



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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19th – 26th October 2013 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.00pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am following Mass

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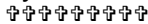
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If you are going into hospital please notify the RC Chaplains, Jacqueline Humphreys and John-Paul Lyttle on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.



If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Prayer for the Year of Faith: Lord, let me see your face, know your heart and experience your love in my life. Strengthen in me the precious gift of faith. I believe Lord; Help my unbelief. Amen.

Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

07582 648433

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

Diary

Sunday 20th	Coffee Morning One World Group
Monday 21st	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	Meditation Group Hall 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir - Church 8pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
Wednesday 23rd	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	RCIA - Pastoral Office 8pm
Thursday 24th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 25th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 26th	Marriage Preparation Course Hall 9am – 4.30pm
Sunday 27th	Coffee Morning Diapalante

Readings: Ex 17:8-13, Tim 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

Entrance antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm: **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Intercessions: **Lord, hear us.....**

Response: **As we pray to you!**

Next week: Ecc 35:12-14,16-19, Tim 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 18:9-14

This Sunday: will see the Inscription of our Confirmation Candidates onto the Programme of Preparation, **at the 5pm Mass.**

The Traidcraft Stall will be open on Sunday.

6.30pm: "Music Praise": the coming together of various of our Church Choirs at St Mary's Church and will start at 6.30pm. All are welcome to share in this special time of prayer and praise.

Sacramental Preparation The Inscription Masses for children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be on **SATURDAY 9th NOV at the 6.00pm Mass** and **SUNDAY 10th NOV at the 10.30am Mass.** The children will receive their books at these Masses. Please contact Jane in the Pastoral Office if you were not at the session on Monday and let her know which Mass you will be attending. The cost of the book is £8.00.

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New boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection in the Hall after each of the Masses this weekend. This year, only a 5-month supply of Envelopes is being issued as we are moving the renewal date to April to tie in with the Tax Year. Parishioners who make their offering by Standing Order and would like a supply of Envelopes to use when making offerings during the collection at Mass (for example at Christmas or Easter) can also collect Envelopes at this time. The use of Envelopes to make your offerings during the collection at Mass plays an important part in financing the operation of the Church because, under the Government's Gift Aid Scheme, it allows us to reclaim tax paid on the offerings and this amounted to over £20,000 last year. Importantly, the use of Envelopes DOES NOT involve making any commitment to how much or how often you give and your name DOES NOT appear on the Envelopes so the Scheme is entirely confidential. If you don't already use Envelopes, you can sign-up or find out more by speaking to either David or Margaret in the Hall after Mass. If you do already use Envelopes (or Standing Orders), thank you very much for your support of the Church through the Planned Giving Scheme.

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The Foodbank monthly collection takes place at all Masses next weekend 26th/27th October. Can you bring the following items to all Masses next Sunday. They particularly need Milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice (carton), Shampoo and Shower gel. All food must be well within the date of shelf life.

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Envelopes for the Month of the Holy Souls are available from the table which is between the two doors as you enter or leave the Church.

One World Group coffee this Sunday will be in aid of the House of the Open Door, a charity which supports Christians in East Africa.

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Next church grounds working party is planned morning of Sat 26 Oct – weather permitting - John 07966 800517

Diary Dates

Monday 21 October

The important work of safeguarding our children continues with a Meeting between Fr Michael and the Senior Leadership Team, to assess and appraise where we are and review policies as necessary. This takes place after School

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7.00pm: we continue our prayer for John Henry Newman School, in its work for the older children in the Parish and elsewhere, at its full Governing Body Meeting.

Tuesday 22 October

7.15pm Eucharistic Service in church. Reflect on the word of God and pray for your needs and those of others and share communion.



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8pm: Union of Catholic Mothers: Laura Ansell will speak to us about Keech Cottage Hospice. Please remember your gifts for the hampers.

Saturday 26 October

9.30am onwards, our Engaged Couples who are preparing for the Marriage Covenant in the coming months come together for a time of input from married couples, reflection, sharing among couples themselves and ending with the Blessing of Engagement Rings in the Church, after a shared lunch at which the couples get to know each other better and hopefully develop new friendships. The day ends around 3.30pm.

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An Invitation is issued: for anyone who would like to be more involved in bringing the teachings of Vatican II more visibly into the life of the Church in England and seeing how we can work to improve the new Translation of the Mass, may go to a Day's Conference in Birmingham, next Saturday, Any parishioners who could be interested, please contact Jean Riordan by e-mail mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning her on 0121 414 0466. Many thanks.

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2.30-5.30pm Bridge over troubled waters.

The joys and struggles of being Church Reflection led by Sr. Raymunda Jordan OP Join us for our annual Friends of the Congregation Gathering with afternoon Tea followed by Evening Prayer in the Priory chapel, The Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts WD234EE

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