

Mass times and intentions: 26th July – 03rd August 2025

Saturday	26	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Betty McMahon RIP
Sunday	27	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	28	No Mass
Tuesday	29	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus 10.00 – Blessings for Patrick-Francis Family
Wednesday	30	Feria 10.00 – Sue Fahey – intentions
Thursday	31	St Ignatius of Loyola 10.00 – Barry Tighe RIP
Friday	01	St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori 10.00 – Rebecca Goode and Katrina Dudziak
Saturday	02	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Vas Family – thanksgiving
		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Matthew Procter – intentions
Sunday	03	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: 223

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 801.65

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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27th July 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

15 – All creatures of our God and King (v. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Responsorial Psalm:

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

377 – Lord accept the gifts we offer

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

633 – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

512 – Now thank we all our God

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, God calls us to rediscover the power of prayer - not a rushed or mechanical prayer, but one that is bold, living, and full of trust.

A prayer that intercedes like Abraham, stands in the truth of Christ, and seeks the greatest gift of all - the Holy Spirit.

When God decides to judge Sodom, Abraham steps forward and speaks to the Lord with great courage: “If there are 50 righteous... 45... 40... 30... 10 - will You still destroy the city?”

This is intercessory prayer - Abraham does not pray for himself, but for others, for a sinful city.

Short story: A hermit used to pray daily for the nearby town. When someone said, “That town is full of sin!”, he answered: “If no one lights a candle for them, who will break the darkness?”

Think of a teacher ready to expel a student. Then a classmate speaks up: "Please, give him another chance!" That is what Abraham does - and so can we. We also have our Sodoms - perhaps in our family, our city, our world. Don't curse them. Intercede for them. Pray for others' salvation with the wide, hopeful heart of Abraham.

St. Paul reminds us that we have been "buried and raised with Christ," and that God "forgave us all our sins." This means that prayer is not about earning God's favour - it's about entering a relationship. We no longer come as strangers, but as children of God. Our sins were nailed to the Cross.

A child tries to enter the king's palace but is stopped by the guards. Then the king's son comes and says, "He is with me." That's how we gain access - through Christ.

A man begs at the gate of a house, not knowing he holds the key in his pocket - he is the owner's son, but he forgot who he is.

Pray like a child, not a beggar. Christ made you a son or daughter. Don't let guilt or routine steal your boldness.

Jesus teaches the disciples the *Our Father* - a prayer that shows us the heart of our faith: we address God as Father, we seek His kingdom and daily bread, we ask for forgiveness and deliverance. Then He tells a parable of the persistent friend, urging us to ask, seek, and knock. "Your Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

In an African village, a missionary was asked, "Why do you pray so much?" He answered, "Because I speak with my Father." One elder said: "Only sons can speak to their father like that. If you pray this way, you must be part of His family."

Prayer is not just about getting things - it's about being with Someone. And the greatest gift of all is not a solution but God's presence - the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, God doesn't just call us to say prayers - He calls us to become prayer. Not just to ask, but to be transformed. In a world full of noise and confusion, you are the ones who know that you have a Father. So: be intercessors, like Abraham - not judging, but hoping; be rooted in Christ, who gives you bold access to the throne of grace; be open to the Holy Spirit, the most precious gift of all.

And when you don't know what to say in prayer, remember: You're not trying to convince a distant God, but responding to a Father who already loves you.

Enter this new week with courage, with prayer, and with an open heart. Pray. Intercede. Listen. And let God work through you.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

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. Tarciziu or leave it in the Sacristy.

Thank you!