

Mass times and intentions: 27th April – 05th May 2024

Saturday	27	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Thanksgiving
Sunday	28	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	29	No Mass
Tuesday	30	Tuesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Kevin Guinane RIP
Wednesday	01	Wednesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Marie Murray RIP
Thursday	02	St Athanasius 10.00 – John Kaman Gatonye RIP
Friday	03	Ss PHILIP AND JAMES, apostles 10.00 – K. J. Sebastian RIP
Saturday	04	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 10.00 – Anne Kelly 12.00 – First Holy Communion Mass
		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	05	11.30 – Albertina D’Cruz RIP

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: 247

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 769.62

Renovation fund: £ 124.65

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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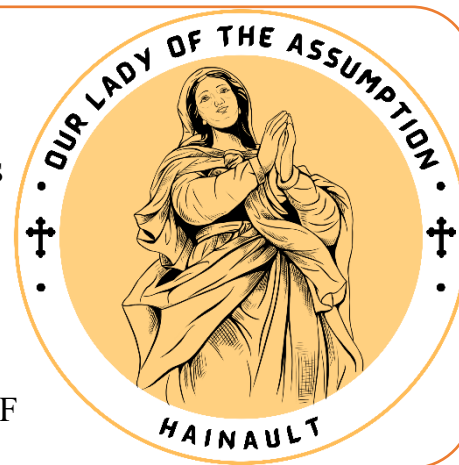
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28th April 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 264-266

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

173 – Firmly I believe and truly God is three

273 – I am the vine, you are the branches

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

4 – A new commandment I give unto you

59 – At the name of Jesus (v. 1, 2, 7)

Dear brothers and sisters,

In last Sunday’s gospel, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd who we are called and invited to follow. This Sunday, Jesus offers us another powerful image of himself and our relationship with him. In the gospel Jesus proclaims to us, ‘*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.*’

At the time of Jesus, the vinedresser was a very important and prominent person in the community. They were more than just an ordinary farmer. Grapes were not easy to grow and they were more than just an annual or casual crop. The vinedresser sowed the vine and cared for them for decades, if not their whole life. He cared for and tended each vine individually. Each vine was different and needed to be cared for differently. So, when Jesus calls God the vinedresser, he is describing God in terms of his relationships and attitude as well as his actions in the lives of his followers and disciples. Just as the vinedresser is totally committed to the vine and the grapes, God is totally committed and dedicated to each of us.

What Jesus the Good Shepherd and Jesus the Vine have in common is *intimacy and closeness*. Jesus the shepherd is close to us in a very personal and intimate way. He knows us and calls us by our name. It is a very personal relationship. If Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, then we are connected to Jesus in the closest and most personal of ways. Just as a branch cannot live, survive or grow without being attached to a vine, we cannot grow, mature and develop as disciples without being close to Jesus. We cannot grow and develop in our spiritual life without being closely linked and connected to Jesus. By being intimately linked to Jesus we are nourished and natured by him; we draw life and energy from him.

Being a follower of Jesus is personal but it is never private. Just as we are connected to Jesus, we are also connected to each other as sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. To be connected to Jesus the vine, means that we are intimately connected to each other. We are called and invited to be rooted in Jesus and connected to each other.

This is what it means to belong to the church; the People of God and the Body of Christ. Each of us belongs to the Body of Christ. Each of us has our own sacred and important part to play in the building of the Body of Christ and in the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

By being connected to the vine, the branches produce rich healthy fruit. As followers and disciples, we too are called to be fruits of the Kingdom through the quality of our daily lives.

May we stay rooted to Jesus the vine and connected to each other as brother and sisters.

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.

First Holy Communion

In our Parish on Saturday 4th May at 12 noon, 15 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion. We wish them, and their families, every joy and blessing this Holy Sacrament contains. May they continue to be our 'little examples of God's love' within our Parish. Let us offer our prayers for them on this very special occasion.

First Holy Communion Sale


Please see the Repository at the back of the Church, where we have many First Holy Communion items for sale.

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

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting has been postponed and will not take place on the 14th May. The new proposed date is the 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.