

Mass times and intentions: 27th June – 05th July 2026

Saturday	27	SS PETER AND PAUL 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	28	11.30 – Silveen Bakose Pritchard RIP
Monday	29	NO MASS
Tuesday	30	Feria of Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Kevin Hayes RIP
Wednesday	01	Feria of Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – For healing
Thursday	02	Feria of Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Rita O'Neil RIP
Friday	03	ST THOMAS 10.00 – Christy Finnerby RIP
Saturday	04	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – David Lee and his intentions
		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Thanksgiving for all the blessings
Sunday	05	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 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.

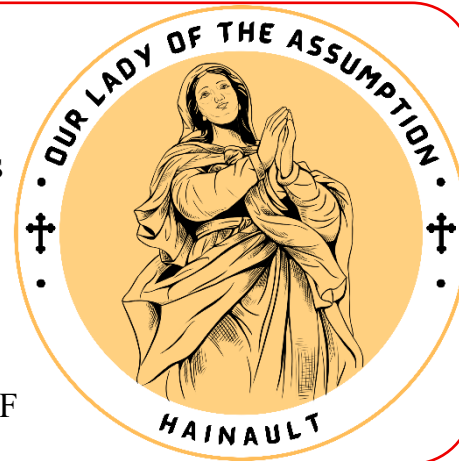
Mass Attendance last weekend: 247

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 521.35

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SS PETER AND PAUL – 28th June 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

176 – For all the saints who from their labours rest (v. 1, 2, 4, 8)

Responsorial Psalm: *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

90 – Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation

183 – Forth in the peace of Christ we go

499 – My God loves me

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is a great feast day for the whole Church. We celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the Christian faith. Throughout the centuries, millions of believers have looked to them as two bright stars guiding the Church on her journey through history.

It is remarkable to see how different these two men were. Peter was a simple fisherman from Galilee, generous in heart but sometimes impulsive. Paul was an educated man, trained in the best schools of his time. Peter followed Jesus from the beginning of his public ministry. Paul, on the other hand, persecuted the Church before his conversion. Yet God united them in the same mission and in the same love for Christ.

Through their lives, God teaches us that what matters most is not our background, our education, or even our past, but our willingness to answer his call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples a question that echoes through the centuries and reaches each one of us: "But who do you say that I am?"

Perhaps this is the most important question God can ask a human heart. He does not ask what others think. He does not ask what the world says about him. He asks each one of us personally: “Who am I for you?” Saint Peter answers with simple and sincere faith: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

That confession changed history. Not because Peter was the wisest or the strongest of the apostles. In fact, he was a man with many weaknesses. Sometimes he was brave, sometimes afraid. He loved Jesus deeply, yet he even denied him during the hours of the Passion. And still, Jesus says to him: “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

What a great comfort for us! God does not choose perfect people. God chooses people who are willing to be transformed by his love. He does not look only at what we are today; he sees what we can become through his grace.

Today we also look at Saint Paul. If Peter was the apostle who followed Jesus from the beginning, Paul was the man who first opposed Christ and persecuted the Church. No one would have imagined that he would become one of the greatest saints in Christian history.

But God met him on the road to Damascus and changed his life. From a persecutor, he became an apostle. From a man who spread fear, he became a messenger of hope.

Looking at Peter and Paul, we discover a beautiful truth: God can do great things with ordinary people. He can lift up those who have fallen. He can guide those who have lost their way. He can transform even the weakest hearts.

There is a story about a sculptor who was looking at a large block of marble. The people around him saw only a heavy stone with little value. But the sculptor said, “Inside this stone I already see a beautiful statue.” This is how God looks at every soul. We see our limits and our failures. God sees the beauty that his grace can bring forth from our lives. Perhaps someone here today is thinking, “I am not like the saints.” But neither Peter nor Paul was perfect. Their holiness did not come from never making mistakes. Their holiness came from trusting in God's mercy and responding to his call.

There is another thing that united these two great apostles. Once they truly encountered Christ, they could no longer live only for themselves. They became witnesses of the Gospel until the end. They preached the faith with courage and eventually gave their lives for the Lord they loved.

Most of us are not called to travel the world like Paul or to lead the Church like Peter. But each one of us is called to be an apostle where we live - in our families, at work, among friends, and within our communities. The world today needs people who reveal Christ through their kindness, their patience, their forgiveness, and their hope. So, on this great feast day, let us hear once again the question of Jesus: “But who do you say that I am?”

Let us answer not only with our words but with our lives. And if at times we feel weak, let us remember Peter. If we feel unworthy, let us remember Paul. If we feel discouraged, let us remember that God turned their lives into masterpieces of grace. The same God is here among us today. He continues to call, to forgive, to lift up, and to transform. Let us open our hearts to him and say with faith, together with Saint Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” **Amen.**

• Giving Thanks for 10 Years of Priesthood

With a grateful heart, I give thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood and for the 10 years of ministry that I recently celebrated on June 24. As I look back on this journey, I see countless signs of God's loving providence, as well as the faces of so many people who have accompanied me through their prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support. Half of these years of priestly ministry have been spent here in Hainault, making this milestone even more meaningful to me.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has prayed for me, supported me, encouraged me, and walked alongside me throughout these years. Your prayers, kindness, and generosity have been a source of strength and blessing in my life and ministry. Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers. May God reward you abundantly for your faith, love, and goodness. May He bless you and your families with health, peace, joy, and His constant presence. Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping to make these ten years of priesthood a beautiful testimony to God's grace. Thank You!

• Diocesan Second Collection – Peter's Pence

This weekend after both Masses there will be a Diocesan Collection for ‘Peter's Pence’. This is an annual worldwide collection where we make voluntary donations directly to the Pope. The funds support the universal mission of the Holy See and go towards global humanitarian initiatives, social promotion projects, and disaster relief. Thank you for your generosity.

• Gift Aid Update: Thank You for Helping Our Parish Grow

We would like to extend our gratitude to Cait Saunders for addressing our parishioners after mass, highlighting the importance of Gift Aid, and inspiring parishioners to volunteer in support of our parish's continued growth. Thanks to Cait's efforts, 19 more parishioners have recently joined the Gift Aid scheme - an incredible boost for our community.

As a gentle reminder, if you are a UK taxpayer, signing up for Gift Aid enables our parish to claim an extra 25% on your donation from HMRC, at no additional cost to you. Whether you contribute through offertory baskets or standing orders, please ensure you complete a Gift Aid form, which can be found at the back of the Church. For those who donate using the Dona contactless devices, simply follow the prompts to register for Gift Aid directly on the device.

If you have signed up for Gift Aid envelopes within the last few weeks, your Gift Aid box is now ready for collection. Please find them on the tables at the back of the Church.

Should you have any questions, feel free to approach any member of the finance team, or contact them by email at finance-hainault@brcdt.org. Your support and generosity are truly appreciated as we work together to help our parish grow.