

Mass times and intentions: 13th – 21st July 2024

Saturday	13	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Ann Oshea RIP
Sunday	14	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	15	No Mass
Tuesday	16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10.00 – Ellen Byrne RIP
Wednesday	17	Feria 10.00 – Ronald & Maureen Lee RIP
Thursday	18	Feria 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Friday	19	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Saturday	20	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Dominic Daniels RIP
		SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	21	11.30 – Fr. Jean-Claude Selvini – Silver Jubilee (25 years being a priest)

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: 230

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 773.57

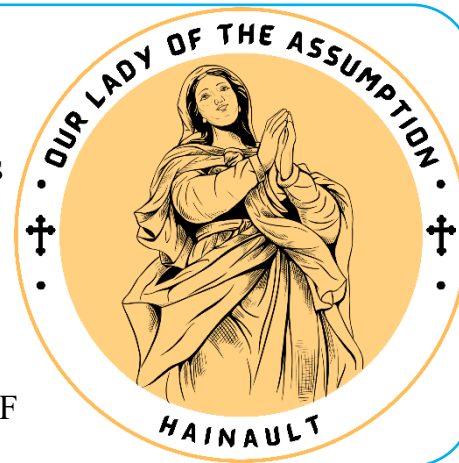
Renovation fund: £ 323.60

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14th July 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **106-108**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

147 – Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

209 – Freely, freely, you have received; freely, freely give

23 – All that I am, all that I do

596 – Peace is a gift of heaven to earth

684 – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Dear brothers and sisters,

There are many ‘Prophets’ that we hear about when read parts of the Old Testament. We are familiar with prophets such Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel. Miriam, the sister of Moses is also named as a prophet of the Lord, as is Deborah. In the gospel of Luke, the elderly woman Anna is named as a prophet. These men and woman never volunteered or asked to be prophets; they were all called and chosen personally by God. Prophets were not fortune tellers; they didn’t predict the future. In fact, they did the very opposite; they reminded people of their past. They reminded people that God had made a sacred contract, a covenant with them. They would be his people and he would be their God. They were to treat each other with fairness, dignity, justice and respect. However, over time, they began to lead their daily lives in very opposite ways. They were not just, decent or honest with each other and they treated the poor with contempt.

The prophets came and reminded them of the God's covenant with them and challenged the way they were living. They were neither liked or accepted because they asked people to change their ways and how they were treating the poor.

In the first reading this Sunday, the people are trying to run the Prophet Amos out of their town. They don't want to hear his message. Amos replies that he was just a shepherd when the Lord chose him to be a Prophet. It wasn't his idea! He was called and sent by God!

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus calls and sends out his own disciples and followers to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Like Amos, they didn't volunteer either; Jesus said to them, '*you did not choose me, no I chose you.*' Jesus is not a romantic idealist. He prepares and warns them that they will not be welcomed and accepted everywhere they go. Like the Prophets before them, the disciples are going to be rejected and ignored.

Jesus never said that being his disciples was ever going to be easy. It takes faith, courage and conviction to follow Jesus. If we accept his invitation to follow him and to live by his values, we will be going against the values of the world around us. When the world says *take*, Jesus says *give and share*. When the world says *be strong and powerful*, Jesus says *serve and be humble*. Often when the world says *hit back*, Jesus says *offer the hand of peace and reconciliation*.

Each of us is called to be a credible and courageous follower of Jesus. Each of us is called by God to be the visible and vocal presence of Jesus in our families, our community and in the world today.

God called and sent Amos and all the prophets; Jesus called and sent out his disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Today, the same Jesus calls each of us by our name to do the same. You and I are called to be God Prophet in and for our world today.

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 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.

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass

This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31st August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotwick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

I am planning a pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal from 11th – 15th 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 or phone on 0208 590 2414. (Fr David Pearce, Parish Priest, Newbury Park)