

Mass times and intentions: 25th January – 02nd February 2025

Saturday	25	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Nora Kelly and Husband Desmond
Sunday	26	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	27	No Mass
Tuesday	28	St Thomas Aquinas 10.00 – Laura – intentions
Wednesday	29	Feria 10.00 – Deceased members of Harris Family
Thursday	30	Feria 10.00 – Michael Quinn – good health
Friday	31	St John Bosco 10.00 – Roland Selvini RIP
Saturday	01	Memorial of the Blessed Vergin Mary 10.00 – Teresa Middleton
		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 18.00 – Ella Dougherty RIP
Sunday	02	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: 259

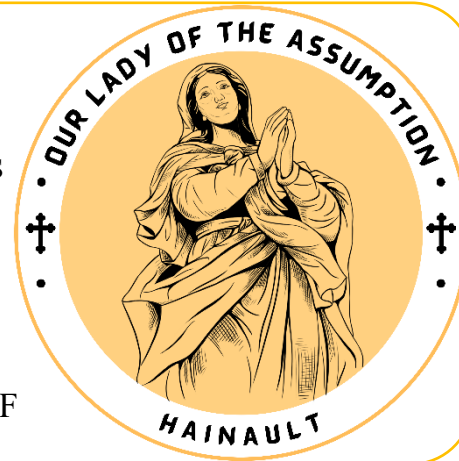
Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 656.98

Renovation fund: £ 81.65

**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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26th January 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **129-132**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
386 – Lord of all hopefulness

Responsorial Psalm:

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

128 – Come, Lord Jesus, come

71 – Be still and know that I am God

77 – Because the Lord is my shepherd

280 – I received the living God

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have finished our Advent preparations; we have celebrated Christmas, the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. Now we meet Jesus as he openly and publicly begins his public ministry.

When a politician wants to get themselves known to the public; they speak out publicly to attract people's attention. They set out their programme and political agenda; they may even have a catchy slogan or phrase.

Having being baptised and anointed by God with the words, 'You are my Beloved, my favour rests on you', Jesus goes to the temple. He stands

up and reads from the Sacred Jewish Scriptures. He finds the place in the Prophet Isaiah and boldly proclaims for all to hear; 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me. I have been sent to bring the Good News to the poor.' So, when we ask why was Jesus born, this is our answer: he came to bring the Good News to the poor.

What is this Good News? The Good News is that God created us, God forgives us and God heals us. God does this through the very person of Jesus Christ. Through the voice of Jesus, we hear God speaking to us personally and intimately. Through the face and actions of Jesus, we meet and experience the tender love and compassion of God.

At the time of Jesus if a person was sick in any way; blind, crippled, a leper or a widow, they were treated as sinners. They were excluded, ignored and dismissed as being worthless in the eyes of God. But these are the very people that Jesus came to be with. Jesus came to bring the Good News that God loved the poor, the outcast, the ignored and the despised. Many people disliked and criticised Jesus because of his friendship with the poor. They even said, 'Look this man even eats with sinners!' But these were the very people who saw and recognised Jesus for who he really was. It was the blind who saw him, the deaf who heard him and the crippled who followed him.

Being a Christian is not just a pleasant name or a comfortable badge to wear. It is a way of life. To call ourselves Christians is to follow the one called the Christ. It is to live as he lived, to love as he loved and to treat others as he treated people. As Christians, we are called to put our faith into concrete and real action in our daily lives. St James tells us that if we see someone who is hungry, naked or homeless but do nothing doing to help them, what use is that? Faith without good works is dead, he reminds us.

We are called not only to hear the Good News from Jesus, we are challenged to live it and put it into practice whenever and wherever we can. May we do all we can to share the Good News of our faith with others, especially those who are poor, ignored and on the margins of our church and society today.

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. Tarciziu. Also please complete a registration form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office.

Contactless Donations

If you are a taxpayer, you now have the option to sign up to Gift Aid via the Dona contactless devices. This will enable the Church to reclaim an additional 25% of your donation (made via the Dona devices) from the government at no extra cost to you.

Please note - even if you have previously signed up to Gift Aid and donate via envelopes and/or online, you will still need to sign up via the Dona devices. If you have any questions, please reach out to the finance team on finance-hainault@brcdt.org