

Mass times and intentions: 14th – 22nd September 2024

Saturday	14	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	15	11.30 – Padraig O'Donoghue RIP
Monday	16	No Mass
Tuesday	17	Feria 10.00 – Peter Martin RIP
Wednesday	18	Feria 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Thursday	19	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Friday	20	Ss Andrew Kim and Paul Chông and Companions 10.00 – Breda Shaw – Birthday
Saturday	21	ST MATTHEW 10.00 – Nora Guinane RIP
		TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Patricia Betts RIP
Sunday	22	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: 227

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 622.44

Renovation fund: £ 298.00

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.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

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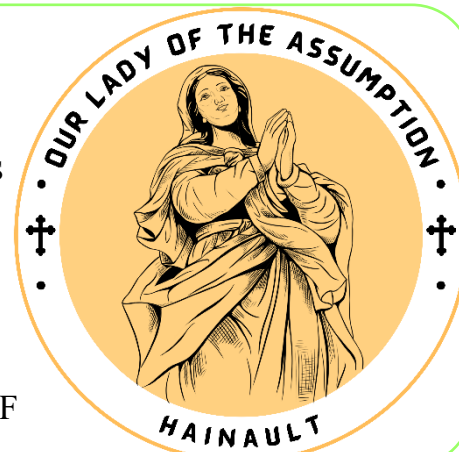
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15th September 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 132-135

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

528 – O God, our help in ages past

662 – Sons of God (v. 1, 2, 3)

80 – Bind us together, Lord

246 – He is Lord, he is Lord

765 – Walk with me, oh my Lord

Dear brothers and sisters,

When we were baptised, regardless of when or at what age, we were brought into the Family of God and received the wonderful gift of faith. The faith we freely received was just a seed; it doesn't grow and mature on its own. We have to nourish and nurture it; we have to care for and protect it. How do we actually do this? We help our faith to grow when we put it into practise in our ordinary lives. The second reading this Sunday has some very encouraging and challenging words for us about this. If we say we have faith but do anything with this faith, what use is that? If we see someone who is in need, pray for them and wish them well, but don't actually do anything practical to help them, is there any good in that at all? St. James is very clear; *'faith without good works is dead.'*

In one gospel, Jesus even tells us, ‘*It is not those who say, Lord, Lord who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my father.*’ Like the letter from St. James, Jesus too is telling us that it is not enough just to say that we have faith, say lots of prayers, but do nothing concrete with our faith. Perhaps for us, sometimes, it’s far easier to be an admirer of Jesus than to be his follower and disciple. But Jesus is not calling for silent passive admirers. He calls each of us by our own personal names and wants us to take up our cross and follow him. This is the demand that faith puts on each of us each and every day.

The question that Jesus puts to his followers, he also asks us: *Who do you say that I am?* There are many older wiser people and many more books that will help us with this question, but they can’t answer it for us. This is a question that we have to answer for ourselves. We answer this question through the quality of our lives and how we treat each other. We answer this question by putting our faith into action in countless small and seemingly insignificant ways every day of our lives. Every small decision we make and every action we take proclaims who we believe Jesus is and what his gospel means to and for us. Again, this can be very challenging because it asks that we just don’t say we have faith, but that we are ready, willing and able to live our faith in real concrete ways.

Jesus asks who we say that he is; he asks us to take up our cross and follow him; he calls us to be his disciples. To be a follower of Jesus and not just a casual admirer is to put our faith into action whenever and where we can. To be a follower of Jesus is to answer this question; ‘*But, you, who do you say that I am?*’

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.

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 Sanctuary with your name clearly on the box. Once counted, I will leave a 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 a box.

(Wendy Moroney, Missio Secretary)

Prayer Sponsor Volunteers Needed!

A special way to support our young children as they prepare for First Holy Communion, it would involve praying for a named child over the course of the year. If interested, please include your name on the sheet at the back of the church and a Catechist will be in touch. Many thanks.

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.