

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION HAINAULT

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9th-10th December 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Catechesis on the Eucharist (3)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist, we now consider the Mass as the *memorial of Christ's Passover* from death to life. In the Bible, a "memorial" is more than a mere remembrance of a past event; it is the making present of that event, which enables us to share in its saving power. At every celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus pours out his mercy upon us, as he did on the cross, in order to renew our hearts, our lives and our entire world. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, "as often as the sacrifice of the cross is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out" (*Lumen Gentium*, 3). Each Sunday, we enter into Christ's victory over sin and death and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given a share in his very life. By making present the Lord's paschal mystery, the Eucharist strengthens us to bear witness, like the martyrs of old, to his triumph over death and to love others as he does, freely giving of ourselves for their good.

Franciscus PP.

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
(NO evening Mass)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

CRISIS 2017 - this weekend the Justice and Peace Group will be collecting after Masses for the annual Crisis appeal. Crisis provides shelter for homeless people over the Christmas holiday, with hot meals, a bed for the night, a chance to shower, freshen up and get clothes, as well as health checks and advice on housing and employment. Crisis also runs year-round services for training and support in the coming year. Each £26.08 raised reserves a place at Crisis at Christmas for someone who is homeless.

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD:

Membership renewal now due: £8. Concessions £2.

CHURCH REPOSITORY: *lots of Christmas cards, calendars and other "goodies" – good quality at a reasonable price. Don't leave it to the last minute to do your shopping!*

DO YOU SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?* Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Bishop Alan Williams sm

BUON NATALE from Casa Pipino Ristorante *this Sunday from 3.00pm* – unveiling and blessing of the Nativity Display followed by raffle and refreshments – proceeds to our parish. All welcome! Casa Pipino is at 783, Chigwell Road, Chigwell IG8 8AU.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS

Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

2018 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from *Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th July*. We shall be accompanied by an experienced medical team and there is plenty of help for those with mobility needs. The pilgrimage is no less ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends; all are welcome. There is a full programme to opt in and out of. There are brochures at the back of the church. For more information or for a brochure, please phone the pilgrimage administrator Cathy O'Connor: 01206 735623.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Presented by the First Communion Children
Sunday 17th December at 4.00pm



Mince-Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards in the Parish Hall

Mass Intentions for week beginning 9th December 2017

Sat 9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 10		10.00am 12noon	Sarah McMahon RIP Pam De Keyser RIP
Mon 11	Advent Feria	10.00am	James Brownlie RIP <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i>
Tue 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	10.00am	For Thomas McCarthy (recovery)
Wed 13	St Lucy, V.M.	<i>No Mass</i>	
Thur 14	St John of the Cross, Pr. & Dr	10.00am	For Kitty Kennedy (90th birthday)
Fri 15	Advent Feria	10.00am	Mr Breen RIP
Sat 16	Advent Feria	9.30am	Barbara Cracknell RIP
Sat 16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>)	6.00pm	For Denis Carey (ill)
Sun 17		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Thanksgiving (Michl) / Anne Lovett RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Maciej Pogorzelski, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 306

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £634.19

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.