

Mass times and intentions: 12th – 20th July 2025

Saturday	12	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Hanley Family – intentions
Sunday	13	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	14	No Mass
Tuesday	15	St Bonaventure 10.00 – Joseph Selvan RIP
Wednesday	16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel 10.00 – Anthony Davitt RIP
Thursday	17	Feria 10.00 – Rita O’Neill RIP
Friday	18	Feria 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Saturday	19	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Belinda – grace and providence
		SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Sunday	20	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: 201

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 463

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13th July 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

147 – Do not be afraid

Responsorial Psalm:

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

209 – Freely, freely, you have received

23 – All that I am, all that I do

596 – Peace is the gift of heaven to earth

800 – When I needed a neighbour

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, we hear Jesus telling us a story that touches the heart. It's about a man who was beaten and left on the side of the road, and about other people who passed by without helping. This Gospel is simple, but very deep. It asks us a question we all must answer: "Who is my neighbour?" And maybe even more important: "Am I a neighbour to others?"

What happened in the Gospel? A man was walking on a dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by robbers, beaten, and left half-dead. Three people walked by: a priest – a man of God. He saw the man but walked past him; a Levite – another religious man. He also looked... but passed by; a Samaritan – a man from a group hated by the Jews. Yet... he stopped. He felt compassion, cleaned the man's wounds,

put him on his animal, took him to an inn, and paid for someone to care for him.

Jesus then asks: "Which of the three was a neighbour to the man who was hurt?" And the answer is clear: The one who showed him mercy.

Let me tell you a real story. In a big city hospital, a 15-year-old boy was lying alone in a bed. He was dirty, scared, and angry. He had no documents, no family, and no one wanted to deal with him. The nurses said: "He's been here before. He steals, he lies. He won't change." But a priest who visited the hospital sat next to him. He didn't say anything complicated. He just asked: "What happened to you, son?" And the boy began to cry. It was the first time someone looked at him with kindness. The priest came again the next day. And the next. He helped him find a safe place to stay. Years later, the boy, now a young man, came to the priest's church. He hugged him and said: "You were the only one who stopped for me."

My friends, this is what real mercy looks like: not big words, but open hearts and helping hands.

What does Jesus want from us? Jesus doesn't tell us: "Be a hero." He simply says: "Stop when someone is hurting." He doesn't ask us to do miracles, but to care. Our neighbour is not just our friend or our family. Our neighbour is anyone who needs us, even if we don't know them. It might be an elderly person who is lonely, a child who feels forgotten, someone sick or sad. Maybe even someone in our own home who is suffering silently.

A simple question: What would Jesus do? Each day, we can ask ourselves: "If Jesus were in my place right now, what would He do?" Would He walk past? Or would He stop? Then we will know what we should do too.

Dear friends, Jesus tells us this parable not just to move our hearts, but to call us to action. At the end, He says: "Go and do the same." That means: be aware of those around you; stop for those who are hurting; be kind, even when others are not; don't ask if someone deserves your help – just help, because that's how Jesus loved us.

Let's ask the Lord today for hearts that are sensitive and hands ready to help. Because when we come close to the one who is wounded, we come close to God Himself. **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.

Diocesan Second Collection

This 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 or fill in one of the forms on the table at the back of the Church and hand in to Fr. Tarcziu or leave it in the Sacristy. Thank you!

We have a new project

With the desire to beautify the church grounds and to create a welcoming space for all, we are planning a new project: in front of the church, we will build a double wooden archway with benches, offering a place of rest and quiet reflection. In time, the arch will be covered with climbing roses, which have already been generously donated by a member of our community.

To complete this project, we kindly ask for your financial support to purchase the necessary wood. The estimated cost is around £1,500.

If you would like to contribute, please speak with Fr. Tarcziu after the Mass. Any support - no matter the amount - is deeply appreciated and will be blessed by God according to the love in your heart. Thank you all for your care, generosity, and commitment to the life of our church!