

Mass times and intentions: 07th – 15th September 2024

Saturday	07	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	08	11.30 – Luke Buenaventura RIP
Monday	09	No Mass
Tuesday	10	Feria 10.00 – Irma Witkowski RIP
Wednesday	11	Feria 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
Thursday	12	The Most Holy Name of Mary 10.00 – Suzanne Nathan RIP
Friday	13	St John Chrysostom 10.00 – Barbara Plaxton – get well
Saturday	14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 10.00 – Nora Guinane RIP
		TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	15	11.30 – Pdraig O'Donoghue 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: 222

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 878.89

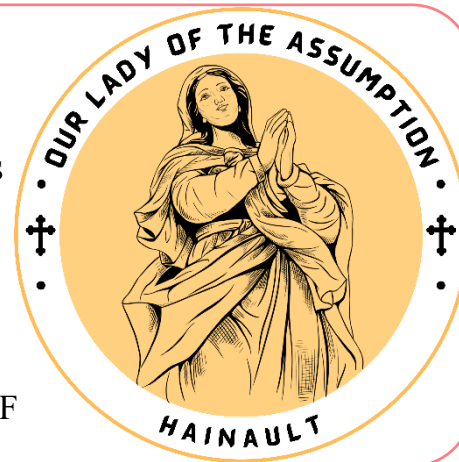
Renovation fund: £ 214.00

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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 08th September 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 129-132

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

684 – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

517 – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil

40 – Amazing grace!

4 – A new commandment I give unto you

800 – When I need a neighbour

Dear brothers and sisters,

There has been in the past the idea that God in the Old Testament was cold, harsh, angry and judgemental; this is not the case. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah says to us; '*Courage! Do not be afraid. God is coming to save you. The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like the deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.*' What a wonderful description of who God is and what God does for us. God is deeply and passionately concerned about our welfare and well-being.

In the gospel, Jesus, continues this tender and compassionate concern as he heals the deaf man who has a speech impediment. As always, when Jesus meets anyone who is sick in any way, he reaches out and touches them where they need healing the most. This may sound like an obvious thing to do, but at the time of Jesus those who were deaf, dumb, blind, crippled or who had leprosy were seen as sinners who were being

punished by God. They were treated as being unclean and unable to take their place in the village or community. To touch them was to become unclean too. Jesus goes far beyond this religious and cultural taboo: he put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. The people who witnessed this would have been amazed, surprised and shocked. This is how Jesus reached out to those who were sick, poor or being ignored. When he spoke to the woman who touched the hem of his garment, he called her '*daughter*.' He brought her back into her community and into the Family of God.

In some way or other, each of us are carrying a pain or hurt that needs to be healed. We all carry painful memories from our families. We hold on to hurts and disagreements that we have experienced because of other people or because of the way we have treated others. These are our 'disabilities'. They keep us down and hold us back from leading the full life God calls us to live. Jesus reached out compassionately to touch the deaf man where he needed healing the most. Jesus wants to do the same with each of us. He simply wants to reach out to touch and heal us where we are in most pain and most in need of his compassionate and tender healing.

However, this is not as easy as it sounds! We need to have the humility faith and courage to be honest with ourselves and Jesus. As Jesus reaches out to us, we in turn need to reach out to him to ask him to heal us. We have to want to be healed. When Jesus met a sick man, he looked at him and asked, '*What do you want me to do for you?*' Jesus looks at us and asks the same question. What in your life needs healing? What do you want Jesus to do for you today?

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 (only if the weather is good).

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

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.