

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

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| Saturday | 15 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 18.00 – Liam McGoldrick RIP |
| Sunday | 16 | 11.30 – The People of the Parish |
| Monday | 17 | St Patrick 10.00 – Fr. Tarciziu – Thanksgiving |
| Tuesday | 18 | Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP |
| Wednesday | 19 | ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Sr. Patricia – Birthday 20.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP |
| Thursday | 20 | Thursday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Barbara James RIP |
| Friday | 21 | Friday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Fr. John Buckley RIP |
| Saturday | 22 | Saturday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Filipina Furtado RIP THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 18.00 – Alison Nagle RIP |
| Sunday | 23 | 11.30 – The People of the Parish |

- **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: 260

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 877.43

Renovation fund: £ 138.08

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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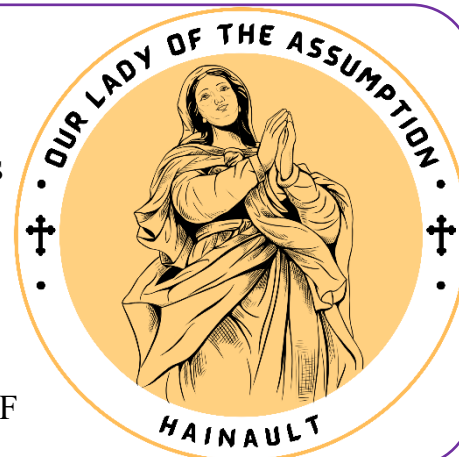
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 16th March 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **156-159**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

59 – At the name of Jesus (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

106 – Christ be beside me, Christ be before me

358 – Let there be love shared among us

388 – Shine, Jesus, shine

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus takes a small group of his followers and friends away from the noise of the market place and walks with them up the mountain. In scripture, both the Old and New Testament, the mountain is very important and significant; it is the place of revelation.

The mountain is the place where God is heard and experienced. We think of Moses meeting God on Mount Sinai, The Sermon on the Mount in Mathew's Gospel and the Hill of Calvary.

These and other places are where we encounter the power and presence of God. While they are praying on the mountain with Jesus, those with him experience a strange and powerful event; they hear and see

something very much out of the ordinary. Clouds appear and they hear a voice saying, *‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’*

What is this gospel saying to us as we take another step on our Lenten journey?

We know that every day we are surrounded and even bombarded with messages from all sorts of advertisements; the radio, newspapers, shop windows and of course social media. These are always trying to get our attention with their own message. Through the voice, actions and person of Jesus, God is trying to get our attention.

Jesus has a life-giving and life changing message for each of us, if we are ready and willing to listen to him. Sometimes in our daily lives we are so busy and occupied, that we are unable to hear what God wants to say to us. So today God simply reminds us of this and says, *‘This is my Son...listen to him.’*

How do we listen to Jesus? When we set aside a few minutes to pray, we are creating some time and space through which we can speak and listen to Jesus.

The Eucharist is a place of encounter and revelation through which we meet and hear Jesus. When the scriptures are proclaimed at mass, it is Jesus himself who is speaking to us.

When we present the Bread and Wine to the altar, the ultimate transfiguration and change takes place; they become the Body and Blood of Jesus and are freely offered back to us. When we celebrate the Eucharist with each other, we too are in the presence of Jesus, God’s chosen One, to whom we are asked to listen.

It is then that we can truly say, it is good that we are here! As we continue our journey through Lent, may we listen to Jesus who has the message and words of eternal life.

Tomorrow is St. Patrick’s Day! We look to this former slave as a man who heard and listened to the word of God. He not only heard God’s message; he dedicated his whole life to sharing it with others.

Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria. We remember and pray for all those around the world today who have any connection with St. Patrick or Ireland. May we too listen to God as Patrick did and follow Jesus as he did.

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.


Our Lady of the Assumption Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 24th May 2025 -

You are invited to join our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham – where we will all become part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. It will be a day of blessings and prayer to represent our Parish in Hainault. A coach will leave from outside our Church on the 24th May at 7am and will return at approx. 5pm. The cost will be £25.50 per person.

If you would like to join us and reserve your seat, please contact Joyce Barroba on 07738 333632. Thank you.

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: |
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| Account Name: Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption Sort Code: 40-13-22 Account Number: 31019244 |  |

Parish Mass Books

At our recent Parish Committee Meeting, it was decided that since our Parish Mass Books are no longer up to date with the new Lectionaries, we will continue using them only until Easter. Order of Mass Cards (an easy-to-follow helpful guide for all participants in the Mass) will be available. If you would like to follow the new Lectionary readings, you may do so by downloading the relevant app on your mobile phone or by purchasing a new Sunday Missal from CTS (Catholic Truth Society) or one of the other providers. Thank you.

Easter Raffle

Tickets for this year’s Easter Raffle will be available from 29th March. We will have an Easter Hamper and various Easter Eggs as prizes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. All profits will go to The Renovation Fund. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Coffee Morning on Easter Sunday. Thank you.