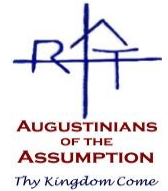


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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8th – 15th February 2014 Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

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

Sunday 9th	Coffee Morning KISS
Monday 10th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	10am MASS in LCR
	Meditation Group LCR 12- 1.30pm Churches Together Council Meeting Hall 7.30 for 8pm
Tuesday 11th	10am MASS in LCR
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Choir LCR 8pm
Wednesday 12th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) UCR 9.30am
	10am MASS in LCR
	Praise Group Hall after Mass
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
Thursday 13th	St Pio Prayer Meeting Church and Hall after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 14th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 15th	Confirmation Session Hall 10 – 12.30pm
Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning One World Group

Readings: Is 58:7-10, Cor 2:1-5, Matt 5:13-16

Entrance antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is he Lord, our God.

Psalm: **The good man is light in the darkness for the upright.**

Intercessions: Lord, hear our prayer.....

Response: **Give us your light!**

Next week: Ecc 15:15-20, Cor 2:6-10, Matt 5:17-37

First Reconciliation Family Chats - Parents with children preparing for First Reconciliation need to sign up for a Family Chat in March. There are sign-up sheets available in the porch. If you have any queries contact Jane in the Pastoral Office.

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Next Sunday 16th Feb the **Traidcraft stall** will be open. Thanks to you all for your continued support.

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.

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: Saturday morning during the 10am Mass, we are welcoming the family of Joshua Kirupairatnam, for his Baptism and Journey into Faith. In the afternoon, Isaac Bull, will also be baptised. We pray for their parents and god-parents as they start their Journeys of Faith with their children.

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Our Sound System: is finally taking a more visible shape, with the installation of the console, created by Jonathan Blaksley—son of one of our parishioners. It is a masterpiece of design and creativity providing the basis for our system which will last us many years. We are very grateful to Graham, John, Philippe and Mike for all their work behind the scene also.

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Last Sunday: our School, gave a wonderful display through their involvement in the Mass and the beautiful work in the hall to show the Catholicity which is the inspiration for what we do with our young people in their progress into life. We owe a big debt of gratitude to our Staff, for their commitment and generosity and thank God for the wonderful children, who show us examples of love and service to the Lord and to us, His People.

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Our grateful thanks to the Team of Parishioners who did such a wonderful job in dismantling the Crib, to await the next celebration.

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Mass Intentions: Parishioners wishing to have copies of the Mass Intentions for the week, should take them from the Notice Board, to the right as you enter the Church.

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From OL School PTA: Many thanks for the support of our cake sale on Sunday 2nd Feb. We raised £130 and this money will be going towards the purchase of learning pads for each class in the school.

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Next Weekend: we welcome into **Alexander Loftus**, through Baptism. We pray for him and his family, as he starts his Journey into Life and Faith. On Sunday morning at **10.30am**, **Charles Peacock**, joins these other young Parishioners.

Diary Dates

Monday 10 February

10am Mass will be celebrated in the Lower Committee Room, as the church is out of action for three days (except for personal prayer) due to work being carried out to install the Sound System.

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11am Mass at Sue Ryder Home at Stagenhoe celebrated by Fr Norbert from Welwyn Garden City. Please be in car park by 10.30 am if you want a lift with Trish.



7.30pm Eucharistic Ministry training for the sick and housebound in the Pastoral Office.

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8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting in our church hall: tea/coffee from 7.30pm. All welcome.

Thursday 13 February

10am Saint Pio Prayer Meeting will include **Holy Mass** for the members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits and meditations for the month of the Sacred Passion.

Friday 14 February

6.30-9pm Open microphone session All Ministers of the word, younger readers and all musicians are invited to try out the new sound system in the church. Please drop in at any time during this session.



Saturday 15 February

10-12.30pm Confirmation session in the hall.

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2-8pm Healing seminar in the hall organised by PDS-UK, an ecumenical group based here in Hitchin. Cost to attend £10 Tea & coffee are provided. Please let Janis know if you are coming. (633924)

Other items of interest

Graphic designer needed – If you are able to help please contact Emma Ahluwalia on 07709872934 or by email at emmaniklaus@sky.com

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Recycling good news! TerraCycle and McVitie's® are excited to announce the launch of the Wrapper to Riches Collection Contest, with a combined 50,000 TerraCycle points (£500 worth of donations) to be won! The contest will run from **1st February 2014 to 30th April 2014**. Between these two dates, they will also be offering double points, so each wrapper you send in will be worth 4 points! That is double the usual rate. Every Biscuit Wrapper Location is automatically entered into the contest, with the twenty top collectors at the end of the competition winning charity contributions of £125, £75, £25, or £10. If you are already collecting, please continue, and we could benefit from more collectors.

Future Dates

March 22 Union of Catholic Mothers Annual Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Jeannie Sherriffs on 01462 451535.