

Mass times and intentions: 18th – 26th January 2025

Saturday	18	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Margaret Brown
Sunday	19	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	20	No Mass
Tuesday	21	St Agnes 10.00 – Roland Selvini RIP
Wednesday	22	Feria 10.00 – Busari and Olusanya Families
Thursday	23	Feria 10.00 – For all Souls
Friday	24	St Francis de Sales 10.00 – Sue – intentions
Saturday	25	The Conversion of St Paul 10.00 – Joachim and Maria Vas
		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Nora Kelly and Husband Desmond
Sunday	26	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: 250

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 710.51

Renovation fund: £ 69.00

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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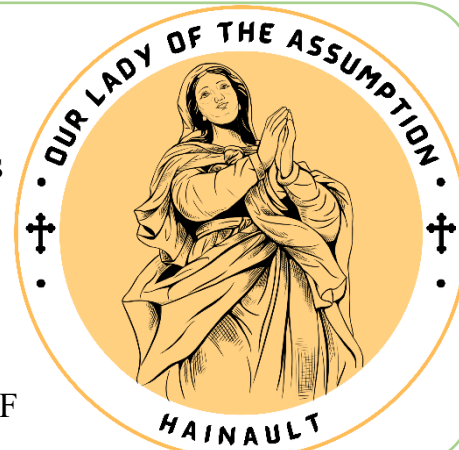
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th January 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 127-129

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

285 – I, the Lord of sea and sky

738 – Thou whose almighty Word (v. 1, 3, 4)

377 – Lord accept the gifts we offer

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

84 – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Dear brothers and sisters,

It may look and sound a little strange having just celebrated Advent and Christmas to find ourselves at a wedding with Mary and Jesus; but here we are!

Mary is not only central to Advent and to Christmas, she is central to God's whole plan for humanity. It is through her faithful 'Yes' that Jesus is born. It is when she visits her cousin Elizabeth that Mary breaks into song and proclaims her great prayer, 'The Magnificat.' In the gospels we are not actually given a lot of details or information about Mary. We know however that she followed Jesus as he preached and healed people. She saw him being betrayed, denied, arrested and condemned. She was there at the cross with the other women when he died.

She buried her son and then, at Pentecost, she was there when the friends and followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary is truly the example of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. She asks us to do what she herself did all her life: she followed her Son faithfully with courage and conviction even when it was difficult and challenging. In the Gospel of Mark, we even read that the family of Jesus came for him because they thought he was out of his mind!

Mary's greatness is that she points and leads us to Jesus through her own word and example. She is not asking us to do anything she has not already done herself. She does not seek or ask for any attention for herself. At this family wedding in Cana at which Mary and Jesus were invited guests, Mary is concerned about the young couple, not herself.

She knows that soon there will be no wine; and at a Jewish wedding this is a cause of great shame and embarrassment. How did she see and notice that there was no wine? She quietly and without fuss or drama approaches Jesus.

She explains the situation to him and he seems to dismiss her; but she is not giving up that easy! She then goes to servants and confidently tells them, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

This small but amazingly powerful statement echoes down the centuries to us today. Mary caught the attention of the servants at the wedding and she is trying to catch our attention today. I can see her standing beside me today and gently pointing to Jesus and whispering to me, 'just do whatever he tells and asks you.'

What is Jesus asking us to do? He is inviting us to follow him, he is asking us to love each other as he loves us and he is asking us to forgive each other. He is asking us to live like him in our ordinary daily lives; he is asking to reach out and to care for those who are poor, homeless, alone and hungry.

He is asking us to be his followers and disciples. How do we do this? By following the example of Mary who did what God asked her to do! Today, may we listen to Mary, and do what Jesus asks each of us to do.

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	

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tarcziu. Also please complete a registration form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office.

Contactless donations

Thank you to all our parishioners who have embraced the use of the Dona contactless devices for making donations. The feedback so far has been very positive with parishioners finding the devices quick and easy to use.

We will soon activate the Gift Aid option on these devices. If you are a taxpayer, please sign up for Gift Aid when prompted on the device. This will enable the Church to reclaim an additional 25% of your donation at no extra cost to you. The process only needs to be completed once per debit/credit card and requires minimal information.

Please note that even if you have previously signed up to donation via the Gift Aid envelopes, you will still need to register separately on the contactless devices. If you are not a taxpayer, simply select "No" when prompted to donate via Gift Aid.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with a member of the finance team or send an email to finance-hainault@brcdt.org.