 2024. See posters in the lobby at the back of the Church.