

Mass times and intentions: 15th – 23rd February 2025

Saturday	15	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Thanksgiving
Sunday	16	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	17	No Mass
Tuesday	18	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru and Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Wednesday	19	Feria 10.00 – Efe Mekako
Thursday	20	Feria 10.00 – Elizabeth Busari
Friday	21	Feria 10.00 – Damian McDowell
Saturday	22	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle 10.00 – Mary McDowell RIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish		
Sunday	23	11.30 – Joseph and Albertina D'Cruz

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: 291

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 830.43

Renovation fund: £ 130

**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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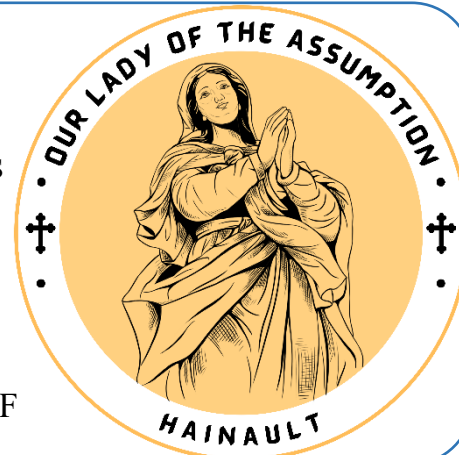
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th February 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **139-141**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

684 – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

159 – Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do.

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

40 – Amazing grace!

567 – Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Dear brothers and sisters,

All politicians have their own catchphrases, slogans and manifestos. These tell us who they and what they stand for. Perhaps, just perhaps, Jesus is somewhat similar. When he stood up in the synagogue, he proclaimed for all to hear, “I have come to bring the Good News to the Poor”. Jesus could not be any more direct or clearer. This is why he came.

Jesus teases this out a little more in today’s gospel as He announces and proclaims *The Beatitudes*. At the time of Jesus it was the wealthy, the powerful and the religious leaders, the Scribes and the Pharisees who saw themselves as being blessed by God. They thought of themselves as

being better and holier than everyone else. They looked down on those who were poor, sick, widowed or orphaned. In the eyes of the rich and powerful, how could God love them or be interested in them. How could they be blessed or happy in anyway?

But as always, Jesus turns everything on its head, both for those in the gospel and for us today. The values of Jesus and God's Kingdom are not the values of the world or our modern society. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us of this and challenges us when God says; 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your way – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The message of the world, modern society and the world of advertisements tell us that our worth and dignity come from spending, buying and owning more and more things. This might be a new car, the latest phone or the most fashionable clothes! There is absolutely nothing wrong in working and earning a just and decent wage to care for ourselves and our families. But are we more interested in a life style or a quality of life for ourselves and our families?

Today's gospel offers us some of Jesus' teaching that more than likely made him enemies. His preaching favoured those who were the poor, the sick and the marginalised. He overturned not only the social norms of his own time, but of our time too. Jesus, rather than simply telling the poor to be happy with their lot in life and accept it, also offers a challenge and warning to those who see themselves as powerful, mighty and wealthy. In the end it will be these powerful and threatened people who will put Jesus to death because he challenged and disturbed them. It will be the poor, the outsider and the persecuted who will follow him.

Where do we find ourselves today? In the four beatitudes of being blessed or the four woes of being asked to consider how we are living our lives according to Jesus and the values of God's Kingdom?

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.

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.

Raffle Tickets Now On Sale - Just £5 a Strip!

Don't miss your chance to win some **amazing prizes** while supporting a great cause! Every ticket sold helps fund the much-needed Church renovation project. **Prizes include:**

- A **£60 voucher** for a delicious **Chinese takeaway**
- A **professional teeth whitening voucher** for a brighter smile
- A beautifully curated **luxury hamper** filled with treats

And more!!

Get your tickets now and be in a chance to win.


Thank you for your continued support!

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	

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 24th May 2025

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. If you would like to join us, please contact Joyce Barroba on 07738 333632.