

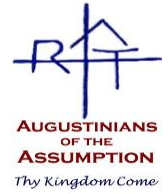


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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

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## 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 Chaplain, Jacqueline Humphreys 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.*

## Diary

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning KISS
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	Meditation Group Hall 12 – 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Party Hall 1.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir Church 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	St Pio Prayer Meeting Church & LCR after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation session Hall 10-12.30pm
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning One World Group

## Readings: Is 42:1-4.6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Matt 3:13-17

*Entrance antiphon:* After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

*Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace*

*Intercessions:* Lord, send your Spirit among us...  
*Response: He will renew the face of the earth!*

**Next week: Is 49:3.5-6, Cor 1:1-3, John 1:29-34**

**Parish Prayer** Heavenly Father, we offer you our Parish of Our Lady and St Andrew. May all who seek love, solace and security in our midst find them through the Christ who is in us. May His Spirit move us to proclaim the Gospel joyously in our homes, in our town, in our country and to our world. May Your Spirit guide and inspire us in all that we do to promote your kingdom every day. 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.

**This Weekend:** is the first weekend of the Pulpit Exchange, Fr Michael is going to St Mark's Church to preach at their **10am** Eucharist. We will be welcoming the Rev Nigel Williams, from the Church of God of Prophecy, near The North Herts College. Fr Jean-Marie will be going to Wymondley Baptist Church next Sunday.

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**5.00pm Mass:** We have the Mass of Acceptance for those who are seeking Admission to our Church, at the Easter Vigil. This Ceremony is the first step in their being called by the Bishop to Admission at the Rite of Election at the Cathedral at the first weekend of Lent.

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**Irma & Derek Shipman** would like to thank all who helped at our recent coffee mornings, Catholic Children's Society --- **£130 and Angels Support Group --- £140**

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We have received a letter of thanks from Home-Start North Herts for the collection of gifts for needy, hard to reach families and children. The letter is on the notice board in the link.

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We welcome **Hitchin Bridge Club** who will make use of our Church Hall this year. The new tables in the Hall: have been bought by the Bridge Club at no expense to the parish, to help with their organisation, as they are using the Hall a lot and this is a benefit to the financial well-being of our Parish. We still have our other ones stored away for use, if needed. It would be helpful to have a person to be the point of contact for Hitchin Bridge Club. Please contact Trish if you can help.

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**Next weekend:** is our regular collection for CAFOD and its work around the world.

## Diary Dates

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**8pm:** First Session of Reconciliation in the hall for Parents seeking the Celebration of this Sacrament in March and early April.

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

**1.30pm:** The Bethany Club are holding their Christmas party, so there is no lunch on this day. It is good to welcome the Club which is so well established and deeply appreciated by many people for its friendship and fellowship

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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 UCM** Meeting in the lower committee room at 8pm. Rosary meditation followed by business catch up.



## Thursday 16th January

**10am** Saint Pio Prayer meeting will include Holy Mass for the members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits in the lower committee room and meditations on the Holy Name of Jesus.

### Other items of interest

**Jan 18 10am —1:30pm** Conference on the Cults @ Letchworth Free Church Hall Eric Harmer (from Barton Road Evangelical Church, Canterbury) will lead three 45minute sessions on Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism. There is no cost to you. We will provide childcare. Please bring your own packed lunch.

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is held throughout the world between **18 and 25 January**. Here in Hitchin,

Churches Together (CTH) is organising three things: **Pulpit exchanges on Sundays 12 and 19 January** when congregations will welcome a minister from a different church.

**19<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm** Joint Ecumenical Service at St Mary's: "Communion under One Roof" The main Celebration will be an Anglican Eucharist with involvement of many people and any Catholics who wish to receive Communion during this Celebration may do so from St Andrew's Chapel, where Fr Michael will be offering them Communion from the Reserved Sacrament in our Church. It will include 'communion under one roof' and an induction/welcome for Jane Litchmore-Grant of The Church of God of Prophecy as Chair of CTH. Jane will be the preacher on this occasion. This is one of the main Celebrations we hold in our town on an ecumenical basis and it would be good to see as many of you as possible come along and join in. We will also be taking our CTH Banner from the Church for the occasion, anyone wishing to carry the Banner in the entry Procession is more than welcome to come along at 5.30pm for a "walk-through" of what happens. Many thanks!

- **A united Ladies service, 7.45pm on Tuesday 21 January**, at The New Testament Church of God (William Road/Hampton Road).

The theme for the Week this year is 'Is Christ divided?', taken from 1 Corinthians 1 and more information about it, including prayer for each day, can be found on <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/> Churches Together hopes that as many as possible will participate in the Week and thus be part of our prayer for even greater Christian unity in our town.