

**Mass times and intentions: 04<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Albertina D’Cruz RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Olivia Louise
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Kathleen Marlin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Holyday of obligation</b> 10.00 – Mbambo – Thanksgiving 20.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Liam Bergin RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
		<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 18.00 – Ann Caruso RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</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: 227**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 721.21**

**Renovation fund: £ 1300.75**

**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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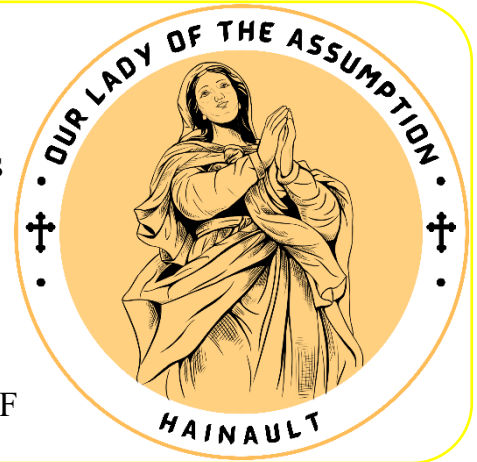
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 05<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 266-268

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**80** – Bind us together, Lord

**730** – This is my body, broken for you

**570** – Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence

**358** – Let there be love shared among us

**215** – God is love: his the care

***Dear brothers and sisters,***

We are still making our way through the Season of Easter and the risen Jesus continues to appear to his friends and followers. And, as always, when he does appear he offers them a powerful and challenging word.

Earlier in the gospel when Jesus was asked what the first and most important commandment was, he said quite clearly, ‘*you must love your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: you must love your neighbour as you love yourself. There are no greater commandments than these.*’

Jesus offers his followers and us today the challenge of loving each other as he loves us. His love for us was so complete, that he bent low, took the place of a slave and washed our feet. His love for us was so complete that he gave his life for ours. As his followers, he asks us to do the same; to love and serve each other. The call to love that the risen Jesus asks of us is not

easy! He doesn't ask us just to *like* each other; we have to go further; we are called and challenged to love each other as we follow his example.

Jesus asks us to love one another as he has loved us: to put others before ourselves and to find our joy in bringing joy to others. When Jesus was asked how many times we are to forgive others he said '*seventy-seven times*.' What Jesus means by this is that there is to be no limit to the amount of times I forgive others. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus is saying the same to us about love. We are to love each other without limit and without conditions. Jesus does not say, love others if they love you. He does not say love others if they are nice to you. His message is very clear and at the same time, very challenging. Jesus even asked us to love our enemies! Being a follower of Jesus means that we are to try our very best to love each other as he loves us.

How do we show that we love each other as Jesus asks? The call and challenge is to make our love visible through how we treat each other. It is through the many ordinary and simple ways that we treat others every day that we show our love for each other. It is through the way we talk to and about others that people will see our love in action. But we cannot do this by ourselves or on our own. To love others as Jesus asks means that we must remain close to and focused on Jesus himself. He asks each of us to remain in his love. When we do this, we will experience his joy and then our joy and our love will be complete.

May the love and faith we have in our hearts and profess with our lips be seen in the work of our hands and through the quality of our daily lives with each other.

**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 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 has been postponed and will not take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. The new proposed date is the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre – St Patrick's Way Pilgrimage**

The Community is organising a pilgrimage on **22-27 April 2025**. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick's Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers.

If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or email [projects@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:projects@canonesses.co.uk).

Closing date: 10 May 2024.