

Mass times and intentions: 31st May – 01st June 2025

Saturday	31	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.00 – Tony and Martina Griffin – get well
Sunday	01	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	02	No Mass
Tuesday	03	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs 10.00 – Irene Moore RIP
Wednesday	04	Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Laura, Ed, Barmen and Family
Thursday	05	St Boniface 10.00 – Thanksgiving for all the priests
Friday	06	Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Bill Jones RIP
Saturday	07	Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.00 – Terri Bellis and her family
		PENTECOST SUNDAY 18.00 – Frank Barroba RIP
Sunday	08	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: 254

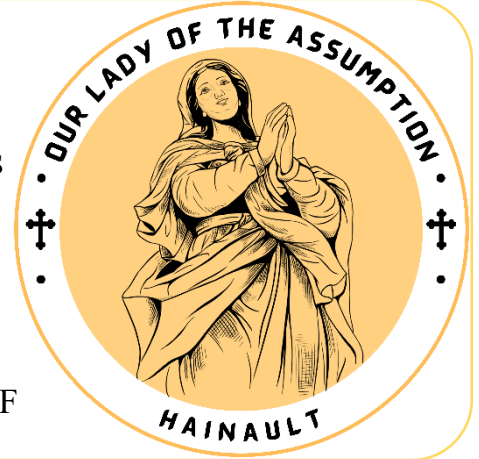
Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 680.91

Renovation fund: £ 435.50

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 01st June 2025

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. **281-283**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
285 – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

302 – In bread we bring you, Lord
578 – One Bread, One Body
70 – Be still and know
388 – Shine, Jesus, Shine

Dear brothers and sisters, Dear children,

Today, we are called to reflect on the prayer of our Savior Jesus Christ, which offers us a true lesson about what it means to be a community of faith and the role our unity plays in the world's testimony.

In this holy prayer, Jesus does not pray only for His disciples of that time, but also for all who will believe through their word. This is a universal calling that includes each one of us today. It is we who, through our faith, must continue His work and be His living testimony in the world.

Jesus asks for something essential: unity. “That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us.” This is a unity that springs from the close relationship of Jesus with the Father, a profound unity of love and communion.

This unity is not merely an external form but a deep life in Christ, a union of hearts in faith, love, and service. When we, who follow Christ, are united, our light shines brightly in the darkness of the world. And this light of our unity becomes a living sign for others: “that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”

Therefore, our unity is a sacred mission. It is one of the most powerful testimonies we can offer the world - not so much through words, but through our shared life, through the way we love and support one another.

Moreover, Jesus assures us that this unity is a participation in His communion with the Father: “that they also may be one in Us.” It is an invitation to divine life, to live in communion with God. Thus, unity is not something imposed, but a fruit of God’s love that binds us together.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us preserve this unity, cultivate it with humility and love, forgive, and seek reconciliation, so that through our lives united in Christ, the world may see and believe in the saving power of God.

Let us pray that the Lord helps us to be one, to be one in Him and through Him, for the glory of the Father and the salvation of those around us.

Dear children,

What a beautiful day is this! You are dressed in your finest clothes, your families are smiling, and the church is filled with joy. Do you know why?

Because today, something amazing is happening - something that even the angels in Heaven are celebrating. Today, you receive Jesus for the very first time in Holy Communion! You’ve been preparing for this moment. You’ve learned about Jesus, about the Mass, about the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Christ. You’ve made your First Confession. You’ve practiced praying. And now, your hearts are ready. And today, Jesus comes to you not just to visit, but to stay in your heart. He wants to live in you, to walk with you, and to be your best friend forever.

After today, Jesus hopes you’ll keep Him close. But how?

- *Talk to Him – Pray every day. Even simple words like, “Thank You, Jesus,” or “Help me, Jesus,” are perfect.*
- *Come to Mass – Each Sunday, Jesus waits to see you again in the Eucharist.*
- *Be kind – Every time you love others, forgive, and share, you are loving Jesus too.*
- *Remember this moment – Keep today in your heart. You’ve received the most important gift in the world.*

Dear children, today is the day Jesus comes into your heart in a special way. When you kneel at the altar and receive Holy Communion, whisper quietly to Him: “Jesus, I love You. Stay with me forever.”

And He will. He will walk with you in school, at home, with your friends, when you’re happy or sad. He will be with you your whole life.

So, smile, be joyful, and celebrate - because today, Heaven touched your heart.

Amen.

Diocese Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend after Mass for World Communications.

Confirmation

On the 8th June during the 11.30 Mass in our Parish, 8 of our youth will celebrate their Confirmation. May the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit bring them protection and guidance to help them grow spiritually and fruitfully. We wish them and their families the blessings this Holy Sacrament brings.

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.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Going Forth Mass

On Sunday 15th June a Going Forth Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am in thanksgiving for all our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. This will be followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall after Mass – all are invited to this joyous celebration.