

## Mass times and intentions: 01<sup>st</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Saturday	01	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> 18.00 – Ella Dougherty RIP
Sunday	02	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	03	No Mass
Tuesday	04	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Mary Brigid French RIP
Wednesday	05	<b>St Agatha</b> 10.00 – Muriel French
Thursday	06	<b>Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b> 10.00 – The Myers Girls Families
Friday	07	<b>Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> 10.00 – Elizabeth Tang RIP
Saturday	08	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Margaret O'Mahoney RIP
		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – Mary French RIP
Sunday	09	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: 269**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 649.67**

**Renovation fund: £ 149.81**

**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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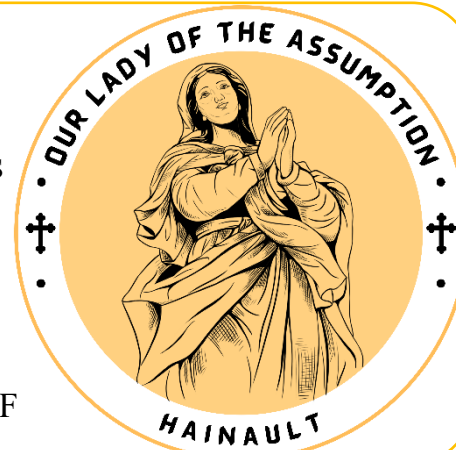
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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 306-308

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**398** – Love divine, all loves excelling

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!***

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

**606** – Praise to the Holiest in the height

**757** – Vaster far than any ocean

**567** – Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you

***Dear brothers and sisters,***

Today, in union with the universal Church we celebrate The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Today's Feast takes place forty day after Christmas. And, it is in a way another 'Epiphany', another revelation of God's presence and promise. Today is often called 'Candlemas' as people traditionally bring candles to church to be blessed.

In the gospel today we meet not one, but two prophets. What exactly was a prophet and what did they do? The Prophets were not those who were fortune tellers who could see into or tell the future; quite the opposite; they reminded people about their past.

They reminded people about that which they had forgotten and helped them to look forward to things that they had not yet considered. They reminded people that God had always been with them and that God would always be with them. Simeon and Anna remind and tell those listening that God has been faithful to the Covenant, they have not been forgotten; this child is the Messiah, the Promised and Chosen one of God.

Like John the Baptist, both Simeon and Anna have been called by God and filled with the Holy Spirit. They too will lead and point Jesus to others, not themselves. They too are preparing a way for the Lord and preparing others to meet the Messiah.

Both Simeon and Anna are prayerful, waiting and watching people. They are models of patience and trusting faith in God's promises. They have spent years listening to God's word and waiting for God's revelation and they won't be disappointed.

There are two people in this piece; the promised one who is arriving and the one who is waiting and watching. Anna is one of those who is watching and waiting for this Promised One.

Luke's gospel is well known for the importance and prominence that it gives to women. They are powerful witnesses and messengers of God's word; they always have been. Anna is a prophet in her own right. She never left the temple, serving God night and day. She entered the temple just as Mary and Joseph arrived with Jesus. She spoke of Jesus to all those who were looking forward to the liberation of Jerusalem. It is through this elderly, wise, and prayerful woman that God speaks and is revealed. This reminds us that women are powerful witnesses and messengers of God. Think of Mary, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene and the Woman at the Well, to name just a few.

When given the opportunity, let us not ignore nor neglect this rich and sacred part of our heritage and tradition. Today, in our church and parish communities, may we pay attention to the wise and radical voices of women around us. God called these women and Luke gives equal voice and prominence to women; we would do well to follow their example.

*Amen!*

## **Parish Council Meeting**


The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

## **PARISH BINGO NIGHT!**

Come and join our fellow parishioners for our Parish Bingo Night - to include food, prizes and fun. **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at 7pm in our Parish Hall. Tickets £10 for adults and £5 for children 10 and up. Not suitable for children under 10. Tickets on sale after Masses on Saturday and Sunday. All proceeds to the Renovation Fund. Donations for the raffle and prizes most welcome.

## **Church Renovation Fund**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after each Sunday Mass to help with the renovation of our Church. Any donation would be most welcome.

<b>Standing order details:</b>	<b>Online via QR Code:</b>
<b>Account Name:</b> Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption <b>Sort Code:</b> 40-13-22 <b>Account Number:</b> 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.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025**

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 24th May 2025**

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of possibly organising this day pilgrimage to Walsingham, on behalf of our Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr. Tarciziu. Details below.

*Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.*