

Mass times and intentions: 31st August – 08th September 2024

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| Saturday | 31 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 01 | 11.30 – John Harvey – Anniversary |
| Monday | 02 | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 03 | ST GREGORY THE GREAT 10.00 – Stella & Vic Housden RIP |
| Wednesday | 04 | Feria 10.00 – Elizabeth (Lizzie) Troy RIP |
| Thursday | 05 | Feria 10.00 – Laura & Family – special intention |
| Friday | 06 | Feria 10.00 – Maryann Okpala – birthday thanksgiving |
| Saturday | 07 | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| | | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 08 | 11.30 – Luke Buenaventura 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: 191

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 586.17

Renovation fund: £ 134.65

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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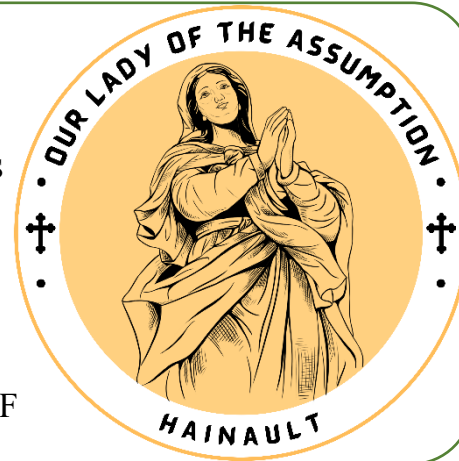
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 01st September 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **126-129**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

179 – For the healing of the nations

676 – Take my hands and make them as your own

496 – My God, and is thy table spread

227 – Go tell everyone

Dear brothers and sisters,

The first reading this Sunday is taken from the Old Testament; the Book of Deuteronomy. Moses, the great leader of the Israelites speaks to them and encourages them to keep the Law, the commandments which God had given them. These laws helped to guide and lead the people as they lived their lives as the People of God. Sadly, by the time of Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees had literally taken control of the Law and had turned it into a countless list of rules and regulations. They took the heart and spirit of the Law away and replaced it with a cold list of *do's and don'ts*. They took it upon themselves to interpret and proclaim the law; they decided who broke the law and who kept it.

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees, as usual are disagreeing with each other publicly. As far as they are concerned, Jesus and his disciples are not following the Law as it laid down by them. They ask Jesus, ‘*Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?*’ Jesus challenges them even more when he calls them hypocrites, and quotes the Prophet Isaiah who said, ‘*this people*

honour me (God) only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.... You put aside the commandments of God and cling to human traditions.' Strong and challenging words indeed! In another gospel, Jesus is even more direct and hard hitting when he says to the Pharisees, *'You occupy the seat of Moses... you tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but will you lift a finger to move them? No! Everything you do is done to attract attention.'*

We have to be very careful not to think what Jesus is saying to the Pharisees doesn't in some way apply to us today. The practises Jesus highlights in the gospels are very close to any religious person of any faith or belief. There is always the temptation and danger to believe that we, by our actions and good deeds make ourselves worthy and acceptable to God. It can be all too easy to focus on all the rituals or any ritual and miss the deeper, more meaningful reality that the ritual leads and points us to. Rituals are never an end in themselves. In our eagerness to do things right, we might have forgotten to ask if we are doing the right thing in the first place. Imagine going to a birthday party and getting caught up wondering if the food is right, if there are enough candles, if the 'Happy Birthday' is being sung correctly by everyone present? The party and all its 'rituals' should not distract us from the pure joy of celebrating with our friends and family.

Jesus is not a careless heretic who is 'throwing the baby out with the bath water' as the saying goes. As he said himself, *'I have not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfil them.'* Jesus fulfilled and purified the Law with love and forgiveness and his very life. Let us follow His example with courage by following the Law with mercy, tenderness, justice and compassion.

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: |
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| 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.

MISSO BOXES or The Red Boxes

It is that time of the year again. Would the Parishioners who have the red boxes at home please bring them into church. I will collect them and bank the contents for the Missions. Please leave the boxes in the Sacristy with your name clearly on the box. Once counted, I will leave the empty box at the rear of the church for you to collect, with your name attached. If anyone reading this is wondering what these boxes are for, please collect a leaflet at the back of the church labelled "Missio" or speak with me to arrange to receive a box. (Wendy Moroney, Missio Secretary)

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.