

**Mass times and intentions: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> 18.00 – Leonardo Anastacio and Edwin Genova RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11.30</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Barbara Plaxton and Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Elizabeth and Peter Busari
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Jimmy Wilkins
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Esther Olusanya
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Fr. Selvini – intentions
		<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 18.00 – Elizabeth Flora (Betty) and William Charles (Bill) Killick RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11.30</b> – 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: 236**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 574.57**

**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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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass  
**139** – Crown him with many crowns (v. 1, 4, 5)

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**559** – O worship the King all glorious above (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

**619** – Rejoice! The Lord is King!

**187** – The Servant King

**388** – Shine, Jesus, shine

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Today, on the feast of Christ the King of the Universe, we stand before an amazing truth: our King does not rule from a golden throne, but from a wooden cross. His crown is not made of gold, but of thorns. His power is not force, but love.

In the first reading, the tribes of Israel come to David and say, “We are your bone and your flesh.” They recognise him as king because he has walked with them, fought for them, and stayed close to them. Christ is the same for us: a King who does not rule from far away, but from beside us, a King who knows our weaknesses and walks with us on the road of life. He does not frighten us; He draws us near.

Saint Paul, in the Letter to the Colossians, gives us an even greater image: Christ is the One through whom all things were created. In Him “all things hold together.” The whole universe, the stars, history, our own

lives - everything rests in His hands. But the hand that holds the universe is the same hand pierced on the cross. His power is love, and His love never ends.

The Gospel shows us the most moving moment of Jesus' kingship: He hangs on the cross between two thieves. One insults Him, but the other, feeling His goodness, says, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And the King answers with endless mercy: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Here we see His true power: not the power to come down from the cross, but the power to lift souls toward God.

There is a beautiful story about a poor man who lived in a mountain village. One cold evening, a stranger came to him, fixed his broken door, brought him firewood, and shared a warm bowl of soup with him. The next day, the stranger was gone. A few days later, the man heard that the king of the country was visiting the villages in the mountains. So, the poor man said, "If our king is truly a king, then surely, he was the one who knocked on my door. Only a true king bends down toward the little ones." This is what Christ is like: a King who comes quietly, who knocks at the door of our hearts not to ask for something, but to give.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are at the end of November, the month in which we prayed in a special way for our departed loved ones. But love has no calendar. We cannot remember those who have died only one month a year. Prayer for them is an act of love and a duty of conscience. Just like the grandmother who lit a candle every evening for her deceased husband, and when her grandson asked her why she did it daily, she answered simply, "This candle is my way of telling him that I have not forgotten him." Let our prayer for our departed be like that candle: a small light that never goes out, a sign that love goes beyond death.

Christ, the King of the Universe, shows us today that true kingship is closeness, love, and mercy. He is the King who comes near, the King who holds everything in His hands, the King who opens paradise to the one who trusts in Him. Let us allow Him to reign in our hearts and teach us to pray for one another and for our departed every day.

To Him be glory now and forever.

**Amen.**

### • **A Faithful Soul Called to Eternal Rest**

With deep sorrow, we announce that **Bernadette Beatrice Prudence** (aged 94) has passed away. The deceased was the wife of the late Anthony Prudence, who served as the Head Master of the former church school of St Anne's, both of them being well known and respected in the church and the wider community.

The funeral service will take place on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 12:00**, in our church. We invite you to join us in prayer for the repose of her soul and to support the grieving family during this difficult time. May God grant her eternal rest.

### • **Together for Our Church Roof**

As many of you know, this is not the first time we have had problems with the church roof. There have been leaks before, but recently they have become worse with the arrival of the rains. For this reason, we need to carry out cleaning and repair work as soon as possible, so that we can protect our church from further damage.

With God's help and your support, we hope to restore the roof to good and safe condition. So far, through the generosity and open hearts of our faithful community, we have raised **£3,779.65** out of the **£9,996.60** needed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who have already contributed. I am certain that, together, we will succeed.

May God bless you all!

### • **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### • **Walk with Me**

The *Walk with Me* booklets for the Advent season are now available. These small booklets offer a short daily reflection, based on the Scripture reading of the day or a simple catechetical theme. *Walk with Me* is designed to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas through prayer and the Word of God. The booklet is easy to carry in a pocket or handbag, and the cost is only **£1**. All who wish to deepen their spiritual journey during Advent are welcome to get a copy. You are warmly invited to take one.

### • **Diocesan Second Collection**

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

