

Mass times and intentions: 21st – 29th September 2024

Saturday	21	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Patricia Betts RIP
Sunday	22	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	23	No Mass
Tuesday	24	Our Lady of Walsingham 10.00 – Joan Mellon RIP
Wednesday	25	Feria 10.00 – Roshani Nonnis
Thursday	26	Feria 10.00 – Olusanya & Busari families blessing
Friday	27	St Vincent de Paul 10.00 – Jean Teresa Hudson RIP
Saturday	28	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Simon Fernandes – birthday
		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	29	11.30 – Mbambo Family – thanksgiving

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: 234

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 773.78

Renovation fund: £ 223.01

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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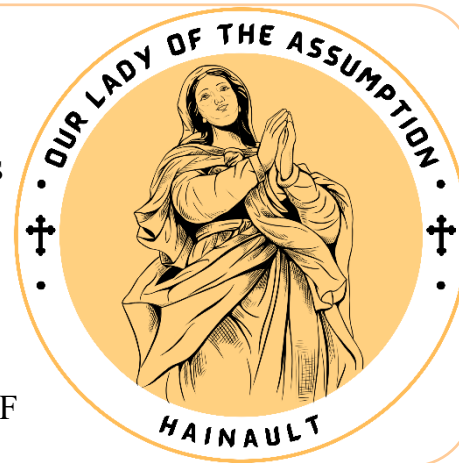
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 22nd September 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **135-137**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

606 – Praise to the Holiest in the height (v. 1, 5, 6, 7)

678 – Take our bread, we ask you

596 – Peace is the gift of heaven to earth

703 – The light of Christ has come into the world

S12 – The Spirit lives to set us free

Dear brothers and sisters,

Perhaps at times we would like to think that the first and very early followers of Jesus got on with each other all the time without any problems or disagreements; this would be a mistake! As they became more organised, certain of their members wanted to be in charge, in control and make all the decisions for the group. How quickly authority and service turns into power and control! St. James, one of the early church writers is clearly aware of this when he writes to the people, and says to them; *‘wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you will find disharmony and terrible things of every kind being done.’* Clearly, they had forgotten the words of Jesus, *‘You know how it is with other rulers who lord it over people, and they make their authority felt. This must not happen to you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must first be you slave. The Son of Man came not to be served by to serve.’*

In the gospel, Jesus seems to be faced with the same situation as St. James was in the second reading: service versus power, authority without humility. As they arrive in Capernaum, Jesus asked his followers what they were arguing about on the road. So, clearly they weren't just talking, they were definitely arguing amongst themselves. They were embarrassed and ashamed to tell him, because they were arguing about which of them was the greatest. One can only imagine Jesus taking a sharp intake of breath and rolling his eyes again at how slow his disciples were being. It's as if he says to them, look, it is very simple, *'if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last and the servant of all.'* To prove and illustrate his point, Jesus stands a child in front of them and says to welcome a child is to welcome him.

Why did Jesus on this occasion and others, use the example of a child to explain what it is to be one of his followers? At the time of Jesus, children had little or no value; they were seen as having no more worth or value than that of a slave. And, like slaves, children were easily bought and sold to work on farms or as shepherds. A child was only seen as being any way valuable if they could earn money for somebody else. The friends, followers and disciples of Jesus would have been all too aware of this. Imagine how silent they would have been when Jesus said to them if they wanted to be disciples they would have to become like children. He was challenging them and us today to really and radically let go of our high ideas about ourselves when it comes to leadership, power and control.

Jesus is not asking us to do anything he himself has not already done. At the meal with his friends, he took the place of a slave and washed their feet. He said that he had given them an example they were to follow: love and serve each other as he loves and serves us. To be the followers of Jesus today, we too are called to be humble and to serve others as he did. This applies not only to the disciples in the gospel, but to each of us today as well.

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	

Community appeal for donations

With deep gratitude, we are reaching out to ask for your help. We need your support for *New Lectionary*. Our Bishop has requested that all Churches in the Diocese purchase a new Lectionary (which consists of four volumes) before the start of Advent – at a cost of £695.00. The ones we are currently using date back to 1981. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and continued support of our church.

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 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.