Mass times and intentions: $02^{nd} - 10^{th}$ November 2024 Saturday 02 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **18.00** – The People of the Parish 11.30 – Kathleen McDowell RIP Sunday 03 Monday 04 No Mass Tuesday 05 Feria 10.00 - Ciaran Joseph Fitzgerald RIP Wednesday 06 Feria 10.00 - Thanksgiving Thursday 07 **Feria** 10.00 - Rose Mary O'Rourke RIP 08 Feria Friday 10.00 - Rosemay RIP Saturday The dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

11.30 – The People of the Parish

10.00 – Pam Sowersby & her family

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Leonardo Anastacio & Edwin Genovia RIP

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelops 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: 259

10

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 692.86

Renovation fund: £ 252.89

Sunday

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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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 03rd November 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 152-154

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

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

72 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord

4 – A new commandment I give unto you

176 – For all the saints who from their labours rest (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Love God and love your neighbour. This short and clear commandment expresses the whole of the law of God. Today we don't like to think of God's word as a law, so we can say simply that this short statement sums up the whole of our Christian life. It is so very simple and so very difficult.

Loving God has always been a bit difficult because God is not present the way that another person is present. This difference also has made loving God easier because we are never quite sure what it means to love God. We do know that we must prefer God and His word, His Scriptures to all other realities.

The invitation to love God and to love our neighbour becomes very concrete in the love of neighbour. It is not just any neighbour that we must love, but the neighbour who is right in front of us. The neighbour is

not the person who lives next door but any human being who happens into our life. This neighbour is especially the person that we don't want to help, the person who may have injured us, the person who seems unworthy of our help, the person who will take more of our time than we want to give.

Always in the Gospel we find this teaching of the Lord Jesus: love those who don't love you; love those who are your enemies; love those who slap you and injure you.

As we consider this invitation to love, we can understand more completely why our ancestors in the faith were not faithful to the Lord, as heard in the first reading today. Moses was clear in his teaching. Moses taught the people what he knew God wanted taught. The Scriptures continue to teach us what God wants of us. It is much easier to change the meaning of the Scriptures than it is to change our hearts. So, in the history of our faith, both in the Old and the New Testaments, we find the tendency to turn away from God, the tendency to change what God wants into what we want.

Marriage is one of the easiest examples to look at in terms of the change of teaching. It is an easy example because it is Jesus Himself who tells us that Moses changed the teaching because of the hardness of heart of the believers. Jesus continually calls us to repent and to return to the clear teachings given in Scripture and the clear teachings that He gives to us.

We can allow our hearts to be changed today or we can continue as we are, with hearts hardened by doing things our own way. Jesus calls to us: Love God and love your neighbour. Listen to Him.

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	

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED - Parishioner Registration/Census

Help us keep our parish family connected and thriving! We're asking every household to take just five minutes to complete the "Parishioner Registration/Census Form" even if you have done so in previous years. Simply scan the QR code or visit https://hainault.org.uk/ and select "Register" from the menu.

Online forms (via the QR code or our website) are our preference. These are our top choice to capture your details accurately. However, if that's not an option for you, paper forms are available at the back of the church or through the Parish Office at hainault@brcdt.org

Why register? Because your information helps shape our pastoral care and guides parish decisions. Plus, this is a chance to share any skills or interests you'd like to contribute to the parish community, suggest improvements, and/or find out about Gift Aid.

Thank you for being part of what makes our parish a wonderful place!

November is the month for remembering

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for all our departed loved ones. Sheets to write your loved one's names on are at the back of the Church along with envelopes. Please fill these in as soon as you can and put the envelope in the Remembrance Box in front of the Altar. Thank you.

My God, bestow Thy blessings and Thy mercies on all persons and on those souls in Purgatory, for whom I am in charity, gratitude, or friendship bound and have the desire to pray. Amen