

Mass times and intentions: 17th – 25th August 2024

Saturday	17	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Sunday	18	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	19	No Mass
Tuesday	20	St Bernard 10.00 – Holy Souls 12.00 – Funeral Mass
Wednesday	21	St Pius X 10.00 – William Okpala – Thanksgiving
Thursday	22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Kevin Smith – Healing
Friday	23	Feria 10.00 – Anne Holmes RIP 12.00 – Funeral Mass
Saturday	24	St Bartholomew 10.00 – Holy Souls
		TWENTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Micheal Quinn – Healing
Sunday	25	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: 208

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 720.45

Renovation fund: £ 80.36

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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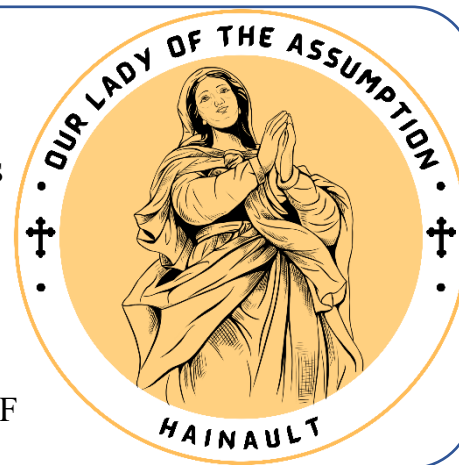
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18th August 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 120-123

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

6 – A sign is seen in heaven

383 – Lord Jesus Christ

496 – My God, and is thy table spread

757 – Vaster far than any ocean

544 – O Mother blest, whom God bestows

Dear brothers and sisters,

What wonderful readings we have today! In the Book of Proverbs we are invited to use our imagination and think of the gift of Wisdom as a person preparing a banquet for us. It is as though God Himself is inviting us to learn more about how to live well in this life. In the tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures, wisdom is a gift which enables people to live well. It is not just a simple intellectual understanding, but a deep comprehension of all aspects of a situation that allows the person to make choices that enable life to flourish.

That is what we might love to have! So often our choices are narrow and only seem good in the moment. Wisdom helps us make choices that enhance our living for the rest of our lives.

It is this image of Wisdom, inviting us to a banquet, which becomes the image of Jesus inviting us to another banquet where we shall eat His flesh and drink His blood and then live for ever. The use of the Greek words

in this text is so graphic that it sounds like cannibalism. Jesus wants us to understand (wisdom!) clearly that we must partake of Him entirely: body, blood, soul and divinity.

Most of us are much more comfortable keeping a spiritual distance from Jesus. We want to work on our own lives and occasionally ask Him for help and assistance. But to live with Him so intimately is a scary experience.

When we begin to live with Jesus day in and day out, our lives begin to change. We feel loved by Him, that is for sure, but also challenged by Him to learn to live in new ways. We are no longer free to enjoy our angers and our impatience and our lusts. Instead, we are invited to learn how to struggle with ourselves so that we can love and serve others completely as Jesus Himself did.

The second reading today speaks of this: do not live longer in ignorance nor in debauchery. Rather, live in the Holy Spirit and give thanks to God.

Do we want eternal life? Lots of people today are so comfortable in this life that they do not want anything else. Many people today do all in their power to stay young and never die. Of course, that is impossible, but billions of pounds are spent in this quest.

What is important to us in our lives? Are we people who truly seek spiritual values and seek to live in God? If we find that we are not, then today's reading invites us to be converted and live.

Let us ask today that our hearts will be set on seeking the divine, that we may be willing to eat the body of the Lord and drink His blood—and live with His life.

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!

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. Tarciziu no later than Sunday 22nd September 2024.

The Programme will commence on Tuesday 24th September.