

Mass times and intentions: 10th – 18th August 2024

Saturday	10	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	11	11.30 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
Monday	12	No Mass
Tuesday	13	Feria 10.00 – Frederick Oghojafor RIP
Wednesday	14	St Maximilian Kolbe 10.00 – John McDowell RIP
Thursday	15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION 10.00 – In Honour of Our Lady 20.00 – The People of the Parish
Friday	16	Feria 10.00 – Clayton Eadon – Anniversary
Saturday	17	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
		TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		18.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Sunday	18	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: 240

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 572.04

Renovation fund: £ 222.00

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11th August 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 117-120

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

185 – Forty days and forty nights (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

517 – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil

302 – In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour

312 – Into one we all are gathered through the love of Christ

209 – God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

Dear brothers and sisters,

Sometimes we find ourselves at the end of our strength and feel that we cannot go on. Sometimes, instead of asking the Lord for strength to go on, we ask the Lord to end our lives. This is not any attempt at suicide, just a plea to the Lord to end the situation that we are experiencing because it seems impossible. Maybe it is impossible from a human point of view.

The First Book of Kings tells us about Elisha coming to this point - and at that very point, God intervenes in the life of Elisha. Elisha cries out to God and God hears him. So often in our human lives we keep trying to solve our problems and fix our problems and do everything by ourselves, and we don't cry out to the Lord. We don't even have to wait until we are at the end of our strength. The time to cry out to the Lord is always right now.

Today's Gospel continues from last week. In today's passage, the people begin to murmur against Jesus. They know Jesus and cannot believe that Jesus has come down from heaven.

The people are probably not even sure what it means that Jesus has come down from heaven, but for sure it sounds like he is claiming to be more than just another ordinary person in their midst, and that disturbs and annoys them. How often we also can be harsh on people we know when they try to be more serious about a spiritual life! Or when they try to be good! Or when they try to change a pattern in their lives!

Jesus teaches us that He is the way to God. Jesus calls God His father consistently in the Gospels. The people know that Jesus is saying that He Himself is the way to find God. Jesus presents Himself as the bread of life, as a bread that gives eternal life. Jesus tells us that if we eat this bread, we will live for ever.

Although for us who are Catholics, this may not sound strange, but for people who have never heard this kind of teaching before, it must have sounded totally crazy. Jesus is willing to sound crazy to speak the truth. This is another lesson for us. We can be uneasy speaking the truth if we think that we might suffer because of it or if we think that people will think less of us.

Perhaps this Sunday we can hear all of this summarised in the second reading, from the Letter to the Ephesians: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love. If we do this, we shall be invited to speak truth, to continue walking even when the road is difficult, and to give our lives completely in the service of God who loves us and demands all.

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.

Standing order details:	Online via QR Code:
Account Name: Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption Sort Code: 40-13-22 Account Number: 31019244	

Gardening Help Needed

We all want our church to be a beautiful and welcoming place, both inside and out. With this in mind, we warmly invite you to join us for a garden cleaning and maintenance time together, every Saturday after morning mass (around 11.15). Any help is appreciated, whether you can stay just for a half hour or an hour. Don't forget to bring protective gloves and lots of good spirits! Together we can transform the church garden into a cleaner, more beautiful space where everyone feels welcome and inspired. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your help and support!

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 like that of last year, which was a great success. It will take place in front of the Church.

If you would like to make or bring some food or drink towards this celebration, it would be gratefully appreciated – please see the forms at the back of the Church to add your donation to the list. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025

The Application and Consent forms for the First Holy Communion (FHC) Programme for 2024/25 are now available at the back of the church. You need to have the following criteria to be eligible for the programme:

- live within the parish of our Lady of Assumption, Hainault
- your child needs to be at least in Year 3 at school (7 years old and above)
- practising Catholic family (goes to church regularly for at least one year) in this parish; or a reference from your previous parish priest if new to our church community.

If you have any questions then please reach out to FHC catechists Anne D'Cruz, Marie Pinto and Gizelle Da-Cunha or email them on

fhc-hainault@brcdt.org

Please hand in your completed application and consent forms to Fr. Tarcziu no later than Sunday 22nd September 2024.

The Programme will commence on Tuesday 24th September.