

*Mass times and intentions: 05<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>06</b>	11.30 – Betty McMahon RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Francis Roman RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – The peace of the World
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Good estate of sister Mary 13.00 – Funeral Mass – Filomena Maria Wood RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>St Benedict</b> 10.00 – Rev. Bartholomew Lynch and his own intentions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Laura, Ed, Barney and Family
		<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – Hanley Family – intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	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: 241**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 711.34**

**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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OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**

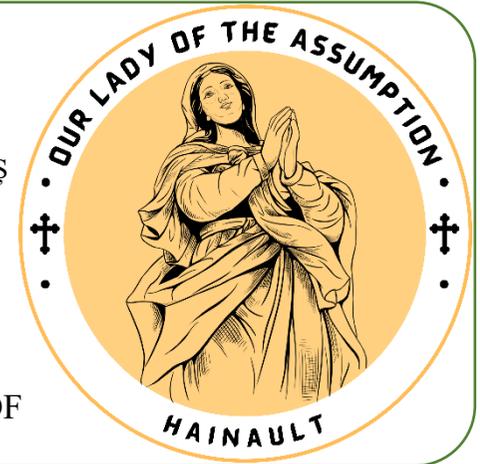
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*FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 06<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**31** – All ye who seek a comfort sure

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

**517** – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil (v. 1, 2, 4)

**678** – Take our bread, we ask you

**633** – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

**183** – Forth in the peace of Christ we go (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Today we come to a vibrant and dynamic passage - full of movement, mission, and divine purpose. In the Gospel today, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples - not just the twelve, but many others - on a sacred mission. And what a mission it is! They are sent ahead of Him, to prepare the way, to proclaim peace, to heal the sick, and to bring the Kingdom of God nearby. And they return filled with joy. But Jesus gently and wisely shifts their focus: “do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven”

Notice something important: “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two...” Jesus doesn’t send them out alone. Ministry is not meant to be done in isolation. He sends them in pairs - to support one another, to encourage each other, to

pray together, to share the burden and the joy. Maybe today you feel called to serve, but you don't know where to start. Perhaps you feel too small, too unprepared. But the Lord is calling you - maybe to speak an encouraging word to a neighbour, to pray for someone at work, or to be a light in your family. Ministry is not just for pastors or evangelists. Every believer is called to be a witness. We are all sent.

And after that, Jesus points to a painful reality: "*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.*" The world is ripe, ready, longing - but there are few who are willing to go. Maybe because it's hard. Maybe because it costs. Doesn't this sound like our world today? We see brokenness, confusion, fear, spiritual hunger - all around us. People are searching for peace, for truth, for hope. And we have the answer. We have the Gospel. The question is: are we willing to go? But how and what can we do?

We have the answer: "*Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'*" Dear friends, we are messengers of peace. Not of condemnation, not of arrogance, not of argument - but peace. The Gospel is Good News. It is not a weapon to shame people, but a hand stretched out in love. Jesus sends His disciples to bless, to heal, to lift up. Not to curse, but to restore. What if each of us began every day with this prayer: "Lord, who can I bring Your peace to today?"

At the end of today's Gospel, we can see that the disciples come back overflowing with joy! The mission was a success. They saw the power of God at work. They were amazed. But Jesus redirects their excitement: "do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

In other words: Don't build your identity on success, power, or visible results - build your joy on the unshakable truth that you belong to God. This is the heart of the passage. Our greatest joy is not in what we do for God, but in what God has done for us.

Let's not leave this as just a beautiful passage from the Bible. Let's ask: Who can I encourage this week? Where is God sending me to be a bearer of peace? Am I more focused on my spiritual activity than on my relationship with Christ?

We live in a time where true, humble, Spirit-led Christians are desperately needed. You don't have to perform miracles. You just need to say: "*Here I am, Lord - send me.*"

Dear friends, ministry is wonderful. Mission is noble. But salvation is our greatest treasure. When all is said and done - when our strength fades, when our work is finished - this joy will remain: That our names are written in heaven.

So go - like those early disciples - sent, humble, full of courage, full of love. And may we never lose sight of the greatest joy of all: That we belong to Christ.

**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.

### **Funeral Mass**

With sadness we learned that, in her 102<sup>nd</sup> year, Filomena died. Her Funeral Mass is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. Filomena was a long-standing member of our Parish family (6pm Mass). May she rest in peace and may God comfort her daughter Christine.

### **Diocesan Second Collection**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection after Mass by Stella Maris for Sea Sunday. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Join Our Sunday Team!**

We have been blessed to see our parish grow - especially during big celebrations like Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation! To keep everything running smoothly, we would love a few extra helping hands. Can you help with:

- **Welcoming** – greeting everyone with a smile and handing out hymn books
- **Ushers** – helping people find seats and easing congestion
- **Stewards** – guiding Communion in an orderly way
- **Church Cleaning** – keeping our church looking its best
- **Tea & Coffee** – serving refreshments after Sunday Mass
- **Choir** - join us to help with the celebration of the Mass

We are aiming to set up a rota or add to existing rotas, so even a little help goes a long way. If you would like to get involved, please email us at [hainault@brcdt.org](mailto:hainault@brcdt.org). Thank you!