

Mass times and intentions: 17th – 25th May 2025

Saturday	17	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	18	11.30 – Ayomide Ishmael and Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Monday	19	No Mass
Tuesday	20	St Bernardine of Siena 10.00 – Jane Erhabor RIP
Wednesday	21	Wednesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Marc Louis Weigel RIP
Thursday	22	St Rita of Cascia 10.00 – Abraham Beaki RIP
Friday	23	Friday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Maria Isabelli – good health
Saturday	24	Saturday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Breda Shaw RIP
		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Peter McKay
Sunday	25	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: 236

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 553.36

Renovation fund: £ 205.25

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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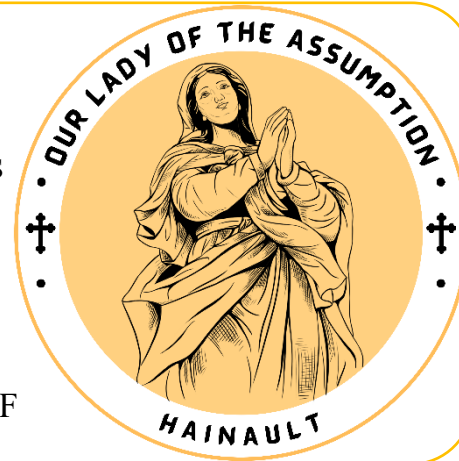
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 18th May 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 271-273

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

59 – At the name of Jesus (v. 1, 2, 7)

Responsorial Psalm:

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

273 – I am the vine, you are the branches

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

4 – A new commandment I give unto you

227 – God's spirit is in my heart

Dear brothers and sisters,

From the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus challenged everyone's expectations of what sort of Messiah he would be. He would not conform to the image of a political king who would overthrow the Roman empire and start a new regime.

The Kingdom of God that he would usher in would be one that was never thought of, seen or experienced before. It would not be based on power, prestige or politics. It would not be based on wealth, influence or importance. In fact, it would be the very opposite to all these. The foundation of the Kingdom of God is love and service.

Jesus came with a very new and radical message; He came to proclaim the Good News to the poor. At the time of Jesus, those who were poor or sick in any way were seen as sinners who were outside the scope of God's love and attention. The way Jesus treated and spoke to those who were sick or poor not only challenged the established religious leaders, it also annoyed and angered them. The message and word of God that Jesus proclaimed then and offers us now is new, challenging and still very radical.

Sometimes it can be a struggle to understand what Jesus means when he speaks to us, especially when he uses the language, images and symbols often found in his parables. However, this is not the case today with this Sunday's gospel. The command from Jesus; love one another just as I love you, is very clear, direct, straightforward and requires no debate or discussion. Secondly, it is a command that connects us closely to others; to those around us. This means those in our families and those we know and meet in our Christian community. Jesus does not say, put up with each other, tolerate each other, like each or get along with each other. He is very clear; we are to love each other.

To really love each other as Jesus asks us can be very difficult and challenging. It can be easier to just talk about it as a nice idea. It is so much harder to actually love others, especially those that we find difficult to get on with or even talk to! It can be so easier to say prayers and sing hymns that tell us about love. It has been said, because we have prayed and precisely because we have prayed, we are challenged to turn our attention to those around us who need our help and support. This is Christian love.

In one gospel, Jesus warns us that whatever we do for each other, we do for him. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for him. Whenever we love each other, we are loving Jesus. When we turn our back on others, we are turning our back on Jesus. This coming week may we turn our attention to those around us; may we love them as Jesus loves each of us.


Amen.

William Jones RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of William (Bill) Jones, a longstanding member of our community. Many will remember him as a happy, cheerful man, always interested in people. Bill loved to chat. Born in Wales, he was proud of his heritage – the Land of Song. He will be missed. A Mass to celebrate his long life will be held in our church on Tuesday 20th May at 12.00. *“To be born Welsh is to be born privileged, not with a silver spoon in the mouth, but music in your heart and poetry in your soul”.*

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 places are available! Please join us. To reserve your seat or for further information, please contact Joyce Barroba on 07738 333632.

First Holy Communion

In our Parish on Sunday 1st June during the 11.30 Mass, 10 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion. We wish them, and their families, every joy and blessing this Holy Sacrament contains. May they continue to be our 'little examples of God's love' within our Parish. Let us offer our prayers for them on this very special occasion.

Repository

With the forthcoming First Holy Communion 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.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration form. As Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax this allows our Church to reclaim from the taxman 25 pence for each pound donated.

Please note gift aid boxes for the new financial year are available for collection at the back of the Church. If your box is not there (and you have previously signed up to gift aid) please contact a member of the finance committee or email them on finance-hainault@brcdt.org