

Mass times and intentions: 05th– 13th April 2025

Saturday	05	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	06	11.30 – Thanksgiving for The Holy Trinity
Monday	07	No Mass
Tuesday	08	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent 10.00 – Tim, Mary and Dan Moriarty RIP
Wednesday	09	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent 10.00 – Usman – get well
Thursday	10	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent 10.00 – Barbara Plaxton and Family
Friday	11	Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent 10.00 – Pauline Windle – Thanksgiving
Saturday	12	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent 10.00 – Ronald Selvini RIP PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	13	11.30 – Brijit Philip RIP

- **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: 250

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 795.08

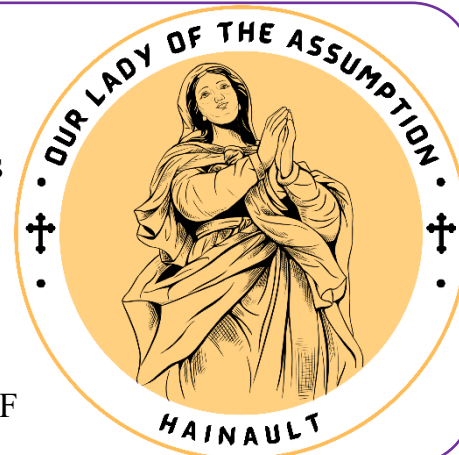
Renovation fund: £ 387.50

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 06th April 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 176-179

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

398 – Love Divine, all loves excelling (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Responsorial Psalm:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

285 – Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

738 – Thou whose almighty Word (v. 1, 2, 4)

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

84 – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are all very aware of the phrase, ‘people in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.’ What does this actually mean? Well, if you’re standing in a glass house and you throw a stone, you are definitely going to break a window and end up doing some harm to yourself! What does this have to do with the gospel this Sunday?

The gospel this Sunday is usually called the Woman caught in adultery. The religious leaders – the Pharisees – drag a woman into the market place and throw her to the ground. They say that she is a sinner and deserves to be stoned to death publicly. They want to trap and test Jesus;

they are not in the slightest bit interested in the welfare or wellbeing of this woman. But imagine how she feels and how they have made her feel. These men are standing over her with stones in their hands, anger in their eyes and hatred in their hearts for her. What will Jesus say and do to her?

Jesus remains calm and looks at these angry self-righteous men. He then says to each of them; 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' But they can't, because they are all sinners too! And so, starting with the eldest they drop their stones and walk away. Imagine, how they feel now! What did Jesus do to them? He didn't judge or condemn them; he let them do that themselves! He simply held up a mirror to them and asked them to look at their own lives before they destroyed someone else's.

Then Jesus turns to the woman. He speaks to her with tender compassion; 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Jesus treats her with respect and dignity; he lifts and raises her up at all levels. He doesn't condemn, judge or criticise her; but he does challenge her not to sin again.

When the men with the stones leave, this woman is left with the only one who is without sin, Jesus himself. Even now, he doesn't destroy her with more stones or abuse; instead, he simply forgives her. Imagine how she feels now!

It's so much easier for us to point out the sins and failings of others while failing to admit our own. Jesus challenges and reminds us that when we are tempted to focus our attention on someone's else faults, we need to stop and look at ourselves first. Who are we to judge and condemn others?

Jesus treats us the same way he treats the men and this woman; he doesn't condemn, dismiss or judge us when we sin; but he does forgive and challenge us not to do it again. As in all things, Jesus offers us an example that we are to follow; we are called to love others, not judge or condemn them.

Amen!

New GiftAid Boxes

GiftAid boxes for the new financial year 2024/2025 are available at the back of the Church. If you have previously signed up to *GiftAid* and cannot find a box with your name on it please speak to any member of the finance team or email them on finance-hainault@brcdt.org.


If you are a tax payer and would like to sign up to *GiftAid* please fill in a *GiftAid* declaration form (available at the back of the Church) and return it to any member of the finance team / Fr. Tarciziu or email it. 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.

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	

Easter Flowers

As we prepare to celebrate for Easter, we are seeking contributions to help cover the cost of the flowers for our Church for this special occasion. Your kind donations will be deeply appreciated. Donations will be collected after the weekend Masses. Thank you for your kindness and continued support.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAM

Palm Sunday, 13th April	11.30	Procession and Solemn Mass
Maundy Thursday, 17th April	19.00	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 18th April	15.00	The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday, 19th April	19.00	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Easter Sunday, 20th April	11.30	The Solemn Mass of Easter