

Mass times and intentions: 01st – 09th June 2024

Saturday	01	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 18.00 – In Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday	02	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	03	No Mass
Tuesday	04	Feria 10.00 – Gabrielle – Special intention
Wednesday	05	St Boniface 10.00 – Devasia & Matthew RIP
Thursday	06	Feria 10.00 – Alan & Kathleen Newell RIP
Friday	07	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Solemnity 10.00 – Maureen Foley RIP
Saturday	08	The Immaculate Heart of Mary 10.00 – Maria Neala – good health
		TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Busari & Olusanya Families
Sunday	09	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: 195

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 554.84

Renovation fund: £ 64

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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – 02nd June 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **85-89**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

662 – Sons of God, hear his holy Word (v. 1, 2, 3)

730 – This is my body, broken for you

42 – An upper room did our Lord prepare

4 – A new commandment I give unto you

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

Dear brothers and sisters,

Any family event that is celebrated with a meal and a drink is a cause for great joy and happiness. Friends and relatives, some of whom we may not have seen for a long time gather around the table to be fed, nourished and refreshed. Food is eaten, stories are told and memories are created. The transforming power of a family meal should never be ignored, dismissed or underestimated.

Jesus was very fond of eating and celebrating. There are many times in the gospels where we are told that he sat and ate with people. He sought out and ate with those who were despised and excluded; the tax collectors, the sick and the poor. This became such a feature of his daily life and ministry that some of the Pharisees and Scribes even said, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'. Nobody was excluded from the company or table of Jesus. Can we say the same today? Who are those who in our families and communities who are not allowed to gather around our table and the table

of the Lord? Who have we decided do not belong because they are different from us? We need to be careful that we do not become like the Pharisees and the Scribes. Pope Francis challenges us and reminds us of this when he says in the Joy of the Gospel, *'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... The Church is the House of God, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'* This means you and me; it means all of us. We do not come to share in the Body and Blood of Jesus because we have earned it or because it is our right. We cannot demand it. We come because we are invited around the table of the Lord out of love. It is a gift freely given to us.

The Body of Christ is not just or even something that we receive. As the Church, the People of God, *we are the Body of Christ*. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has become a part of and a member of the Body of Christ. We all belong to the Body of Christ. If one part is missing, excluded or made to feel unwelcome, then the whole body is suffering and is poorer because that person is missing. Jesus excluded no one, so how can we?

The words of St. Augustine echoes down through the centuries to us; *'Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are, the Body of Christ. When we say 'amen' we are saying, 'Yes, I believe this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and I will become the Body of Christ for others'.*

On this great Church feast, may we not only receive the Body and Blood of Christ in faith, may we also realise deeply that we are the Body of Christ in and for the world today.

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.

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 will take place on the 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Thank you!

With hearts full of gratitude, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for all your support and dedication. Your generous contributions and constant involvement have made possible the realisation of many projects that have brought joy and hope to our community. Every act of kindness, whether it was a donation, volunteering, or a prayer, has made significant impact and brought about meaningful change in our lives. Because of you, our parish continues to be a place of fellowship, support and faith for all its members.

We pray that God rewards you a hundredfold for your kindness and generosity, and blesses you and your families with health, happiness and peace. We are deeply grateful for everything you have done and continue to do for our parish, for our church. Thank you!

Valentine Singers - Summer Concert – Sunday 30 June 6.30pm

Dawn to dusk, schemers, seducers and soulmates! You are warmly invited to join Valentine Singers for our 2024 summer concert: All the world on stage - a celebration of life through musical shows and opera!

Information & tickets: www.valentinesingers.org