

**Mass times and intentions: 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 01<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Francis Duffy RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Milly Charlick RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Krajnab & Adoamnei Families Reposed
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving – Fred Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving to God the Father
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>St Andrew</b> 10.00 – Elizabeth Flora (Betty) & William Charles (Bill) Killick RIP  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Silveen Pritchard – good health

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: 228**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 639.75**

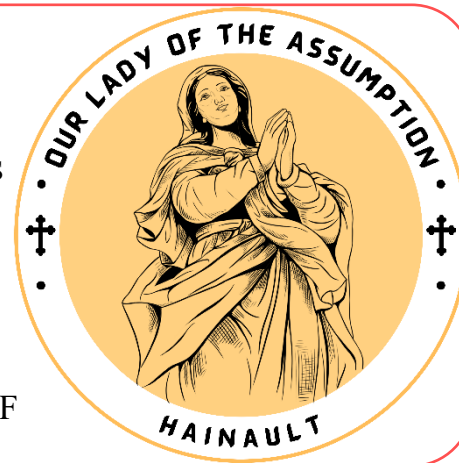
**Renovation fund: £ 10.00**

**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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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **160-162**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**559** – O worship the King all glorious above (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

**383** – Lord, Jesus Christ

**343** – King of glory, king of peace

**246** – He is Lord, he is Lord

**187** – This is our God, the Servant King

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Last Sunday, if we can remember, Jesus spoke to us about the ‘end times.’ Today, as a universal church, we celebrate the great Feast of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of the current church year. Next Sunday we will begin a new church year with the First Sunday of Advent; our time of prayerful preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Before and at the time of Jesus, kings, queens and royalty were a part of people’s daily lives. Every country and region had its own royal household. These royal leaders had their armies to protect their power, territory and wealth. They often ruled their people with fear and terror; what they said and demanded was done without question. We recall the power that the Romans and King Herod had over the Jewish People. Today, however members of royal families are figureheads and not powerful political heads of state

By the time of Jesus, the Jewish People were waiting for the long-promised Messiah. They saw him as an earthly king would create and establish a new kingdom for them. However, God, through the person and mission of Jesus had an altogether different plan! In the gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king, to which Jesus answers, 'Yes, I am King.' Pilate, while he has the power to decide whether Jesus lives or dies, cannot or will not see the King of Kings standing in front of him. At the hands of Pilate, Jesus will die as the King of the Jews. And so today, millions of people proclaim Jesus as their King. Jesus is no mere royal figurehead. He shares that title with Yahweh, 'great king over all gods.'

When we say the Our Father, we pray, 'May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.' The Kingdom of God, which Jesus ushered in through his life, death and resurrection, is not built on power, wealth, prestige or control. It is based on love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, concern for the poor and powerlessness. This is God's Kingdom; a vision of us loving each other as brothers and sisters in Christ the King, who came to serve and not to be served.

Today Jesus invites each of us to follow him to and actively build his kingdom whenever and wherever we can by the way we live with and treat each other. He doesn't and can't make us do this. He is a King of love, mercy and compassion, not a king of earthly power, fear or control. We are called today, not just to worship Christ the King, but to follow his example and live our daily lives as he showed us. He never wrote a book, he didn't have an army and he was neither powerful nor wealthy. He was denied and betrayed by his friends; he was beaten and nailed to a cross. He died in a most public and humiliating way, yet this is the one we call 'Lord and King.' As the hymn reminds us; 'This is our God, the Servant King.'

**Amen!**

### **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.

### **World Youth Sunday**

This weekend is **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. Find out more at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Contactless giving & Card payments devices**

Our Church relies on the generosity of its congregations to support its mission and ministry. Although regular planned giving is the bedrock of support for our Church, there are many people who would also donate digitally if it was easily available, including those who currently give loose cash, parishioners wanting to make a supplemental gift, and visitors to our Church. With cash use decreasing and card payments becoming more common, we are now able to accept contactless giving. Please look out for instructions on how to use the contactless devices located on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Afternoon tea for the Missions**

I would like to thank all who came into the hall last Sunday. We collected £148 in total. This is a brilliant amount when we are in these financially constrained times. This money will be sent off to assist the missionaries where it is needed most, on the front line. Thank you all for your generosity. I'm sure Fr Hastie would be very pleased and would probably remind me to ask for your prayers also for missions around the world.

*Wendy*