

**Mass times and intentions: 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>18.00</b> – Ann Caruso RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11.30</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>ST MATTHIAS, apostle</b> <b>10.00</b> – Helen Byrne RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.00</b> – Eileen Rennie RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.00</b> – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.00</b> – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.00</b> – Kevin Guinane RIP
		<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>18.00</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Jane Irabor 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: 211**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 923.94**

**Renovation fund: £ 296.40**

**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.**

**CATHOLIC PARISH  
OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**

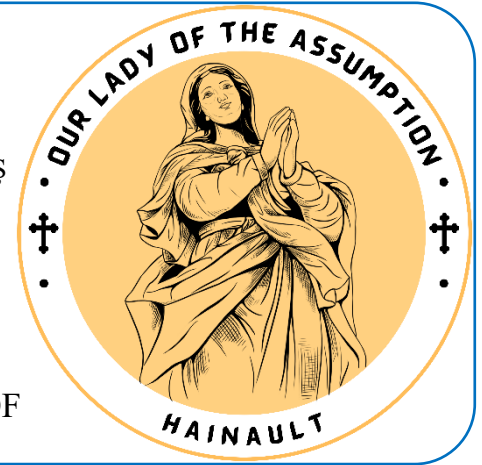
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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 273-275

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**512** – Now thank we all our God

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

**125** – Come down, O love divine

**246** – He is Lord, he is Lord

**728** – Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

We have celebrated the Ascension of our Lord and now our hearts and minds turn to Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

It is not enough that Jesus goes to the Father at the Ascension. We are left orphans by the Ascension. And so, we call on the Father to send us help and strength. We ask for the Holy Spirit to come to us and to enlighten us and show us how to live in faith and in courage.

We hear in the first reading the account of the early Christians replacing Judas. There was a need, even in the early Church, for clear structures that would speak to all people about God's presence in our world. Structures are important, no matter how much we may rebel against them at times. Structures at one level are inhuman and hurt us because they are not sensitive to us. On the other hand, none of us can live without the structures that shape our lives.

The early Church thought that the role of Judas had to be replaced. He was one of the 12 and so they chose another man to take his place in that group of 12. Today we have a group of bishops throughout the world. Those bishops are important for our Church and represent part of the structure of the Church. We also have a Pope, the Bishop of Rome, the Holy Father. He takes the role of Peter in the early Church.

All of these structures are given to us to help us remain “in the truth.” It is not easy to remain in the truth. There are so many people in our present world who claim to have the truth. But for us who follow Jesus, the first truth that we must listen to is the Church, the Pope, the Bishops, the Scriptures and all that is given to us in these sources of truth.

For us Catholics, it is the Pope who teaches us with the Bishops how to listen to the Scriptures. The Pope does not teach something other than the Scripture, but instead he teaches us the deepest meaning of the Holy Scriptures. The Pope and the Bishops are not teachers who give us teaching against the Holy Scriptures. Rather they are teachers who show us how to listen to the Scriptures and how to understand them.

Here in these days after the Ascension it is good for us to reflect on our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, followers who are Catholics and who understand the role of the Pope and the Bishops. We are not followers of the Pope nor of the Bishops. We are followers of Jesus Christ. But we trust that Jesus is working to guide us through the Pope and the Bishops so that we remain one, in communion with the Bishop of Rome and with the other Bishops in communion with the Pope.

We are consecrated in truth and we seek only to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Pope and the Bishops guide us in the way of the Lord Jesus and may we have the Holy Spirit come upon each of us so that we may give witness to God’s presence in our Holy, Catholic Church.

Let us give praise to God, our Father, to His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, and to the Holy Spirit.

**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.

### **Congratulations!**

Many congratulations to all our Parish children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and who are having their Going Forth Mass this weekend. May they always continue to be close to God’s love and forgiveness.

### **Gardening Help Needed**

As you know the front and back gardens in the Church are large – especially the garden at the back of the church hall. Managing with the small lawn mower we have is proving almost impossible. To make the work of mowing the front and back lawns a lot easier, I was wondering if anybody in the Parish has a small ‘sit on lawn mower’ they do not use and would like to donate to the Church please? Failing that, we will try and purchase one and any donations toward this would be gratefully accepted. Thank you.