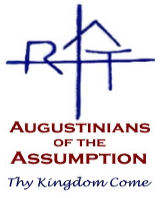


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
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9th – 16th November 2013 Thirty-second 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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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 10th	Coffee Morning Union of Catholic Mothers Baptism Course Hall 2.30pm
Monday 11th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am Meditation Group Hall 12 – 1.30pm Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm Parish Pastoral Council LCR 8PM
Tuesday 12th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30 am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir - Church 8pm
Wednesday 13th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am Praise Group LCR after Mass Italian Club Hall 1pm Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm RCIA - Pastoral Office 8pm
Thursday 14th	St Pio Prayer Meeting Church and LCR after Mass Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 15th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 16th	Confirmation Session Hall 10am-12.30pm
Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning One World Group



Readings: Macc7:1-2.9-14, Thess 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

Entrance antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Psalm: **I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

Intercessions: **Hear us, O Lord.....**

Response: Give us new life!

Next week: Mal 3:19-20, Thess 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-1

Next Year's Parish Diaries are available from the Porch, price 50p: first come, first served!

This Weekend: Remembrance Sunday We have the Inscription Masses for the Families on the Reconciliation and First Eucharist Programme, at the 6.00pm Mass and 10.30am Masses. We pray for our families as they embark on this Journey of Preparation.

We will be holding the **2 Minute Silence**, as near as possible to 11.00am, as an introduction to the Inscription of the Children onto the Sacramental Programme for this year, as a celebration for the values and ideals for which so many gave their lives.

2.30pm Civic Service at St Mary's Church followed by the placing of Wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Our Baptism Preparation Course starts this weekend, at 3.00pm in the Hall, we will also include in our prayer the parents and children who will be joining it.

There is a Retiring Collection for our Sick and Retired Priests of the Order and the Diocese, after Masses this weekend. Gift-aid Envelopes are available for your use too, should you so desire to use them.

Coffee Morning organised by Union of Catholic Mothers will include a Christmas Hamper raffle - all proceeds to Local Charities.

At 6.15pm: In Memoriam Service for the Deceased parishioners for the past year: all families and friends of such people are more than welcome to join in this time of quiet prayer and reflecting on memories.

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The latest **Eucharistic Ministers rota** is available in the link for those who do not get it by email.

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Sunday coffee mornings 2014 Will all groups/charities who want coffee mornings in 2014 submit their requests (the number you would like and time of year/approx dates) to Carol in Parish Office, preferably by e-mail to carolcooper@rcdow.org.uk by the 18th November.

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We have a vacancy in our group of parishioners who help care for Fr Chris on a Friday morning (once every three weeks). The helper makes his bed, puts his pills into a separate container for his use for lunch, makes him a cup of tea and encourages him to do his exercises. Normally they come from about 11am. Often people stay to have a chat as they enjoy spending time with this very special man. If you are able to fill this slot could you please Trish know as soon as possible.



Diary Dates

Monday 11 November



Family Meetings with Fr Michael for those who are seeking to gain a place at Our Lady's School next September. Please ensure that you have "signed up".

You will need a completed Application Form and a Baptism Certificate for the children you wish to place in our School.

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8.00pm: our Parish Pastoral Council in the lower committee room.

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8.00pm Third Session of Introduction to the Sacraments for Parents in the hall. Please make every effort to attend and join in the discussions.

Tuesday 12 November

1.30pm: AGM of the Bethany Club

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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 will join Shefford UCM for a Remembrance Service for deceased members and family.

Thursday 14 November

Saint Pio Prayer meeting will include Holy Mass at 10am for the departed souls of our members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits in the LCR and lighting of candles and prayers for our Holy Souls.

Saturday 16 November

4.00pm: Second training session for new Eucharistic ministers in the church.

Next Weekend: at the 10.30am Mass and possibly at other Masses: we are holding our Blessing of Cassocks and Cottas for our new Servers, who have been training for quite some time.

3.30pm: Second Session of Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism, in the Hall.

5.00pm: we welcome the parents and children who have been on the Baptism Preparation Course to start their Journey with them, through the Signing of the Cross and Anointing, which completes the first part of Baptism Celebration.

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Nov 19 8-10pm in our church hall the NHFF Reasoning Meeting, within the third National Inter-Faith Week, 2013. It involves a sharing of sacred texts and reading from three Abrahamic Faiths on the theme of "Using God's Gifts". All are welcome, please feel free to invite friends of any faith to come along with you.