

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – Graham Miles RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>02</b>	11.30 – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Peter and Emmanuel Busari
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10.00 – Eileen McLoughlin RIP 20.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b> 10.00 – Repose of Patrick-Francis
<b>Friday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b> 10.00 – Joan Willcocks RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09</b>	11.30 – Valeria and departed members of the family

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- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary** – Wednesday & Thursday, after the Holy Mass
- **Stations of the Cross** – Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, after the Holy Mass

**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: 270**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 701.93**

**Renovation fund: £ 1.631**

**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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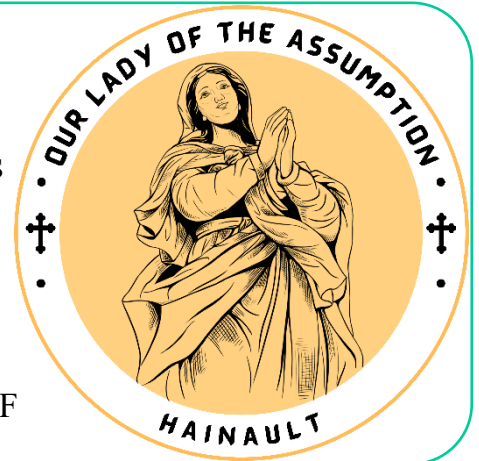
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 144-146

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass  
**478** – Make me a channel of your peace

### Responsorial Psalm:

*It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.*

**676** – Take my hands and make them as your own

**80** – Bind us together, Lord

**765** – Walk with me, oh my Lord

**728** – Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

### *Dear brothers and sisters,*

Whenever we see a political debate during an election campaign, we normally witness politicians from different sides condemning and criticising each other. They each believe that they are right and will say whatever it takes to get their message across. You and I may never get the chance to appear on television to express our opinion. However, there probably have been and are times when we judge, criticise and perhaps even condemn others when their opinion differs from our own. In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus warns us about judging others while ignoring our own failings, faults and shortcomings.

Jesus uses the image and phrase of the blind leading the blind. We mean no disrespect or prejudice to anyone who is blind or visually impaired, but the image is very easily understood and grasped. How often have we experienced someone criticising us for our mistakes while ignoring their own failings? And, on the other hand, how often have we in our turn taken pleasure in pointing out to another person the error of their ways, while conveniently covering up or forgetting our own mistakes?

The warning from Jesus about pointing out the splinter in another's eye while ignoring the one in our own is very challenging to hear. But more of a challenge to each of us is that we do something to remove the splinter from our own eye before we criticise others!

It's all too easy to criticise another person while ignoring our own weaknesses, while pretending that we ourselves have none or that we are perfect! But it takes real courage and humility to look at ourselves and change. This may not be easy, but with God's help it is possible. God does not judge, condemn or criticise us, so why should we do this to others or even to ourselves?

Jesus uses the word 'hypocrite' in the second part of the gospel. This is a very strong word with which we are familiar. It comes from the world of drama and acting. It actually means a 'pretender' or someone who wears a mask. The actor wore a mask and became another person; this let them say and do things that were out of character for them. Jesus warns us about this; we are not to say one thing and then do the very opposite. We are not to be hypocrites! Jesus is asking each of us a very direct and challenging question through this gospel: Is what I believe in my heart seen in my actions and through the quality of my daily life?

Lent is about to start and perhaps this gospel is preparing us to look at ourselves through the eyes of faith and God's love for us. What do people hear when I speak to and about them? What do others experience when they are around me? Just as a good tree will produce good fruit, so it is this with us. 'By their fruits you shall know them' or another way to say this is: If actions speak louder than words, what do my actions tell others about me?

As we prepare to begin our Lenten journey in a few days, may we have the courage and humility to honestly look at ourselves before we judge and condemn others. *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.

## **Bingo Night – An Evening of Fun, Food, and Prizes!**


The Parish Social Committee set a new milestone, raising an impressive £1,631. Since the event was entirely funded by the generous donations of our parishioners, every penny will go towards our Church Renovation.

We extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed and attended and especially to those who worked tirelessly to make the evening a success. It was a night filled with fun, delicious food, and lively conversation - except, of course, when everyone was eyes down on their bingo cards!

Fr. Tarciziu had his first taste of this much-loved game. While he didn't take home a prize this time, there's always another chance! With the continued support of our parishioners, we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

## **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	

## **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.