

**Mass times and intentions: 28<sup>th</sup> September – 06<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	11.30 – Mbambo Family – thanksgiving
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</b> 10.00 – Bussari Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b> 10.00 – Adrian Foxall RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Aleyamma John – good health
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b> 10.00 – Barbara Casey RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Ligia Colaco RIP
		<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – Vonnie Myers RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>06</b>	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: 224**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 1181.83**

**Renovation fund: £ 76.70**

**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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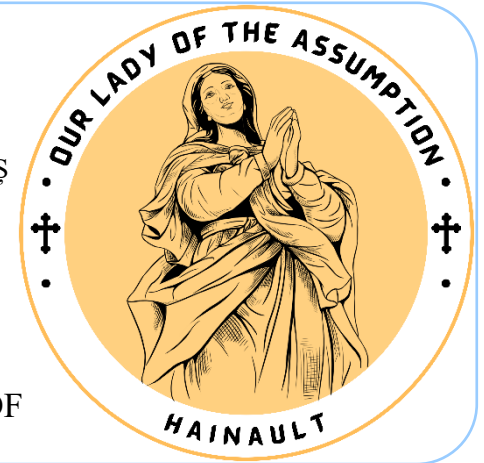
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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **138-140**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**59** – At the name of Jesus (v. 1, 5, 6, 7)

**285** – Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

**289** – I will be with you wherever you go

**633** – Seek first the Kingdom of God

**233** – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Because of the advances in technology and social media, we know that we all live in a very fast moving and changing multi-religious and multi-cultural world. No matter where we live, we are surrounded by and living alongside people from all over the world. Each group has their own traditions, cultural-beliefs and religious practices. Some are very similar to our own; while on the other hand some are very different from our own native religious upbringing. Strange as it may seem, this was also how it was when Jesus was alive. Yes, there were the Jews with their long-standing traditions. Also, throughout the whole of Israel and within Jerusalem where Jesus lived, walked and preached, there were many different tribes, religious groups and factions. The Romans also had their own temples, gods and religious traditions. Some Jews were very attracted to these too.

Perhaps when we were young, we remember the sayings, ‘don’t tell tales out of school’ or ‘nobody likes tell-tales.’ But from the gospel this Sunday, this seems to be exactly what the disciples are doing. In their continuing streak of small mindedness and misunderstanding, the disciples come to Jesus with some news. It’s as if they are berating someone with idle gossip; there are even hints of jealousy and anger in their words. They say to him ‘*Lord, we saw someone doing something in your name, but he’s not in our group so we stopped him.*’ Jesus replies and seems to say; ‘So what!’ ‘*Anyone who is not against us is for us.*’ Jesus says that to experience kindness and generosity through the small gesture of receiving a cup of water is a sign of God’s Kingdom. Jesus is not asking them or us today to imitate or initiate great events of change, reform or take on high-profile actions for the sake of God’s Kingdom. He is asking us to be his disciples by taking on small and seemingly insignificant acts of kindness, generosity and hospitality that mirror God’s love for all.

It’s all too easy for us to dismiss and ignore people because they are different from us because of their religious, native or cultural background. It’s easy to notice and name how different we are rather than what makes us similar and brings us together. For some, it’s easier to build a wall that separates people rather than to take the risk of building a bridge and reach out to those who at first might seem like strangers.

We build the Kingdom of God one step at a time; one smile at a time and through one act of kindness at a time. We are all called to do this and with God’s help we can all do this. Pope Francis tells us: *The holiness to which the Lord calls us will grow through small acts and gestures.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after each Sunday Mass to help with the renovation of our Church. Any donation would be most welcome.

<b>Standing order details:</b>	<b>Online via QR Code:</b>
<b>Account Name:</b> Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption <b>Sort Code:</b> 40-13-22 <b>Account Number:</b> 31019244	

### **Community appeal for donations**

With deep gratitude, we are reaching out to ask for your help. We need your support for a *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.

### **Parquet flooring in our church**

We are preparing to sand the parquet flooring in our church and I would like to ask if anyone owns a sanding machine or works in this field and could assist us. Any recommendations or help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **Prayer Sponsor Volunteers Needed!**

A special way to support our young children as they prepare for First Holy Communion 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.

### **October is both the month of the Holy Rosary and Mission Month**

- **Mission Month**  
 In the Catholic Church, October has long been associated with mission. The month starts with the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux and draws to a close with World Mission Sunday – a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated in all Catholic parishes around the world. Pope Francis has taken many steps to encourage all members of Catholic communities to recognise themselves as missionary disciples; working and praying together to share God’s love with everyone, everywhere.
- **Month of the Holy Rosary**  
 In the Catholic Church, May and October are months traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. The Rosary is a form of prayer that helps us to reflect on the life of Mary and Jesus. Conscious of the great power of the Holy Rosary, Pope Francis has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary, that “sweet chain that links heaven and earth”, every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.