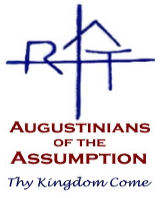


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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26<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 Thirtieth 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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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

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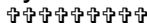
### Diary

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Diapalante
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30 am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir – Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Forces Rehabilitation



Hospital

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.*



**Readings: Ecc 35:12-14.16-19, Tim 4:6-8.16-18, Luke 18:9-14**

*Entrance antiphon:* Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

*Psalm:* **This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

*Intercessions:* **Lord, have mercy.....**

*Response:* **Hear our prayer!**

**Next week: Wis 11:22-12:2, Thess 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10**



**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

**Sacramental Preparation** The Inscription Masses for children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be on **SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOV at the 6.00pm Mass** and **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.

**Half Term Week for our Schools:** we pray for our Schools and all who work and live therein, for the work of formation and development of our young people and in thanksgiving for what has been achieved.

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**New boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes** will be available for collection in the Hall again after each of the Masses this weekend. 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. 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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**Our Final Week of the Offertory Campaign:** a time of saying "thank you" and gaining some idea where we are in the financial aspect of our parish life. Please return the pledge sheets as soon as possible please, as well as your Boxes of Envelopes, if not already collected as they start next week end. We are grateful to the Team which has been working to ensure the success of our Appeal, their commitment and dedication has been outstanding.

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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

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**Any 'Missio' Red Box holders** who would like their donations passed on to Mission/APF should bring their envelope in to Parish Office in the next two weeks so that the donations can be banked this year. If you have any problems please contact [pauline-watkins@hotmail.com](mailto:pauline-watkins@hotmail.com) or tel. 436867.

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**Young readers training course** If you are in Year 4 or above and would like to be a young minister of the Word in our church then please come to both sessions of training being put on at 4pm – 5pm on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November** led by Bridie Duffy. If you are planning to come please email Bridie at [bridie.duffy@yahoo.com](mailto:bridie.duffy@yahoo.com) so she knows how many to prepare for. Young readers deliver the Word of the Lord at our children's Mass (10.30 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) and with some experience they then go onto pairing with adult

readers to deliver the word at whatever Mass they normally attend.

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### Looking ahead:

**Spanish for Kids** - new classes starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Lower Committee Room from 4.30 – 5.30pm. Contact Montserrat on [montsecomas1@hotmail.com](mailto:montsecomas1@hotmail.com) for details.

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**Fr Michael has arranged for times for Parents who are seeking admission to Our Lady's School in 2014.** These will take place in the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> of November**. You will need to download the forms from the website of the School, complete them and bring them along at the time you chose from the Sign Up Sheet, on the Church Notice Board.

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### Diary Dates

#### Friday 1 November

**A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS.** Masses are at the usual times of 7.30 morning and evening and also 10.00am, which will be in the **Church**, as the School is on Half-Term. We have a chance to rejoice in who we are as part of the Saints of God, living on earth, in union with all those who have gone before us into the fullness of the Kingdom, supporting and praying for those Saints in potential in Purgatory.

#### Saturday 2 November

**SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY SOULS: A DAY OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION FOR THEM.** There is the usual Mass at 10.00am and it is a good and laudable act of faith to visit the graves of those whom we have loved whilst they were still with us on earth.

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### Other Business:

**White Peace Poppies** will be on sale as usual this year at Christchurch. They will be available during Open Church hours from Monday 28 October for two weeks as well as mornings of Sunday 3 and 10 November. Please support the work of the Peace Pledge Union as well as that of the British Legion, who will, no doubt, be bringing us a supply of red poppies.

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**YOUTH 2000 retreat** is coming to Bournemouth and calling all people between the ages of 16-30 from 1st-3rd November. It will be a weekend of friendship and networking, with music, talks, workshops and discussion groups. Interested and need a lift? Please call **Therese** on **07789544276**.