

**Mass times and intentions: 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	11.30 – Johnny Hackett RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Feria of Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Anna-Leah Patrick-Francis and her intentions
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Feria of Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Gerry Tighe and his intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Feria of Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Ayomide Ishmael RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Feria of Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Alex Hewett and his intentions
		<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	11.30 – Eddie and Sheila Baker

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: 234**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 576.43**

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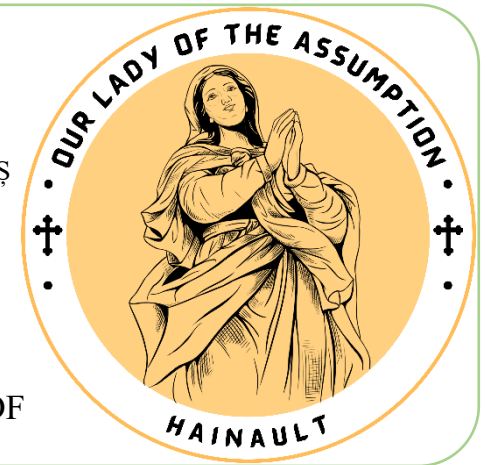
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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

37 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus (v. 1, 3, 4)

**Responsorial Psalm:** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

673 – Sweet heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy (v. 1, 3, 4)

209 – God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name

289 – I will be with you wherever you go

S12 – Walk in the light

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Today’s Gospel reveals to us one of the most beautiful images of Jesus. Saint Matthew tells us that, when Jesus saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them because they were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

These words tell us something very important about God. Before He speaks, before He teaches, before He sends out the apostles on their mission, Jesus looks at the people. But He does not look at them with indifference. He looks at them with love. He looks at them with a heart that feels their pain.

And I believe this is a truth that we need to hear today. Each one of us carries something in our heart. Some carry worries about their family. Others struggle with illness. Some are burdened by loneliness, disappointment, or uncertainty about the future.

And sometimes we feel that no one truly understands what we are going through. But today's Gospel tells us that Jesus sees. He sees the tears we do not show to anyone. He sees the prayers we whisper in silence. He sees the weariness that we hide behind a smile. And when He sees all of this, He does not remain indifferent.

Perhaps the greatest piece of Good News in this Gospel is that God does not look at the world from a distance. He comes close to us. He carries our sorrows and our hopes within His heart.

After looking upon the crowds with compassion, Jesus says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." At first, we might think He is speaking only about priests or religious vocations. But Jesus is speaking to every one of us. Every Christian is called to take part in God's work.

And perhaps we immediately ask ourselves: "But what can I do? I am only an ordinary person."

This is precisely where the beauty of the Gospel begins. God works through ordinary people. When Jesus calls the twelve apostles, He does not choose the powerful, the wealthy, or the influential. He chooses fishermen, simple men, people with weaknesses and limitations. And through them, He changes the world. That should give us great encouragement. Because very often we think that God can only do great things through extraordinary people. But God does extraordinary things through ordinary people who are willing to say "yes."

There is a true story from the life of Mother Teresa. One day, a journalist saw her caring for a man who was gravely ill and abandoned on the streets. Deeply moved, he said to her, "I would not do that for a million dollars." Mother Teresa gently replied, "Neither would I." Then she added, "But I do it for Christ."

What a beautiful answer! She understood that love is not measured by the size of the action, but by the heart with which it is done. Not all of us are called to do spectacular things. But all of us are called to love.

Sometimes we think that changing the world requires something enormous. In reality, God often begins with small things. A visit to someone who is lonely. A phone call to a person going through a difficult time. A kind word spoken at the right moment. An act of forgiveness when it would be easier to hold on to resentment. These things may seem small, but in the eyes of God they are very great. And perhaps this is the mission Jesus entrusts to us today: to become signs of His compassion in the world.

People around us do not only need explanations about God. They need to encounter the love of God. They need to meet people who know how to listen. People who encourage others. People who do not rush to judge. People who bring peace and hope.

Dear brothers and sisters, today's world has achieved many things, but it is also deeply weary. Many people carry heavy hearts. Many are searching for meaning, hope, and light. And Christ sends us to be bearers of that light.

We do not need to be perfect to do this. The apostles were not perfect. The saints were not perfect. But they had the courage to allow God to lead them.

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus sends His apostles to heal, to lift people up, and to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. That same mission has been entrusted to us. Wherever we are - in our families, at work, among friends, or within our community - we can become signs of God's presence.

As we leave this church today, let us carry two certainties in our hearts.

First: Jesus sees us. He knows our worries, our struggles, and our hopes, and He never stops loving us. Second: Jesus needs us. Not because He cannot work without us, but because He chooses to spread His love through our hands, our words, and our hearts.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to have hearts like His: hearts that see, hearts that are moved by the suffering of others, and hearts that never grow tired of doing good. And then, even through our simplest gestures, people will discover that God is near and that His love is still at work in the world.

**Amen.**

#### **• A Warm Invitation After Sunday Mass**

Our Parish Hall may not be the most beautiful building, and it certainly has its limitations, but it is still a place where we gather as a family, where friendships are formed, conversations are shared, and where everyone is welcome.

For this reason, I warmly invite you to stay after Sunday Mass for tea, coffee, biscuits, and a time of fellowship. These simple moments spent together are an important part of parish life. They help us get to know one another, support one another, and create a community where people feel at home.

Sometimes it is not the building that makes a place special, but the people who fill it with warmth, kindness, and friendship. I hope you will be able to join us and help make our parish an even more welcoming and joyful community.

#### **• Diocesan Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend, after both Masses, there will be a second collection for 'Day for Life'. This funds the Bishops' Conference contribution to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, the production of human life materials and other designated charities as determined annually.