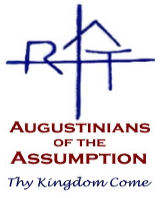


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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23rd November – 1st December 2013 Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King 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.

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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 24th	Coffee Morning OL School PTA
Monday 25th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	Meditation Group Hall 12 – 1.30pm
	One World Group AGM LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 26th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 am
	Choir - Church 8pm
	UCM LCR 8pm
Wednesday 27th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	RCIA - Pastoral Office 8pm
Thursday 28th	Rosary - Church after Mass
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 29th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 1st December	Coffee Morning Operation Smile



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

Entrance antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'**

Intercessions: Lord, hear us

Response: **You are our King!**

Next week: Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Matt 24:37-44

This Weekend: We celebrate the end of the Liturgical year C, with the Feast of Christ the King, it is also the occasion when we concentrate on our young people in prayer, and sharing with them in their Ministries; as also pray for those who work in the prison service as well as those for whom they care. There is a Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Services towards our young people.

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

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This Weekend: 6pm Mass Our confirmation candidates will illustrate the readings with work they have created at their recent session

8.30am: Amy Miles will receive her Cassock and Cotta at this Mass.

10.30am: is Parade Sunday for our Uniformed Groups, who will be taking an active part in our Mass this morning.

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We welcome into the Community of the Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, during the afternoon: **Riley Phillips** and during the 5.00pm Mass: **Dainton Stones**. We pray for them, their parents, relatives and God-parents as they start the Journey of Faith with these children.

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Copies of Advent Extra are available in the porch £1 (money in pamphlets box in between church doors). Advent calendars available for children are free

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Assistant Scout Leaders: we need volunteers, ladies and gents, to help our experienced scout leader to run and develop the scout unit in the parish. The group is for children aged 10½-14, and meets on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm to 8.45pm, during term time. Training is given through the training programme run by the District Scout Group. If you benefited from scouting yourself this is a great opportunity to give something back. Please contact Karen Kennedy on kd.kennedy@ntlworld.com to find out more information.

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Next Sunday at 3.00pm: We are holding our Quarterly Service of Anointing and Healing: for all who feel the need for these Ministries, we can also come and pray with and for these people during this time – so there is always a general invitation to the Parish to come along and join in.



Diary Dates

Monday 25 November

7pm ONE WORLD GROUP AGM in the Lower Committee Room. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us. Our guest speaker this year is Pippa Hockton who will talk about the Medaille Trust, a charity which supports women and children rescued from sex trafficking. This will be followed by a social evening with attractive refreshments. All are welcome.

Tuesday 26 November

Meeting of the Priests and Ministers in the Churches of Hitchin, to continue their time of prayer and reflection for the future work in exumenism in our town, it will be held here at our Church from noon onwards.

UCM 8pm Lower Committee Room. A talk by Peter Warren, from The Sanctuary.

Wednesday 27 November

The Assumptionist Community welcomes Fr Benoit, the Provincial of France, for his first visit to our town. He is meeting with them and looking to the future of our work in England.



7.15pm Eucharistic Service in church.

Reflect on the word of God and pray for your needs and those of others.

Friday 29 November

6.00pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee to plan next year's Budget

Saturday 30 November

FEAST OF ST ANDREW, Secondary patron of our Parish: a Day of Prayer for our Mission and life together as parishioners.

11am-4pm The JHN Christmas Market 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.

Other Dates

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 ourladyapta@gmail.com

Other Items of Interest

CS Lewis Anniversary Sunday 24 November (Today) at 6.30pm at St Mary's, there is a Choral Evensong for Christ the King and a celebration of the works of CS Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his death. We welcome the Rt Revd Simon Barrington-Ward as our preacher. Please do join us.