

Mass times and intentions: 26th October – 03rd November 2024

Saturday	26	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Wendy Moroney – good health
Sunday	27	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	28	No Mass
Tuesday	29	Feria 10.00 – Teresa Olusanya – Birthday
Wednesday	30	Feria 10.00 – Vonnie Myers RIP
Thursday	31	Feria 10.00 – Pamela & Denis - Intentions
Friday	01	ALL SAINTS – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION 10.00 – The People of the Parish 20.00 – All the faithful departed
Saturday	02	Commemoration of all the faithful departed All Souls' Day 10.00 – Maria Vas – intentions THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	03	11.30 – Kathleen McDowell RIP

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: 248

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 793.71

Renovation fund: £ 244.85

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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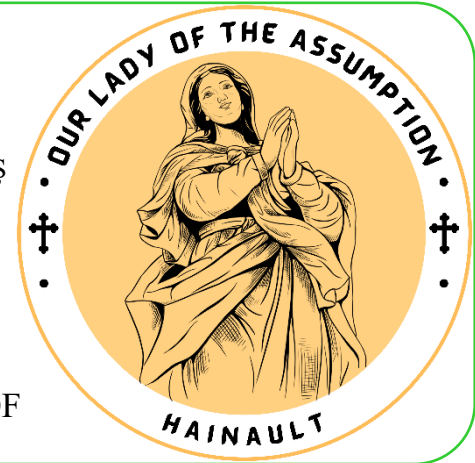
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27th October 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 149-151

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

143 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

302 – In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour

118 – Colours of day dawn into the mind

246 – He is Lord, he is Lord

388 – Lord, the light of Your love is shining

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have to be very careful not to simply assume that the 'God' of the Old Testament was angry, cruel and judgmental. The first reading this Sunday from the Prophet Jeremiah would suggest otherwise. This is a God who is personally and deeply concerned about his people. We are told that God will '*gather them from the far ends of the earth... the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour... I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water...*'

This is not a remote or distant God; this is a God who is intimately concerned about and involved in the lives of his people.

These qualities of a caring and compassionate God are also seen in how Jesus deals with a blind man in the gospel. Blind Bartimaeus is sitting by the side of road when Jesus is passing by.

He must have at least heard about Jesus, because when he gets nearer, Bartimaeus starts to shout out, ‘*Son of David, have pity on me.*’ But those with Jesus try to stop him from causing trouble or even a scandal, but he is having none of this! He shouts even louder with more determination.

It seems for him as though nothing else matters but Jesus and the power he has. In response to his demand, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, ‘*What do you want me to do for you?*’

This is the very same question he asked James and John in last week gospel. They asked for power, prestige and positions of importance. Bartimaeus asks for something completely different; he simply wants to see. For him there is no grasping for power, glory or authority; he simply wants to be made whole again. It is amazing to note that even though his disciples spent all their time with, they could not ‘see’ who Jesus really was. However, it was this blind Bartimaeus who could ‘see’ perfectly and clearly who Jesus was and what he had to offer. Perhaps he wasn’t so blind after all!

What has Bartimaeus to teach us? He is more ordinary and authentic than the ‘real’ disciples of Jesus. He is presented as a role model and prime example of discipleship. He cries out not for just physical sight, but for compassion. He recognises that his deep need for God’s power and grace is far more important than just the ability to see.

Bartimaeus knew what he needed and wanted from Jesus. When Jesus asks each of us the same question, ‘*What do you want me to do for you?*’ what is our genuine and authentic response?

Is there a part or area of my life that needs the healing and compassionate touch of Jesus?

This week, can we look to Bartimaeus, a man of faith, courage and conviction who humbly presented himself to Jesus in all his need?

Can we make his prayer our own today, ‘*Master, let me see again.*’

Then as we follow Jesus as he did, we can repeat the prayer of this Sunday’s psalm, “*What marvels the Lord worked for us*” *Indeed we are glad!*”

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	

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. Tarcziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED - Parishioner Registration/Census

We ask our parishioners to please provide details for yourself and members of your household so as to keep us up-to-date by completing the online “Parishioner Registration/Census Form” via the QR code opposite or via our parish website at <https://hainault.org.uk/> and selecting Register from the menu.

Our preferred option is for you to register online via the QR code so that your responses are captured as accurately as possible. If you are unable to register online, paper copies of the form are available at the back of the Church or from the Parish Office via hainault@brcdt.org.



It is important for all parishioners to register as the information gathered informs our pastoral care and parish management decisions. The form also gives the opportunity to identify any special interests you have and any skills that might be of use in the Parish.

One form per household will suffice and should take around five minutes to complete.

We very much appreciate your help and contribution with this.

Thank you!