

**Mass times and intentions: 01<sup>st</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS' DAY</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>02</b>	11.30 – Flora Cumberbatch RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b> 10.00 – Christina Francis RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Mary Brigid French RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Kathleen McDowell RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> 10.00 – Thanksgiving for healing and fast recovery of Maria Isabelli Diy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Annamma Abraham RIP
		<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09</b>	11.30 – Late Adoamnei's Family reposed

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary**

**Mass Intentions / Offerings:** Special envelops 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: 256**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 692.30**

**Church Roof Renovation Fund**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after each Sunday Mass to help with the cleaning and repair works on our church roof. Any donation would be most welcome.

Standing order details:	Online via QR Code:
<b>Account Name:</b> Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption <b>Sort Code:</b> 40-13-22 <b>Account Number:</b> 31019244	

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**ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS' DAY – 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**176** – For all the saints who from their labours rest (v. 1, 2, 3, 8)

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.***

**S3** – Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered

**88** – Blest are the pure in heart

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

**571** – Oh when the saints go marching in (v. 1, 2, 6, 7)

***Dear brothers and sisters,***

Today's celebration lifts our eyes in two directions: toward heaven and toward the earth. Toward heaven, because there we find all the saints - people just like us, who answered God's call with all their hearts. And toward the earth, because here we are, still walking the path of faith, carrying in our hearts all those we have loved who have gone before us, but who continue to live in the love of the Lord.

In the Book of Revelation, Saint John tells us of a great multitude - "so vast that no one could count them" - people from every nation and time, dressed in white robes, standing before the Lamb. Those are not only the great saints we know from icons or calendars, but also simple men and women who lived their faith quietly, with love and perseverance. Perhaps among them is the grandmother who lit her candle every night and prayed

for her children. Perhaps the father who worked honestly every day without complaint. Perhaps the mother who forgave even when she was hurt. Or a child who sincerely said, "I love you."

Holiness is not about doing extraordinary things; it is about doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. There's a story told about a monk whose daily task in the monastery was washing the dishes. One day someone asked him, "Don't you get tired of doing the same thing every day?" The monk smiled and said, "No, because each dish I wash, I wash as if it belonged to the Lord Jesus." How beautiful that is - holiness hidden in simple gestures done with a loving heart.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us the true face of holiness in the Beatitudes. He doesn't say, "Blessed are the perfect" or "Blessed are the strong," but rather, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers." God is not looking for flawless people, but for hearts that love sincerely. A young man once asked a priest, "Father, how can I become a saint? I can't go on missions, I can't perform miracles." The priest replied, "Start by being good where you are. Smile at the sad, pray, forgive, help without expecting anything in return. That's how holiness begins."

When we hear Saint John say, "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is," we understand that holiness is not a faraway goal but a work that begins here and now. God is shaping us every day to become more like his Son. Like a sculptor working on a statue, chiselling away what is unnecessary. Someone once asked a sculptor, "How do you know where to strike with the chisel?" He answered, "It's simple - I just remove everything that doesn't look like Jesus." That's exactly what God does in our lives - through trials, joys, and the people around us, he slowly removes what doesn't resemble his Son.

Today we also remember all the faithful departed - those we have loved and no longer see with our eyes, yet we still feel them close to us in faith. When we light candles for them, that little flame speaks more than words can express. It says, "May the light of Christ guide you." It's not just a tradition, but a sign of our hope - that love does not die, that death does not have the final word, that God's love connects us beyond the grave.

As we think of our departed loved ones, let us not be people without hope. Let us pray for them with love, and let us live in such a way that they, in heaven, may rejoice to see us walking the same path of faith.

My dear friends, holiness is not a privilege for a few; it is a calling for all. We don't need to do great things - we only need to put great love into the small things we do. A mother raising her children with patience, a young person who stays pure in a corrupted world, an elderly man praying quietly for others - these are the saints who fill heaven.

Let us ask the Lord to give us simple, pure, and grateful hearts. May we live each day believing that we too can be saints right where we are. And when we finally meet our loved ones in God's kingdom, may we hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."

**Amen.**

**• November – The Month of Remembrance and Prayer for the Faithful Departed**

November is a special month in the life of the Church - a sacred time when we remember with love and gratitude all the faithful departed: our parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends who have gone before us into the peace of the Lord. We pray for the souls of the departed throughout the year, but in this month we are especially invited to do so with renewed faith and compassion. Throughout November, you are encouraged to write the names of your departed loved ones on a piece of paper and place it before the altar, in the box prepared for this intention.

Each day during the month, Eucharistic Adoration and the Holy Rosary will be offered for the souls of all our departed brothers and sisters. Let us unite in prayer and love, entrusting them to God's infinite mercy, that they may rejoice forever in His eternal light and peace.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

**• Together for Our Church Roof**

Following last week's joyful announcement that we have received approval to begin the cleaning and repair works on our church roof, I would like to remind everyone that only together can we accomplish this project.

I know that times are not easy financially, but I trust that through our shared faith, love, and generosity, we will be able to raise the necessary amount of £9,996.60 to complete the work. Thank you sincerely for your prayers, support, and contributions. May God bless and reward each of you for your love and sacrifice for His house!

**• Christmas Hampers**

Raffle tickets will be on sale from this weekend for our annual Christmas Hampers. Any donations of food/gifts for these hampers will be gratefully received. There will be a box for these contributions at the back of the Church. The proceeds of this raffle will be for the repair of the Church roof and the raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.