

Mass times and intentions: 09th – 17th August 2025

Saturday	09	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	10	11.30 – Algis and Alvydas RIP
Monday	11	No Mass
Tuesday	12	Feria 10.00 – Anna-Leah and Patrick-Francis – blessings
Wednesday	13	Feria 10.00 – Frederick Oghojafor RIP
Thursday	14	St Maximilian Kolbe 10.00 – Fr. Tarciziu – thanksgiving
Friday	15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION 10.00 – John McDowell RIP 20.00 – The People of the Parish
Saturday	16	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Clayton Eadon
		TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – John Flannery RIP
Sunday	17	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: 198

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 689.02

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week
and I look forward, very much, to work with you
for the good of our Parish.**

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10th August 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

373 – Lo, He comes with clouds descending (v. 1, 2, 4)

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

678 – Take our bread, we ask you

73 – Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side

358 – Let there be love (joy, peace) shared among us

74 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (v. 1, 2, 5)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings invite us to live with faithful expectation. Not the kind of waiting that sits idly, but an active, hopeful, trusting kind of waiting - one that is rooted in faith, guided by love, and full of watchfulness.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, we hear: "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." We are given the example of Abraham. God called him to leave his home and go to a land he did not know. Abraham obeyed, even though he didn't see the full picture. Why? Because he trusted God.

And that's the heart of faith: walking with God even when we don't see the whole path. Imagine walking on a path at night with just a flashlight. You can't see the end of the road, but you can see the next step. That's

what faith is like - we may not know the future, but God gives us enough light to take the next step.

The first reading today recalls the night of the Exodus, when God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt. It was a dark night, full of uncertainty, but the people trusted God's promise. They were prepared. They had faith in what God had said. Even in fear, they held onto hope.

And this reminds us that God never abandons His people. In the darkest nights of our lives, He is there - protecting, guiding, preparing. The question is: Are we ready when He comes?

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges His disciples - and all of us - to stay awake, to be watchful and faithful. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes."

Watchfulness is not about fear, but about love and responsibility. We don't wait for Jesus with anxiety, but with a desire to be found doing good, being faithful, living with integrity.

Think of a woman who is expecting a special guest. She doesn't just sit and wait - she cleans the house, prepares the food, gets everything in order. Our hearts should be like that - ready, clean, loving, and prepared.

Dear friends, do good even when no one sees. God sees your small acts of love and faithfulness. Pray every day, even for just 5 minutes. It keeps your heart awake and connected to God. Be quick to forgive. If the Lord called you today, would He find peace or resentment in your heart? Live simply and generously. As Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Where is your treasure?

Dear brothers and sisters, our life is a journey with God. We don't know the exact time or the day when He will come, but we know He is coming, and we want to be ready - not afraid, but joyful. So let us be like the faithful servants in the Gospel: awake in prayer, active in love, prepared in hope.

Let our hearts be lamps burning bright - not just for ourselves, but for all those around us.

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.

Sunday Missals

Some Sunday Missals are now available at a cost of £20 each. Please ring Sheila on 020 8500 0073 if you would like one. Thank you.

You are All Invited to Celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 17th August 2025, after 11:30am Mass

The Feast of the Assumption is on Friday 15th August and it is suggested that we have a celebration for this Feast on Sunday 17th August after the 11.30am Mass. The celebration will be like that of last year, which was a great success. It will take place in front of the Church.

Celebratory food and drinks contributions are very welcome. Please complete the form at the back of the Church letting us know what food/drinks contributions you will be bringing and leave it on the table or hand it to Jessica, Maria or Gizelle. Thank you all.

First Holy Communion Programme 2025-2026

The Application and Consent forms for the First Holy Communion (FHC) Programme for 2025/26 are now available at the back of the church. You need to have the following criteria to be eligible for the programme:

- live within the parish of our Lady of Assumption, Hainault
- your child needs to be at least in Year 3 at school (7 years old and above)
- practising Catholic family (goes to church regularly for at least one year) in this parish; or a reference from your previous parish priest if new to our church community.

If you have any questions then please reach out to FHC catechists Anne D'Cruz, Marie Pinto and Gizelle Da-Cunha or email them on

fhc-hainault@brcdt.org

Please hand in your completed application and consent forms to Fr. Tarciziu no later than Sunday 21st September 2025.