

*Mass times and intentions: 06<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>18.00</b> – Rose Sparkes RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>11.30</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>10.00</b> – Ellen Byrne RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>10.00</b> – Good estate of sister Mary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT</b> <b>10.00</b> – Rev. Bartholomew Lynch
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Feria</b> <b>10.00</b> – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>10.00</b> – Alice Drew RIP
		<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>18.00</b> – Ann Oshea RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</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: 194**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 558.12**

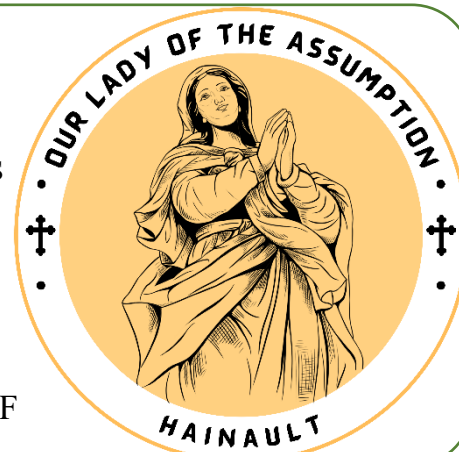
**Renovation fund: £ 77.92**

**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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*FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 07<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **103-106**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**31** – All ye who seek a comfort sure

**517** – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil

**678** – Take our bread, we ask you

**633** – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

**183** – Forth in the peace of Christ we go

***Dear brothers and sisters,***

This Sunday's gospel sees Jesus returning home, perhaps to see his family and take a break from teaching and healing people. But once he arrives, he goes to the local synagogue and begins teaching those who were present. However, his neighbours do not exactly roll out the red carpet for him. Although they were astonished by what they heard, they were not impressed with Jesus at all. They looked at Jesus and reminded him of his humble origins; after all, he is only the son of the local carpenter! Surely, he is not worthy of all the attention and praise he receives. They did not accept him. In the end, he could only heal a few people. Sadly, he was amazed at their lack of faith. So, it is very safe to say that Jesus was familiar with rejection, criticism, being judged and dismissed.

Again, it is worth noticing that Jesus could do no miracles there, (he did cure and heal a few people), because of their lack of faith. Jesus could

not work with these people because they would not work with him. He offered them a message through his preaching and teaching. But they not only closed their ears to them; they also closed their hearts to what he had to offer them. They did not want to hear the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Perhaps they were jealous of him, perhaps they thought they knew better than he did; perhaps they were angry with him because he challenged them. Who really knows why they rejected him?

This experience that Jesus has in the gospel this Sunday is the exact opposite from another passage from the gospel. We recall that the poor and sick woman came to Jesus. She believed passionately that all she had to do was to touch the hem of his garment and she would be healed; she did and she was. We also recall the words Jesus spoke to her; '*My daughter, your faith has restored you to health.*' It was her strong and deep faith in Jesus that healed her. Jesus could do nothing in the village because they had little or no faith in him, in who he was or in his message.

In the gospels it is often the self-righteous and the overly self-sufficient who do not welcome Jesus. It is the sick, the poor, the outsider, the marginalised like the lepers, the tax collectors and the Roman soldiers who recognised Jesus for who he really was. It was the blind who saw him, the deaf who heard him and it was the crippled who followed him.

Our friendship with Jesus is automatic. It is my choice and my decision. Like the woman in last week's gospel, I need to have faith in Jesus first of all and cooperate with him in my ordinary life. Jesus, in some ways depends on my faith response. He did not beg the people in the village to listen to him or to accept him. He does not force or beg us to follow him. Through the gift of faith, it is our free choice and decision too. Jesus calls and invites us to listen to him and to follow him; it is up to each of us whether or not we do listen to him and follow him.

We pray this week that our faith will grow and that we will have the courage and wisdom to follow Jesus. May we never reject him like those in his own home village did.

**Amen!**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **St John's School Fete**

St. John's R.C. School, Turpins Lane, Woodford Bridge, IG8 8AX. Fete Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 12pm to 4pm. Please join us for all-inclusive fun for the family. Races for all to enjoy, as well as side stalls, BBQ, cream teas, cakes, tombola and much more. ([www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk))

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima**

I am planning a pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to cover the celebration of the apparition of Our Lady. Accommodation would be 4\* hotel full board for four nights and will include visits to the villages of Valinhos and Aljustrel (the homes of St Francisco and Jacinta). The third visionary, Lucia, only died 2005 and has not yet been canonised. We would have the use of an English-speaking courier. We can only give indicative prices at this stage but we are looking in the region of £850 including flights (based on two people sharing a twin room).

If you would like more information, please email on [stteresas.np@gmail.com](mailto:stteresas.np@gmail.com) or phone on 0208 590 2414.

(Fr David Pearce, Parish Priest, Newbury Park)