

Mass times and intentions: 03rd – 11th August 2024

Saturday	03	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Cherrelle Gayle RIP Michael & Anthony Scanlon RIP
Sunday	04	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	05	No Mass
Tuesday	06	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 10.00 – Family Blessings
Wednesday	07	Feria 10.00 – Holy Souls
Thursday	08	St Dominic 10.00 – Bonaventure RIP
Friday	09	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 10.00 – Inez Oliver – recovery from operation
Saturday	10	St Lawrence 10.00 – Pan & Kay Macaree RIP
		NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	11	11.30 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski 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: 208

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 573.35

Renovation fund: £ 703

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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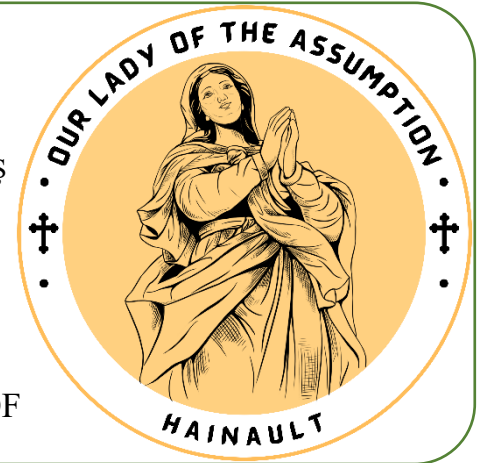
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 04th August 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **114-117**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

74 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (v. 1, 2, 5)

678 – Take our bread, we ask you

517 – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil

98 – Breathe on me, Breath of God

280 – I received the living God

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we continue the theme from last Sunday about God's miracle of feeding people when there is no food available. Last week we heard of Elishah the Prophet's feeding of others and then Jesus in the Gospel multiplying the food. Today we hear about the manna in the desert.

We can reflect on God's presence in our lives. Only God makes our life possible. Only God offers to us what we truly need in order to live. So often we want the food of this world, and yet the food of this world does not last for eternity.

Many of us take for granted the importance of all that happens in this life. We often think that what happens here has ultimate value, but it does not. I don't want to starve to death in this life, but if I had to starve to death in order to help someone else and there were no other way, then I would be prepared to do that - for love of the other person and for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We Christians can be as slippery and treacherous as any other people. We would like to have eternal life, but generally we don't want to give up anything in this life. At some point, we need to recognise that living for the Kingdom of Heaven is going to demand that we give up everything. This is not a popular idea in our present age. Rather we would like to have everything in this life and everything in the next as well.

At one level, there is nothing wrong with that desire. The only challenge will be when we have to choose. And generally, we Christians tend to choose like everyone else: what is good in this life! And we ignore the eternal values given to us in the teachings of our Lord. This happens most often because we have not had a deep and profound experience of the presence of Jesus in our lives. We believe in Him as a sort of abstract being.

This is what is happening in the Gospel today. The people want Jesus to do something truly extraordinary so that they can believe in Him. We who live after His death and resurrection still find it difficult to believe in Him. We tell ourselves: Had I been there and seen him truly raised from the dead, then my faith would be strong!

The challenge is for us to walk a spiritual path and to begin to believe, without seeing, without having been there but accepting the faith that has been handed down to us. We have to come to know personally, as our own experience, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." This can only come about by the small choices of belief that must happen every day in our life: by choosing to read the Scriptures, by choosing to believe in His Word, by choosing to look at the world from the eyes of God.

Let us ask in this Holy Eucharist that our hearts may be converted and live. Let us ask that our faith would grow deeper. Let us ask for these gifts for all of our sisters and brothers.

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 each Saturday 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!