

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

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| Saturday | 22 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Paula Rojas RIP |
| Sunday | 23 | 11.30 – The People of the Parish |
| Monday | 24 | NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 10.00 – Lorna & David – Anniversary |
| Tuesday | 25 | Feria 10.00 – God’s blessings on family |
| Wednesday | 26 | Feria 10.00 – Anthony Davits – Anniversary |
| Thursday | 27 | Feria 10.00 – Gerry McDowell RIP |
| Friday | 28 | St Irenaeus 10.00 – Phyllis Grainge |
| Saturday | 29 | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – All faithful departed of the family |
| | | SS PETER AND PAUL 18.00 – The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 30 | 11.30 – Josie & Seamus Gorman 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: 219

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 688.73

Renovation fund: £ 97.10

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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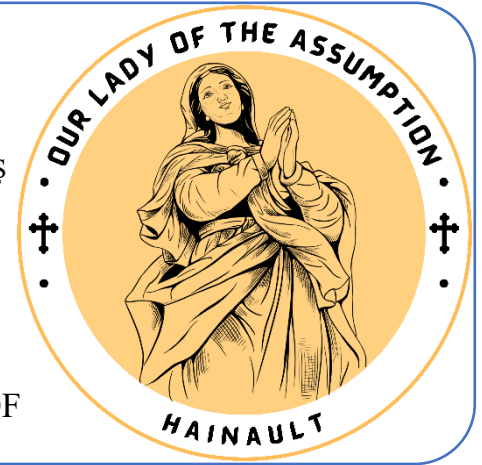
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23rd June 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 98-100

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

401 – Water of life

383 – Lord, Jesus Christ

782 – We plough the fields and scatter

633 – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

512 – Now thank we all our God

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we begin the Sunday readings of Ordinary time, after the solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, we begin to reflect on who God is for each of us. What do we think of God? How have we experienced God in our lives? Like these early followers of Jesus, if we meet someone who can stop a storm, who can still the wind and the waves, we would surely be impressed and wonder about that person. Today we can imagine Jesus sleeping in this boat. It could not have been a very large boat and the storm would have been tossing it all over the place. And Jesus sleeps!

How many times have we experienced storms in our lives and thought that the Lord was asleep, that God was not concerned, that God was simply ignoring us? The Gospel today lets us know that God is always aware of what is happening in our lives, even when He seems asleep, unconcerned and uncaring. The Gospel invites us to a deep level of trust

in our God. God loves us and cares for us always and will not let us perish. We do not always understand the ways of God - and that should never surprise us. God sees all and knows all and our vision and knowledge is so restricted!

The first reading today, from the Book of Job, is part of our learning about the divine also. Job finally realises that God is God - and Job understands so little of all reality. We also must learn that lesson. We can easily think that we know what is best in any situation. So, we do not pray and we do not even ask God to give us wisdom and understanding. We also need to repent, as Job does at the end of the Book of Job. We stand in the presence of the Almighty and think that we have more wisdom and knowledge than does the Almighty! Again, we can reflect on our personal image of God and of the power of God.

The Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us clearly: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. Only once we have come to this conviction will the love of Christ impel us! Sometimes we play games with God. Sometimes we expect Him to force faith upon us. God never forces us. Instead, we can humbly ask for faith and for the knowledge that comes from faith.

Today let us be still in the presence of the Almighty. May our hearts be aware of the presence of this being who is Almighty. Let us ask humbly for faith. Let us ask for the gift to see and acknowledge the Divine Presence which always surrounds us. May we stand in awe and give praise to God.

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: |
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| 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.

Valentine Singers - Summer Concert – Sunday 30 June 6.30pm

You are warmly invited to join Valentine Singers HERE on Sunday 30 June at 6.30pm for *All the world on stage ~ a celebration of life through musical shows and opera!*

We are thrilled to be joined by two wonderful soloists for this glorious mixture of arias, duets and choruses from Mozart and Verdi to Gershwin and Sondheim.

Soprano Anita Watson has delighted audiences in solo roles at Covent Garden, ENO and Teatro La Fenice in Venice amongst many other starry venues.

Mezzo Madeleine Sexton's diverse solo career embraces Australia and the UK and in recent years she has entranced our audiences in repertoire from Vivaldi, Martines and Beethoven to Tango! Maddie is married to Richard Hetherington whose family has long musical associations with this church.

Further info and tickets at www.valentinesingers.org.uk or call 01277 364772

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Celebrate 40 years of our team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.