

Mass times and intentions: 15th – 23rd June 2024

Saturday	15	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Bridget – Special Intention
Sunday	16	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	17	No Mass
Tuesday	18	Feria 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Wednesday	19	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Thursday	20	Feria 10.00 – Caro Omene RIP
Friday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga 10.00 – Eddie & Sheila Baker RIP
Saturday	22	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More 10.00 – In thanksgiving for the intentions of friends who prayed for Kevin
		TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Paula Rojas RIP
Sunday	23	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: 217

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 607.54

Renovation fund: £ 145.98

**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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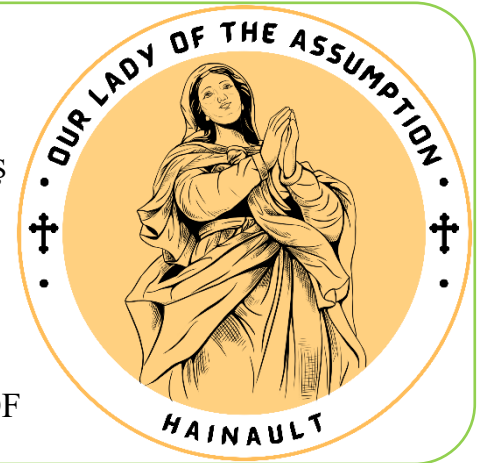
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th June 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 95-97

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

301 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise

285 – Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

673 – Sweet heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy

570 – Oh, the love of my Lord

S12 – Walk in the light

Dear brothers and sisters,

When Jesus spoke to people, he spoke to them in a way and language that they understood. He spoke to them about the natural world that they lived in. He told them that the kingdom was like a woman baking bread. He spoke to them about farming and harvests. He talked about fishing, water, light, wine, vineyards, shepherds, sheep and all the things they saw and used in their ordinary daily lives. In the gospel this Sunday Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like seeds being sowed; especially the mustard seed. The Kingdom of God does not float down to us miraculously or appear out of nowhere. It comes through the events of our ordinary daily lives and actions that we know so well.

Farming for a living or even growing seeds and plants in our small gardens can take a lot of hard work and requires a lot of faith. The ground is cleared and prepared. The seeds are sown and then the long waiting and watching begins. And, as the farmer sleeps the seed begins to change and eventually

the earth produces new plants and crops. Farmers only sow the seeds, they do not make them grow. But seeds have to be sown by us if we want crops to grow. Jesus is asking us to have the faith and patience of the farmer. We are called to plant the seeds of faith, hope, forgiveness, justice and peace as followers of Jesus. We are called to plant the 'seeds' of the gospel message that we each of us have, wherever and whenever we can. We need to believe and have faith that in God's own time, not ours, the seeds will become a fruitful harvest in and for God's Kingdom. These fruits will be seen in the quality of our daily lives. Jesus asks us to bear fruit, and fruit that will last.

In the second part of the gospel, Jesus goes further and uses the mustard seed as an example of the Kingdom of God. This is a tiny, almost impossible to see little seed. Yet, when it is sown, watered and cared for, it grows into the greatest of all trees where even the birds of the air will find shelter and protection.

What are we to make of this? Jesus is asking us to be careful that we do not dismiss even our smallest acts of love, kindness, forgiveness or compassion. Great things can happen because of our smallest and seemingly insignificant words or actions. Our small acts of kindness can make a great difference to someone. We need to remember that what we say, do and how we treat each other can either tear a person down or build them up. We are all 'mustard seeds', each of us having within ourselves the ability to accomplish great things for God's Kingdom. The 'mustard seed' that Jesus calls us to be aware of is that 'divine spark' of God that we each have within us. This enables each of us to contribute to living and spreading the good news of the gospel, no matter how small our efforts may seem. This 'mustard seed' faith tells us that even the smallest acts of compassion can spread further and wider than we could ever imagine or dream of.

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.

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia

On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. This is the last monthly day of prayer and fasting for life before the General Election. An election which could well result in an even more pro-abortion government than we have currently had. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

"And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10)

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