

*Mass times and intentions: 05<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

Saturday	05	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Vonnies Myers RIP
Sunday	06	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	07	No Mass
Tuesday	08	St Osyth 10.00 – Margaret & Pat Farrell RIP
Wednesday	09	St John Henry Newman 10.00 – Mary Quinn RIP
Thursday	10	Feria 10.00 – Charles Vas – good health & thanksgiving
Friday	11	Feria 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
Saturday	12	St Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga 10.00 – Maria Vas intentions
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Sunday	13	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: 229**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 685.09**

**Renovation fund: £ 65.00**

**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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OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**

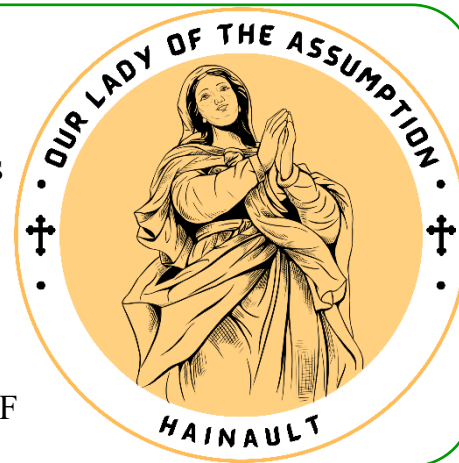
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*TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 06<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **140-143**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**139** – Crown him with many crowns (v. 1, 4, 5)

**128** – Come, Lord Jesus, come (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

**147** – Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

**88** – Blest are the pure in heart

**728** – Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

In his three short years of public activity and ministry, Jesus went out of his way to seek out and find those who were ignored, rejected and often despised by others. He sat and ate with those others called sinners; he literally reached out to touch those who were deaf, dumb and blind.

The sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes were among his closest friends and followers. In the second part of the gospel this Sunday, we see Jesus as he meets and encounters a group of young people.

Jesus is speaking to the crowd and teaching them about the ancient Law and what it says about marriage and divorce. While he is speaking some adults bring children and young people to Jesus so that he can lay his hands on them and bless them.

However, his disciples seem to have taken on the role of body-guards trying to protect Jesus while keeping people away from him. They

actually tried to turn them away. Imagine the disappointment on the faces of these parents and their children as they are deliberately stopped from meeting Jesus. However, Jesus sees what his followers are doing and he is indignant.

This literally means that Jesus was displeased, angry and even furious with his disciples. Clearly, not their best moment with Jesus.

For whatever reason, the disciples were trying to prevent these young people from seeing him.

Because of this, Jesus makes a very public statement in favour of them; *‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs... anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’*

Strong words as always from Jesus.

Why would Jesus make a very deliberate point of highlighting the presence of children to his followers? In another gospel when the disciples were fighting over who was more important, again, Jesus told them that they needed to adopt the mind and heart of a child.

At the time of Jesus, children had little worth or value. They were seen as having no more worth or value than that of a slave. The meaning of these comments and actions of Jesus would not have been lost on his disciples. They would have been deeply challenged by what Jesus said to them.

Let us be very clear and not overly romantic; there is nothing simplistic about being a child. A child knows who to trust and love by the way they are treated and respected. Childlike faith is never tired, cynical or indifferent. The faith of a child is anything but ‘childish.’

It is this faith that Jesus asks us to embrace; a faith that does not separate words from actions. This is a faith that is focused on God and others without condition or expectation.

Only by embracing ‘childlike’ faith, kindness, compassion and forgiveness can we appreciate and welcome the Kingdom of God.

**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.

### **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary praesidium (Queen of Angels) meet every Sunday after 11.30 Mass and invite all of you dear children of Mary to join us. Active members as well as auxiliaries are warmly welcome.

### **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	

### **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!

### **We wish to keep the church unlocked during the day**

It saddens us to see the church doors closed all the time due to potential risks. However, in our desire to be close to you and offer a place of peace and prayer, we have decided to take measures to secure the church doors. As you can see, we have modified the second set of doors at the entrance of our church because we wish to keep the front doors unlocked during the day, allowing those who want to visit our church and say a prayer to be able to do so.

### **Parish Repository**

We stock a wide range of gifts, cards and devotional items. Please put your payment in the box by the gift tables. Fr. Tarciziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

### **Newsletter copy deadline**

If you would like to place a notice in our newsletter, please send your request via the Parish Office email address by the Thursday before the relevant weekend.