

**Mass times and intentions: 06<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 18.00 – Amor and Vladimir Michl - Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>11.30</b> – The People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 10.00 – Nicola Sullivan – Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent</b> 10.00 – Rosaleen Hatt – Good Health 12.00 – Funeral Mass – Bernadette Beatrice Prudence
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Thursday of the Second Week of Advent</b> 10.00 – Deirdre – Good Health
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Friday of the Second Week of Advent</b> 10.00 – Scolastica Nakyajja RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>St Lucy</b> 10.00 – Margaret and Sonny Lawlor RIP  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 18.00 – Bill Casey RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</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: 277**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 656.62**

**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.

<b>Standing order details:</b>	<b>Online via QR Code:</b>
<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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 07<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**6** – A sign us seen in heaven

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

**118** – Colours of day dawn into mind

**10** – Across the years there echoes still

**263** – Holy Virgin, by God’s decree

**575** – On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

On this second Sunday of Advent, the Scriptures place before us an image that breathes peace right in the middle of a restless world: a small shoot growing out of a cut-down tree. Isaiah speaks about this shoot as the beginning of a new world, where justice and peace are not just ideas but the natural way of life. God chooses a small, almost hidden beginning to bring a great gift. This is how He works - not with noise or force, but like a tiny bud that dares to appear on a cold winter day.

When we listen to the prophet, we are invited to believe that God can start something new even when everything seems lost or worn out. Some of us may feel exactly that: “I have nothing left,” “nothing good can grow in me anymore.” But God sees a starting point where we see an ending. Sometimes our soul feels like an old tree, but the Lord knows where life is still hiding, and He puts His light there.

A child once told me after confession, “Father, I think God has a very big eraser.” I smiled, but I also knew the child understood something we adults often forget: God erases so He can draw again. That is what He does with the stump of Jesse; that is what He can do with us.

The psalm took us to a world where justice and peace are not political dreams but signs of the Messiah. The peace we long for does not begin in agreements or papers, but in the heart. Sometimes inner peace is like a small bird that frightens easily. But if we feed it with prayer, forgiveness, and patience, it grows stronger and stays with us.

Saint Paul reminds us that everything written in Scripture was written for us, so that we may have hope. Advent is the season of hope: each candle we light says that God is coming, even if the darkness seems deep. It is like waking up before sunrise: outside it is still night, but you know for sure that light is on the way, even if you cannot see it yet. This is Christian hope.

The Gospel brings us John the Baptist, a man simple and strong, with a clear heart. He does not want to frighten us, but to wake us up. With honest words he says: “Prepare the way of the Lord!” What does that mean for us? Sometimes God’s path in our hearts is like a mountain trail after a storm: full of branches, slippery, hard to walk. Preparing the way does not mean being perfect - it means being sincere. We can start with what is closest: forgiving someone, holding back a harsh word, reaching out to someone we avoid.

An old man from a village once told me how he cleaned the small path to his garden every spring. He never tried to do it all at once. He picked up one branch, then another. “If you look at the whole path, it seems too much,” he said. “But if you look only at the branch in front of you, you reach the end without even noticing.” John the Baptist tells us exactly this: don’t be afraid of everything that needs to change; begin with the next “branch.”

John also warns us against hypocrisy: it is not enough to talk about faith beautifully; we must let faith change us. God is not looking for appearances but for fruits. And the fruits of faith are always seen in small acts: someone who is patient, someone who listens, someone who does not judge quickly. Sometimes one gentle word is worth more than a thousand speeches.

Brothers and sisters, Advent places before us a quiet choice: remain as we are, or make room for the grace that wants to renew everything. The shoot in Isaiah, the peace of the psalm, the hope in Paul’s letter, and the call of John come together in one message: God is coming, and He wants to find in us even a small corner of open heart.

Let us offer Him that small space, however simple it may be. Because when God finds even a tiny opening, He can turn everything into a garden. **Amen.**

### • Together for Our Church Roof

I would like to give you an update regarding the repair work needed on the roof of our church, work that must be carried out as soon as possible. We do not wish, nor can we afford, to replace the entire roof; instead, we aim to clean and repair it by replacing the gutters and the tiles that are cracked, so that we can prevent further damage.

To accomplish this project, we continue to rely on your support. So far, with the help and generosity of the members of our parish, we have managed to raise **£7,976.60** out of the total **£9,996.60** needed.

I thank you all for your kindness and involvement, and I pray that together, with God's help, we will be able to complete these important works for our church.

May God bless you all!

### • Christmas Treasures at the Repository

As we prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Christmas, don’t forget to visit the church repository for a beautiful selection of seasonal items. From nativity sets and candles to Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts, there’s something for everyone. Your purchases also support our parish’s mission. Stop by after Mass to explore these meaningful treasures! Items can be paid for by cash or by card via the contactless devices (by selecting “Repository” from the menu options).

### • Confirmation Programme for 2026

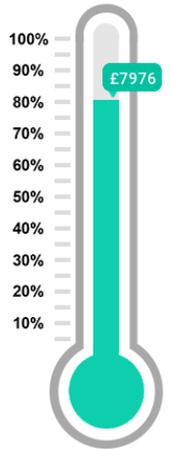
Application forms for Confirmation Programme for 2026 are now available at the back of the church. You need to have the following to be eligible for the programme:

- live within the parish of our Lady of Assumption, Hainault
- your child needs to be at least in Year 9 at school (14 years old and above)
- practising Catholic family in this parish (baptised Catholic, goes to church regularly, and receive the sacrament of Communion and Reconciliation); or reference from previous parish priest if you're new to our church community.

Session will be **every Saturday at 10.00am starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.**

Parents/Carers need to attend the first meeting in January. Please hand in your completed application form to Fr. Tarciziu no later than 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

Goal: £9996



## ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

<b>Sundays in Advent</b>	<b>Sat 18.00, Sun 11.30</b>
<b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>18.00 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
<b>Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00 – CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
<b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00 – St John</b>
<b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00 – The Holy Innocents</b>
<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sat 18.00, Sun 11.30 – The Holy Family</b>
<b>Thursday, 01<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>