

Mass times and intentions: 15th – 23rd November 2025

Saturday	15	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	16	11.30 – John Aleyamma RIP
Monday	17	No Mass
Tuesday	18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul 10.00 – Michael Mekako
Wednesday	19	Feria 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru and Ayomide Ishmael RIP
Thursday	20	Feria 10.00 – Rupert Chandler – good health
Friday	21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Pauleta Semedo and Jose Lopes RIP
Saturday	22	St Cecilia 10.00 – Dan Casey and Barbara Casey
		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 18.00 – Leonardo Anastacio and Edwin Genovia RIP
Sunday	23	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 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: £ 625.79

Church Roof Renovation Fund

There will be a 2nd 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:
Account Name: Catholic Church Hainault The Assumption Sort Code: 40-13-22 Account Number: 31019244	

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th November 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
568 – O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

478 – Make me a channel of your peace

31 – All ye who seek a comfort sure

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

147 – Do not be afraid

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel speaks about the end of things - wars, earthquakes, and the fall of the Temple. These words can sound frightening. But Jesus is not trying to scare us. He is helping us to trust in God when life becomes uncertain. He reminds us that everything in this world passes away, but faith, hope, and love remain forever.

The disciples were admiring the Temple, its great stones and beauty. Yet Jesus told them that one day not one stone would remain on another. He wanted them to understand that no building, no riches, no success can last forever. Only what is built on God will remain.

Now we are in the month of November - a special time in our Church when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. When we visit their graves, light candles, and whisper prayers, we are reminded that life on earth is short. But we also believe that death is not the end.

For those who believe in Christ, death is a door - a door that opens to God's eternal light. The prophet Malachi says, "For those who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays." That is our hope - that one day we will see that light together with those we love.

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "By your perseverance you will save your lives." This means we must not lose courage. Patience is not weakness - it is strength. It is trusting that God knows when to act, even when we do not understand.

There is a story of a farmer who planted his field during a very dry season. Everyone laughed at him: "You are wasting your seed! There will be no rain." But the man said calmly, "I plant because this is what I must do. The rest is in God's hands." And when the rain finally came, his field grew green and full. Faith is like that - we do our part and trust God for the rest.

Saint Paul reminds us today not to be idle while waiting for the Lord. We are called to live each day with purpose - to work, to love, to forgive, and to pray. Waiting for God does not mean sitting and doing nothing; it means living every moment with hope.

There was once an old monk who said, "The end of the world begins not when the stars fall, but when faith falls from the heart." As long as there is one person who believes, one person who loves, one person who prays, God is still at work in the world.

So, my dear friends, in this month of November, as we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, let us also renew our own faith. Let us ask God to give us patient hearts, strong in hope, faithful in love.

Then, when the Lord comes with His light, we will not be afraid. For the end will not be darkness, but the beginning of eternal day - the day when we shall see again those we love, and rejoice forever in the presence of God.

Amen.

• **Receiving Holy Communion**

As Catholics we believe that the Holy Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Receiving Holy Communion is both an expression of this faith and of our communion with the Catholic Church. Practicing Roman Catholics may receive Holy Communion if they are free from grave sin and have also fasted from food and drink for one hour prior.

Holy Communion can be received either on the tongue or the hand, but it has to be received with reverence and needs to be consumed in front of the Minister. (If you receive Holy Communion on the hand, please extend your hands on top of each other and flat, as a throne for Our Eucharistic Lord). If you belong to another Christian community, other faith or none, you cannot receive Holy Communion. You are very welcome however to join the queue and ask for a blessing instead. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

• **Together for Our Church Roof**

Our church - the place where we gather in prayer, in joy, and in times of trial - now needs our care and love. Its roof, a silent witness to so many moments of grace, is waiting to be cleaned and repaired so that this holy place may continue to be a safe shelter for us all. The project has not yet begun; it will start as soon as we are able to secure the full amount required. So far, through the generosity and open hearts of our faithful community, we have raised **£1,454.35** out of the **£9,996.60** needed.

We warmly invite each of you to take part in this effort. No contribution is too small - every gift becomes a testimony of your faith and your love for the church that gathers us as one family. May the Lord bless you and multiply the goodness you offer for the service of His House!

• **Christmas Hampers**

Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after Mass 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 7th December 2025.

• **Christmas Items Now Available!**

We are happy to announce that Christmas items are now available in the display corner at the entrance of our church. You'll find decorations, greeting cards, and small Christian-themed gifts - perfect for bringing the light and joy of Christ's Birth into your homes.

• **Medjugorje Pilgrimages 11-18 May and 8-15 September 2026**

Please join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The total cost for the May pilgrimage is £770 and the September pilgrimage is £789. A £30 discount will be given to those who book and pay a £150 deposit before the end of January 2026.

The package includes flights, luggage, transfers, half board at the Quercus Hotel, plus our own guide for the week. To book and for further information please phone Gail on 07989 879148 or email gail.hewett@hotmail.com. Thank you.

• **Diocesan Second Collection**

After the Masses next weekend, there will be a second collection for World Youth Sunday (BCYS and Walsingham House). Thank you.

