Mass times and intentions: $18^{th} - 26^{th}$ May 2024 Saturday 18 PENTECOST SUNDAY 18.00 – The People of the Parish 11.30 – Jane Irabor RIP Sunday 19 Monday No Mass 21 Mary, Mother of the Church Tuesday 10.00 - Nora McGuinness RIP Wednesday 22 St Rita of Cascia 10.00 - Terri & Breda Shaw Thursday 23 **Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest** 10.00 – Oliver McDowell - Thanksgiving Friday Feria 10.00 - Samuel & Judith Saturday 25 St Bede the Venerable 10.00 - Kevin Guinane RIP THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 18.00 – John & Hetty Crawley & Jame Hurley RIP **Sunday** 11.30 – The People of the Parish 26

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelops 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: 277

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 760.70

Renovation fund: £ 279.40

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.

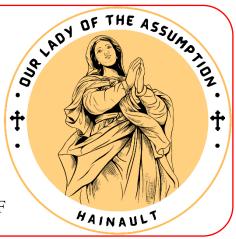
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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19th May 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 286-290

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

98 – Breath on me, Breath of God

23 – All that I am, all that I do

6 – A sign is seen in heaven

S2 – As I kneel before you

S12 – Walk in the light

Dear brothers and sisters,

The world is charged with the splendour of God!

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

Last week when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus were not strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he

needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, a new heart and a new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of his proclaimed the good news about Jesus; we too are called to do the exact same today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, so too must each of us today.

There is nothing mild or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, 'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'

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 / 2^{nd} 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.

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. If you would like to donate, please fill in one of the envelopes at the back of the Church, specifying that you would like your donation to go towards the garden work. Thank you!