

Mass times and intentions: 26th April – 04th May 2025

Saturday	26	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	27	11.30 – Sebastian and Anna-Leash – Thanksgiving
Monday	28	No Mass
Tuesday	29	St Catherine of Siena 10.00 – K. J. Sebastian RIP
Wednesday	30	Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Margaret Smith – good health
Thursday	01	Thursday after the Second Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Roland Selvini RIP
Friday	02	St Athanasius 10.00 – Thanksgiving
Saturday	03	Ss Philip and James 10.00 – In Honour of The Immaculate Heart of Mary
		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Anne Kelly
Sunday	04	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: 495

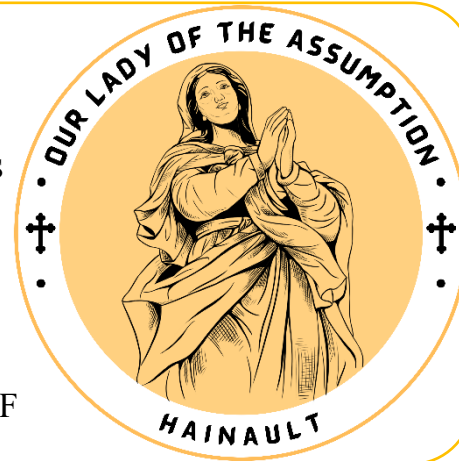
Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 1905.89

Renovation fund: £ 90 + £ 243 (Easter Raffle)

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 27th April 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **262-265**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

606 – Praise to the Holiest in the height (v. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7)

Responsorial Psalm:

Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

730 – This is my body, broken for you

42 – An upper room did our Lord prepare

147 – Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

388 – Shine, Jesus, shine

Dear brothers and sisters,

What happens to us when we really believe? Are our lives changed? We see in the Acts of the Apostles today that the lives of some of the followers of Jesus were changed radically when they came to believe. Others still stayed in the background, not being as confident in their belief.

Look at Saint Thomas in the Gospel today. He should have believed, but did not believe. Only when he had a personal encounter with the risen Lord did he actually come to believe and give up his doubting.

Where are you and where am I in our belief? This is a question we need to ask ourselves. Are we like the believers in the Acts of the Apostles and unable to control ourselves so that we must proclaim our faith in Christ? Probably not, but perhaps some here do have that kind of faith.

Are we like Thomas in the Gospel, wanting to believe but still sort of convinced that real believing is a bit of foolishness? We might have some tendencies that way, but most of us are here today because we do believe but we want to believe even more profoundly. We want to hear God's voice: "do not be afraid, I am with you."

So much of our faith, though, is accepting the testimonies of those who have gone before us or those who we have met and whom we really trust. It is clear in the Gospel that Jesus does claim to be God. It is clear in the Gospel that most of His followers doubted Him at one time or another. It is clear that after the Resurrection, some began to believe. It is clear that after the Resurrection Jesus actually appeared to some of His followers and ate and drank with them.

So that is the evidence of the Gospels and New Testament. It is up to us whether we want to believe that those testimonies are true. For myself, I believe, and this belief comes only after years of doubt and years of questioning and years of struggle with faith. But I can stand before you and say with my whole heart: "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He lived for me, died for me and rose for me." Alleluia.

May all of you have this same gift of faith and may we encourage others to believe. The only way to encourage belief is to allow that belief to transform my life in such a way that it is clear that God is at work. May our lives reflect the love and compassion of our God.

Amen. Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus' message to Sr. Faustina was:

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."


There are Divine Mercy leaflets available for you at the back of the Church - please take home with you.

Betty McMahon RIP

It was with great sadness we heard that Betty McMahon passed away recently. She was a well loved and respected member of our church community for many years. Her funeral will be held in our Church on Wednesday 30th April at 1pm. All are welcome.

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	

Our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 24 May 2025

A few more places have become available! Please join us. To reserve your seat or for further information, please contact Joyce Barroba on 07738 333632.

Sunday Missals

The Repository now has a small stock of the new Sunday Missal at £20 each. If you would like to purchase one, please see either Sheila or Peter Mackay.

Repository

With the forthcoming First Holy Communions and Confirmations in our Parish – you may like to visit our Repository at the back of the Church where you will find a good selection of cards and gifts for these and other occasions.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought and sold tickets for the Easter Raffle. The amount raised was £243 which will go towards the renovation fund. Thank you!

Thank you!

From the depths of my heart, I want to thank each of you for your generosity and support during this holy season of Easter. Whether you contributed with gifts, helped organise the celebrations, or offered financial support, every gesture has been a blessing and a source of joy. I am deeply grateful that, through your dedication and kindness, we were able to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord in such a beautiful and meaningful way. May God reward your goodness a hundredfold and fill your homes and hearts with peace, health and love. Thank You!