

Mass times and intentions: 08th – 16th February 2025

Saturday	08	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Mary French RIP
Sunday	09	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	10	No Mass
Tuesday	11	Our Lady of Lourdes 10.00 – Derek Westwood RIP
Wednesday	12	Feria 10.00 – Breda Shaw
Thursday	13	Feria 10.00 – Busari and Olusanya Families
Friday	14	Ss Cyril & Methodius 10.00 – Denise How RIP
Saturday	15	Memorial of the Blessed Vergin Mary 10.00 – Nilani and Anton intentions
		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Thanksgiving
Sunday	16	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: 247

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 937.51

Renovation fund: £ 164

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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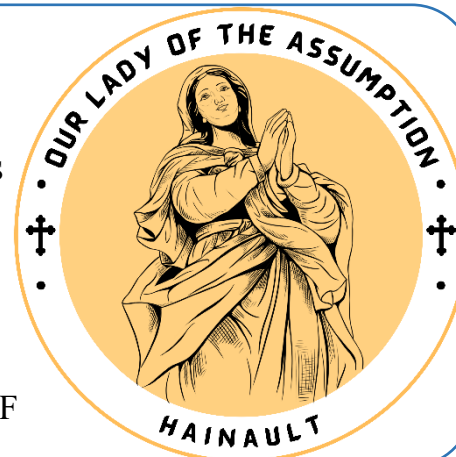
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 09th February 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 135-138

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

147 – Do not be afraid (v. 1, 2, 3)

Responsorial Psalm:

In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

209 – God forgave my sins in Jesus' name

285 – Here I am, Lord

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

175 – Follow me, follow me

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peter is often held up to us as a model of faith, strength and leadership, but this was not always the case. He began his life before he met Jesus as a humble married fisherman.

In the gospel this Sunday, we meet Peter and his friends after they have come back to shore after a night of fishing. They have caught nothing; their boats and nets are empty and have nothing to show for their hard nights work. The fishermen are more than likely cold, tired and disappointed.

Then Jesus, who probably doesn't know anything about the fishing business, casually asks them to go back out after they have just come back in. Peter, perhaps after some anger and confusion agrees to do what Jesus asks. What a change of fortune; their luck changes and they bring in the biggest catch of their lives.

Peters' tiredness and confusion turns to guilt. He is very hard on himself. Humbly he falls to his knees in front of Jesus and cries out, 'Leave me Lord, for I am a sinful man.' Peter wrongly assumes that Jesus will give out to him and walk away. But Jesus has other ideas and plans for him. Jesus reassures Peter with the famous line from scripture, 'Do not be afraid.' Then Jesus calls and invites Peter and the others to be his disciples; they leave their nets and boats and follow him.

While Peter sees himself as a failure and a sinner, Jesus sees so much more. He sees in Peter what Peter cannot see. Jesus sees the hidden and buried potential that lies within him. Peter sees only his past; Jesus sees his future. Despite his normal human weakness and frailty, Jesus has great plans for this very ordinary fisherman. Peter will become the chosen leader of Jesus' disciples. Even when he denies Jesus three times, Jesus neither condemns or criticises Peter.

Throughout scripture and the history of the Church, we recall and remember God's often strange pattern of choosing the small, the weak and even the sinful to do great things for God's Kingdom. St. Paul reminds us of this when he says that God chooses what is foolish by human reckoning and to shame what is strong that he chooses the weak.

If we are honest with ourselves, we are not so different from Peter. When we only see our faults, Jesus sees our potential, when we only see what we have done wrong, Jesus sees what we can do well; when we dwell on our past, Jesus calls us to look to our future with faith, hope and courage. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Jesus knows that we fall and make mistakes; Jesus knows all too well our sinfulness and still loves us and calls us by our name to follow him.

When we feel that our situation is hopeless, Jesus says to us, 'Do not be afraid.' Despite our failings and weaknesses, we too are called like Isaiah and Peter. God did great things for and through Peter. If we follow Jesus, God will do great things for and through us today.

Amen!

PARISH BINGO NIGHT!


Come and join our fellow parishioners for our Parish Bingo Night - to include food, prizes and fun. **Saturday 22nd 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 are most welcome.

Parish Council Meeting

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

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.

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.