

Mass times and intentions: 09th – 17th November 2024

Saturday	09	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Pam Sowersby & her family
Sunday	10	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	11	No Mass
Tuesday	12	St Josphat 10.00 – Personal intention
Wednesday	13	Feria 10.00 – Mary Evelyn Piotrowski RIP
Thursday	14	Feria 10.00 – Dolores Masterson intentions
Friday	15	Feria 10.00 – Mary Holmes RIP
Saturday	16	St Edmund of Abingdon 10.00 – Annette Hatcher RIP
		THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	17	11.30 – Mr & Mrs Mike Mekako wedding anniversary

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: 249

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 980.06

Renovation fund: £ 146.87

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10th November 2024

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **154-157**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

179 – For the healing of the nations

286 – I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above

73 – Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side

596 – Peace is the gift of heaven to earth

9 – Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Gospel this Sunday is one of contrasts; a widow and the Scribes, the poor and the wealthy, the powerless and the powerful, humility and showing off to impress.

It is no secret that Jesus and the Scribes or the Pharisees did not get on very well with each other. They were the law makers and the religious elite of their day. They, in their self-righteousness, decided who was allowed into the local synagogue to pray. They looked down on and passed judgement on the sick and the poor. It is no wonder that they and Jesus rarely saw eye to eye. He arrived and clearly said for all to hear, ‘I have come to bring the Good News to the poor.’ What is this Good News? It is the Good News that God loves the poor, the sick, the outsider, the sinner, and the widows. In the Gospel, Jesus points to and holds up one

such poor widow to show the Scribes and Pharisees how hypocritical they really are.

Right at the beginning of the gospel, Jesus, openly criticises the Scribes. He says they like to dress up and walk around so that everyone will see them. They take and claim the best seats in the synagogues and at meals. They steal the property of the poor, especially the widows and show off by saying long prayers. Then, while sitting opposite the treasury he sees these and other wealthy people putting in a great deal of money for all to see. Then, *'a poor widow came in and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.'* The wealthy gave from their excess; what they didn't need nor want. The widow, in contrast gave everything she had to live on. In reality, those who had much gave very little and the widow who had very little gave all she had.

This is a difficult and challenging gospel for us to hear today. What is Jesus saying to us through the gospel and in particular through this poor widow? He is not condemning giving money or donating to charities. He is asking us to be careful as to *why* and *how* we give to others. It is what we freely give from our own want, not from our extra surplus, that shows what we really believe and what sort of lives we are leading. It is not just how much or the measure of the gift that really matters, but the measure of the love with which we give. It is not how much or the size of what we give that truly matters, but the love and the sacrifice in which we give that makes our generosity holy in the eyes of God.

Let us, in all humility follow the example of this poor widow; let us give and share out of a sense of love, compassion and concern for others, as scripture reminds us: ***God loves a cheerful giver.***

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.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.