



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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16th – 23rd November 2013 Thirty-third 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

Diary

Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning One World Group Baptism Course Hall 2.30pm
Monday 18th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am Meditation Group Hall 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30 am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir - Church 8pm
Wednesday 20th	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 21st	Rosary - Church after Mass Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 22nd	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 23rd	PPC – Formation & Reflection Hall 10am-12.30pm
Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning OL School PTA

Readings: Mal 3:19-20, Thess 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-11

Entrance antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

Intercessions: **Lord, in your mercy.....**

Response: Be with us always!

Next week: Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43



collection will be taken after all masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes in the porch.



The **Traidcraft** stall will be open this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

This Weekend: We are delighted to be able to welcome some new Servers into their Ministry, with the Giving of the Cassocks and Cottas, at 10.30am Mass and possibly the evening Mass too.

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Today we pray for those who are involved in the Prison System, both prisoners and those involved in ensuring that their spiritual and moral growth may be encouraged, so that they may return to Society, determined to make a positive contribution to our way of life.

10.30am: we are delighted to share in the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Rosalia and Pietro Comparetto, they will exchange new Wedding rings and renew their Vows with our Blessing.

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

5pm: we welcome the parents and children on the Baptism Preparation Course to start their Journey with the Signing of the Cross and Anointing.

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Next Sunday: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Riley Phillips** (2.30pm) and at the 5.00pm Mass, **Dainton Stones**.

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Church-Wide Consultation on Family Life and Evangelisation: please make every effort to respond to the request from Bishop Francis of Rome, *You can file the survey on online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014> of by filling-in the form and emailing to edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk by 6th Dec.*

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The latest **Eucharistic Ministers rota** is available in the link for those who do not get it by email and **Next Year's Parish Diaries** are available from the Porch, price 50p: first come, first served!

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Fr Michael writes: "Just to let you know how things are going with my health issues, thank God, cancer has been ruled out and I have developed Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and am waiting to see the consultant about it in early December. I have now a date for the Minor Surgery I need, next Saturday (23rd) at the Lister, I will need to slow down for a few days to allow healing to take place. May I once again ask for your prayer for me at this time and with my renewed thanks for your support in the past? Love and peace to you all!"

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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.

Stair lift for free. You would need to arrange to have it removed and then install it yourself. contact john.osborne8@btinternet.com

Diary Dates

Monday 18 November

11am Mass at Stagenhoe – Trish can take 3 people. Be in the car park by 10.30am

Tuesday 19 November



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

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8-10pm in church hall 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.

Wednesday 20 November

9.30am Fr Michael is meeting with Mrs Brown, to see how we can develop and deepen our young people's celebration and living of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thursday 21 November

8pm: Churches Together in Hitchin Annual General Meeting- at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church – tea/coffee from 7.30pm.

Saturday 23 November

10am: our Pastoral Parish Council is having a **Day of Formation and Reflection**

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Nov 25 8pm: **Choir concert for CAFOD** at the Holy Family Church, 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 7RQ. Tickets are £5.

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Nov 30 **The JHN Christmas Market** 11am-4pm JHN School, Stock up on Christmas gifts; visit Santa in his grotto, food and drink, plus much more. Entry is £1 for Adults, Concessions free.

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Dec 6 6pm to 8:30pm Our Lady School will be holding an International Christmas Fayre at the school. If you would like to advertise or sponsor this event in any way or donate a raffle prize please contact Helen Bailey by email at ourladypta@gmail.com

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An **Appeal** to support the people of the **Phillipines** in their tragic situation is being made by Our Lady's School. Parishioners who wish to donate should make cheques payable to "Our Lady School" Many thanks for considering this invitation.