

Mass times and intentions: 20th – 28th September 2025

Saturday	20	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Maria Bereta RIP
Sunday	21	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	22	No Mass
Tuesday	23	St Pius of Pietrelcina 10.00 – McDowell Family
Wednesday	24	Our Lady of Walsingham 10.00 – Sonny Hayde and Family
Thursday	25	Feria 10.00 – Buba and Anica Adoamnei RIP
Friday	26	Ss Cosmos and Damian 10.00 – John and Veronica Hausenloy – recovery
Saturday	27	St Vincent de Paul 10.00 – Thanksgiving to The Holy Trinity
		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Kerry Peterson RIP
Sunday	28	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.

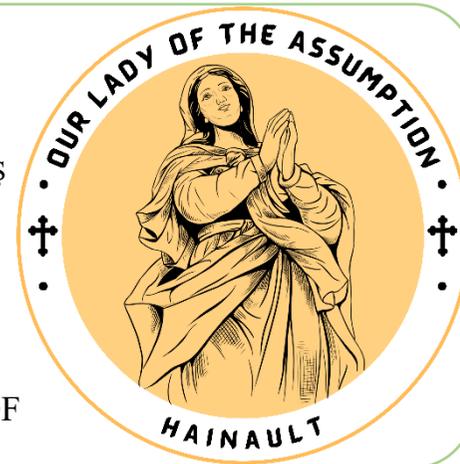
Mass Attendance last weekend: 286

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 720.46

**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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21st September 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
351 – Lead us, heav'nly father, lead us

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

84 – Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

Choir to sing: Mary of Walsingham

187 – From heaven You came, helpless babe

Dear brothers and sisters,

The readings today invite us to reflect on how we relate to material goods and the responsibility we carry as God's children in this world. The common message of these three texts can be summed up in this way: money and possessions are not an end in themselves, but a means entrusted to us by God to build a more just world and to serve our neighbour.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos denounces the oppression of the poor: "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end...". People were waiting for the holy days to pass just so they could return to business, cheating on scales and exploiting the weak. God declares that He will not forget such injustices: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

The same reality exists today: unfair wages, workers exploited, children forced into labour, while the wealthy grow richer. The message of Amos remains clear: God does not remain indifferent to social injustice.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to pray for all people, especially for those in authority. Why? So that “we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity”.

Paul reminds us that God desires all people to be saved. Here lies an important truth: our faith is not only personal, it carries a responsibility for the well-being of society. A true Christian is never indifferent to the common good.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it seems odd: Jesus appears to praise the cunning of a corrupt man. But He is not asking us to imitate his dishonesty. Rather, He wants us to learn from his foresight and initiative. The steward used the little time he had left to secure his future.

Jesus says: “Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth”. In other words, wealth, possessions, influence - all these things will pass away. But if we use them to do good, to help others, to build relationships of solidarity and love, they become instruments that lead us to eternal life.

Imagine someone receives a large sum of money. They have two options: to use it only for themselves, forgetting about others; or to do good with it: helping a child go to school, supporting a struggling family, contributing to the good of the community. The first way brings temporary satisfaction. The second leaves a lasting mark on people’s hearts - and in eternity.

Here’s a short story: A rich man died, and at his funeral someone asked, “How much did he leave behind?” A friend replied, “All of it. He didn’t take anything with him.” It’s a simple reminder: we take no wealth with us beyond this life - only our deeds.

Dear brothers and sisters, today’s readings call us to: justice toward the poor and the vulnerable; prayer for all people, including those who govern; wisdom in managing material goods, using them to build friendships, solidarity, and love.

Let us not forget: no one can serve two masters, God and money. Our choice must be clear. And when we choose generosity - when we use what we have for the good of others - our true treasure will be in heaven.

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

There will be a second collection this weekend after each Mass for ‘Evangelii Gaudium Day’ which funds the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation.

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.

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.

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. Tarcziu no later than Sunday 21st September 2025.

The Programme will commence on Tuesday 23rd September at 5:00pm.