

Mass times and intentions: 24th August – 01st September 2024

Saturday	24	TWENTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Micheal Quinn – Healing
Sunday	25	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	26	No Mass
Tuesday	27	St Monica 10.00 – Joshua Mekako – Birthday
Wednesday	28	St Augustine 10.00 – John Quinn RIP
Thursday	29	The Passion of St John the Baptist 10.00 – Patricia Culler RIP
Friday	30	Feria 10.00 – Rita O’Neill RIP
Saturday	31	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Sr Immaculata
		TWENTIETH-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	01	11.30 – John Harvey – Anniversary

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: 239

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 762.58

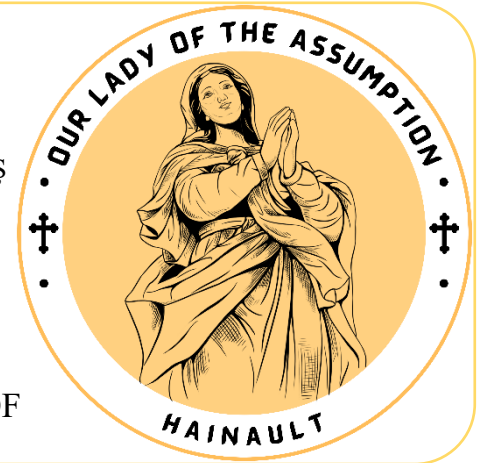
Renovation fund: £ 126.55

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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25th August 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 123-126

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

688 – The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord

187 – From heaven You came, helpless babe

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

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

S12 – The Spirit lives to set us free

Dear brothers and sisters,

The gospels for the last three Sundays have all been taken from the gospel of St. John. The message from each of them has been about Jesus claiming to be the Bread which has come down from heaven and gives life. It all began with the multiplication of the loaves and the fish. It ends today with the crowd turning against him and nearly all his closest disciples leaving him because of this ‘hard’ teaching.

Jesus claims that his flesh is real food and that his blood is real drink and that to consume them is to have eternal life. Jesus is firm in his own identity and in his message; he is not backing down or giving in. He is not going to change his teaching to be popular or to attract the crowds. Such is his confidence and belief in his teaching, that he even asks his disciples if they too want to leave him because of his ‘hard’ teaching and message.

Peter answers for them and for us today when says, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe that you are the

Holy One of God. In other words; to leave Jesus is to turn ones back on life itself; a fulfilled life with meaning here and now and eternal life in the future. For Peter, and hopefully for ourselves, there is no other person or place to whom we might go. Like Peter and the disciples, we have been introduced to and offered a new way of life through the message and miracles of Jesus. We cannot turn our backs on him. Jesus is the Eternal Word and the Bread of Life that has come from heaven.

When there is an election of any kind, politicians often say and do things that they hope will attract the crowds and more votes. Every day we see, hear and read so many advertisements as they try to gain our attention and get our money. However, as we know what is fashionable, trendy and popular one day, is often gone the next. The Word of God that Jesus speaks is eternal and life-giving. It is not casual; it is permanent. It doesn't and it won't change according to our likes and dislikes. It is alive and active. The message and life of Jesus are the light that brightens our life's journey. They are the food that nourish and strengthen us when we are struggling. The message of Jesus is not some sort of warm comfort blanket that we use to protect ourselves from pain and life's challenges. While we know that the Jesus' words are eternal life, and that he has come down from heaven as the Bread of life, they can also be very challenging. The gospel does put demands on us. It challenges us to be honest and authentic; both with ourselves, others and Jesus. Despite the challenges that come from being a follower of Jesus, we know that, in the end, Jesus is our Life, our Truth and our Way.

Jesus has promised us two things: that our life has meaning and that we are going to live forever. If you get a better offer, take it!

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	

Meet and Greet

Would you like to be part of the team that welcomes parishioners to Mass each weekend and hands out hymn and mass books? This has proved to be much appreciated by all and it would be great to have a few more volunteers to meet and greet parishioners as they arrive for Mass. Please let Fr. Tarciziu or the Parish Office know if you are interested in helping.

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. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for all your help!

Vonnie Myers RIP

Funeral arrangements for a long-standing parishioner Vonnie Myers who died recently, are as follows, 3rd September 2024 at 11.30, at Corpus Christi Church Collier Row.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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.