

**Mass times and intentions: 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 18.00 – Sr. Jerome RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11.30</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>ST GEORGE, National Solemnity</b> 10.00 – Kevin Guinane RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>St Mellitus, Bishop of London</b> 10.00 – Megan Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>ST MARK, Evangelist</b> 10.00 – John Omada RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Kevin Guinane RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Stella Housden RIP
		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 18.00 – Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11.30</b> – 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: £ 903.42**

**Renovation fund: £ 195.39**

**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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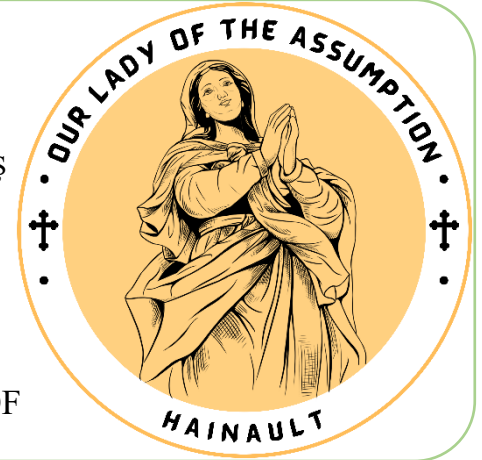
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 261-263

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**490** – Morning has broken like the first morning

**678** – Take our bread, we ask you

**77** – Because the Lord is my shepherd

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

**227** – Go tell everyone

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

When I was a child there was a simple game that we used to play in the school yard at lunch time. It was called ‘Follow the leader’. One person would be picked and what they did and said, the rest of us copied. We followed what they did. The last person to be still standing was the winner and then they became the leader and the game continued.

There are many powerful images and symbols used to talk about and describe Jesus. He even described himself as the Bread of Life, the Vine, the Light of the world and the Water of life. However, perhaps the most universally well-known is Jesus the Good Shepherd. He is shown in many paintings, posters and prayer cards as the shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders.

We live in a modern world and society of famous, glamorous people; celebrities. They are on our televisions most evenings. There are magazines dedicated to them and their wealthy lifestyles. And now

because of the internet and social media, we are told we can ‘follow’ them as they keep us up to date and informed as to what they are doing on a daily basis. Some of these celebrities claim to have millions of followers. However, as we are all aware, celebrities come and go very quickly. What is fashionable and trendy one month may not be as popular the next.

At the beginning of his ministry Jesus called people to follow him with these powerful and challenging words, ‘*If you want to be my disciple, come take up your cross and follow me*’. There is nothing popular, trendy or fashionable about following Jesus. In fact, I suggest it is the very opposite. This call to follow Jesus is as real, relevant and radical today for us as when Jesus first said it. Jesus is not a celebrity. He will not be fashionable one month and gone the next. He has promised to be with each of us all the time and until the end of time. He will not disappear; he will not let us down and we can rely on his word and what says to us.

The call to follow Jesus the Good Shepherd is in open invitation. Jesus simply says, ‘*Come follow me*’. He does not demand that we follow him and he cannot make us follow him. Jesus the Good Shepherd freely invites us and asks that we follow him out of love. He invites us freely and the choice to follow him is one that we need to make freely. Our response to follow Jesus the shepherd needs to be based on freedom. He calls us by our name and waits for us to respond freely.

*‘The Lord is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms and holding them close.’* (Isaiah 40.11)

When Jesus the Good Shepherd calls us by our name to follow him, may we respond freely out of love.

**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.

### **Good Shepherd Sunday**

This Sunday is *Good Shepherd Sunday*, or the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood.

### **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 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 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](mailto:finance-hainault@brcdt.org)

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please could you email Fr Tarcziu on [hainault@brcdt.org](mailto:hainault@brcdt.org) if you have any suggestions or ideas you may like included and discussed at this meeting. Thank you.