

Mass times and intentions: 19th – 27th October 2024

Saturday	19	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Anna Harvey – Anniversary
Sunday	20	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	21	No Mass
Tuesday	22	St John Paul II 10.00 – Bill & Molly Donovan RIP
Wednesday	23	Feria 10.00 – Joyce Clinton RIP
Thursday	24	Feria 10.00 – Ruth Mekako – Birthday
Friday	25	Feria 10.00 – Joan Eadon RIP
Saturday	26	St Cedd, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese 10.00 – Charles Vas – intentions
		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Wendy Moroney – good health
Sunday	27	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: 264

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 593.62

Renovation fund: £ 123.00

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20th October 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **146-149**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

782 – We plough the fields and scatter

386 – Lord of all hopefulness

570 – Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence

90 – Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation

187 – From heaven You came, helpless babe

Dear brothers and sisters,

The first reading this Sunday is taken from the Prophet Isaiah. It is normally read on Good Friday during the Passion Liturgy. It is often called the ‘Suffering Servant.’

In its full version it describes the one who despite terrible suffering, abuse and betrayal remains loyal and faithful to God. By the time of Jesus, this reading was seen to be a description of Jesus himself as he entered into his own time of passion and suffering.

The people had been waiting for generations for the long awaited Messiah, the chosen one of God.

He would establish the promised Kingdom of God. The earthly empires would be overtaken by God’s Kingdom and a new world order would be established. However, God was not about to replace one political system with just another one!

We recall that when Pilate questioned Jesus about his origins and mission, Jesus replied that his Kingdom was not an earthly one created by human hands. The Kingdom that Jesus was to create was not one based on power, force, might or with the help of any army. It would be an altogether different kind of Kingdom. It would be based and built upon the values of peace, justice, forgiveness, mercy, compassion and tenderness.

In the gospel, James and John approach Jesus quietly. They have a business proposal for him. The two of them want special and favoured treatment; they want a better deal for themselves. They want Jesus to do them a favour! They want first class seats either side of Jesus.

Like many others, they still see Jesus as some sort of powerful earthly ruler of the Jewish people. He asks them if they are ready and willing to drink the cup he will later drink himself. They say they are ready for this, but do they honestly understand and appreciate what they are asking? Probably not! When the others hear this conversation, they all became very angry with each other.

Jesus can't be any clearer when he tells them and us today that to be his follower and disciples is not about power, influence and prestige; it is the very opposite. To be a follower of Jesus is to follow the example of the slave and the Suffering Servant.

It seems that right up until he died, his closest friends still didn't understand what he was talking about, so he showed them. He took the place of the slave, he washed their feet and told them to do the same. He reminded them that the Son of Man came to serve, not to be served.

If we want to call ourselves His followers and Christians, we are called, invited and challenged to do the same whenever and wherever we can. We are called to serve others, not to be served by others.

As Jesus said to his disciples, he says the same to us today; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.

This is the example of the Suffering Servant. This is the life Jesus lead. These are values of the gospel and the Kingdom we are asked to follow.

As Pope Francis said: *“Are you in position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.”*

Amen!

Mission Red Box Thank you and Appeal

Fr. Gerry Hastie MHM wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, you can find some at the entrance of the church. You can also find more information at: www.missio.org.uk

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 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	

The flower pots in front of the church have been vandalised

We regret to inform you that this week, the flower pots in front of the church have been vandalised. We are saddened by this incident, and we want to let you know that the police are currently investigating the matter.

In light of this, we would like to ask for the community's help to replace the damaged flower pots with more durable ones. If you are able to contribute in any way, your support would be greatly appreciated. Together we can restore the beauty of our church surroundings.