

Mass times and intentions: 27th July – 04th August 2024

Saturday	27	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Family Blessings
Sunday	28	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	29	No Mass
Tuesday	30	Feria 10.00 – Blessings for Busari & Olusanya Families
Wednesday	31	St Ignatius of Loyola 10.00 – Family Blessings
Thursday	01	St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori 10.00 – Margaret & Kevin Smith – good health
Friday	02	Feria 10.00 – Veronica Hausenloy – recovery
Saturday	03	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Pamela & Dennis – Thanksgiving
		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Cherrelle Gayle RIP Michael & Anthony Scanlon RIP
Sunday	04	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: 225

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 697.09

Renovation fund: £ 145.77

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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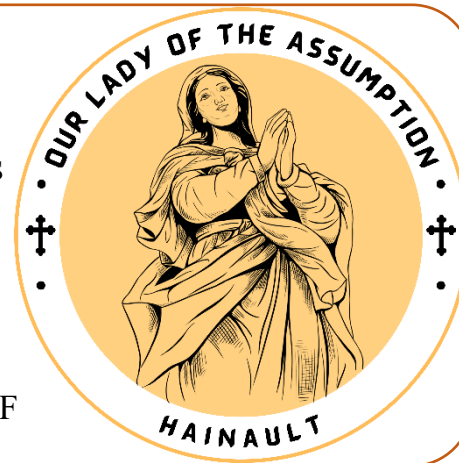
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th July 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **112-114**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

15 – All creatures of our God and King (v. 1, 2, 7)

377 – Lord accept the gifts we offer

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

71 – Be still and know that I am God

512 – Now thank we all our God

Dear brothers and sisters,

We all love a good meal. We look forward to any meal, especially if it is one that celebrates a special occasion or event. People gather, there is food and drink; there may be singing and dancing; stories are told and memories are created. Meals bring people together.

Meals, food and celebrating are a central theme and message of readings this Sunday. We are told that Elisha, ‘*a man of God, is brought bread, the first fruits, twenty barely loaves and fresh grain.*’ On receiving all this food, he asks that it is given away to feed the people. But those with him asked how such little food will feed so many people. Again, he insists that the food is shared out saying, ‘*the Lord says this, they will eat and some left over.*’ The food was served, everyone had plenty to eat and there was food left over.

This scene is repeated in the gospel. After Jesus had spoken to the people and healed those who were sick; Jesus asked his disciples to feed the crowd. They said that it would cost far too much to feed such a large crowd. But Andrew said that there was a boy who had five loaves of bread and two fish with him. But again, the disciples questioned how such little food would feed so many. Jesus took the food, blest it, gave thanks to God for it and shared it out so that everyone present had more than enough to eat. This miracle shows us the generosity, bountifulness of God. As the Psalm Twenty Three reminds us; *'the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want... the Lord has prepared a banquet for me.'*

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist with each other, we experience the love and generosity that God has for each of us. We present God with simple and ordinary bread and wine. God accepts, blesses them and through the power of the Holy Spirit they are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Then they are freely given back to us by God to feed, nourish and strengthen us.

However, just as the boy in the gospel offered his ordinary fish and bread to Jesus, today we are asked to offer God our ordinary lives just as they are. God will accept us, bless, change and transform us so that we can offer ourselves to each other in love and service.

We are called and encouraged to nourish each other by the way we speak to and treat each other. We leave the church having being fed and nourished by the Lord so we can care for and support each other.

We may think our own lives are too ordinary for the Lord to be concerned about them. Just as Jesus took the ordinary bread and fish from the boy, so too the same Lord takes our apparently simple and ordinary lives and if we let him, will do amazing and remarkable things for us and through us.

This week, let us offer God our lives so that we too will be changed and transformed in ways we can't even imagine.

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.

Gardening Help Needed

As some of you may have seen, with the kind help of one of our Parishioners, the ground behind the Hall has been levelled and cleared. Are you available to help do a final tidy up of this space please? It is suggested that those who are able to offer some time can meet Fr. Tarciziu at the back of the Church after the 10am Mass and Devotions on Saturday 3rd August at approximately 11.15am. As 'many hands make light work' the more people available to help, the quicker the light work can be achieved. If you have questions about this work, please do get in touch with Fr. Tarciziu. Thank you!

Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

The Feast of the Assumption is on Thursday 15th August and it is suggested that we have a celebration for this Feast on Sunday 18th August after the 11.30am Mass. The celebration will be similar to that of last year, which was a great success. It will take place in front of the Church. Please keep this date free in your diaries!