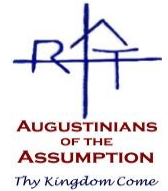




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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15th – 22nd February 2014 Sixth 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 16th	Coffee Morning One World Group
Monday 17th	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
	Parish Council Meeting LCR 7:30pm
Tuesday 18th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 19th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am
Thursday 20th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 21st	Mother & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 22nd	
Sunday 23rd	Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project

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

Entrance antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
Psalm: **They are happy who follow God's law**
Intercessions: Father, hear us.....
Response: **May we remain in your love!**
Next week: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18, Cor 3:16-23, Matt 5:38-48

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.

2014 Counting rotas are now available in the Link or parish office if you have not received it by email.



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.



Saturday 22 February

This Weekend: on Saturday afternoon, we have the joy of welcoming **Alexander Loftus** into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, we pray for him and his family at his Entry into his Faith Journey.

Sunday at **2pm:** we complete the Baptism Celebration for **Charles Peacock**, wishing him well as his journey into Faith continues with his parents and god-parents.



There is a Retiring Collection for the Church work for Catholic Education.

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Next Weekend: as has been advertised in the Porch, there is an Appeal made by a Sister for support of Missions run by women congregations in the wider world. This will take place at each Mass.

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Fr Christopher: is in hospital, as you know having developed a lung infection and is having a good check over. He is in on the Barley ward, in the Strathmore Wing of the Lister Hospital. He went on Thursday evening and his stay will depend on how he responds to the treatment he is receiving, it will also give the Hospital the chance to have an overview of his health and the levels of medication that he needs. He has had a lot of visitors, so thank you for that. His progress is slow and he is still having very strong anti-biotics and will be in for several days yet, as he needs working with the physio Department too. Do please keep him in your prayers, so that he can soon return to us to continue his Ministry of Presence to us. He is in good spirits and welcomes short visits.

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Grateful thanks from Mary Deuchar to those who assisted her and Peter when she was poorly in Mass the other week. They were both very touched by the love and care shown by so many.

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We have a need for an exercise stepping stool to help people get onto a bus as the first step can be rather high. If you have one gathering dust you are willing to donate could you let Trish know please.

Diary Dates

Monday 17 February

Our Parish Pastoral Council meets to continue its work for the good of all our Parishioners. We joyfully welcome a new Councillor, Pauline Johnson, the wife of the Vicar of Barton le Clay, Fr Michael was instrumental in preparing their Marriage, when he was in Brockley, South-East London.

Tuesday 18 February

Fr Michael is sharing with his oldest friend at his Birthday celebrations.

We rejoice with and pray for our Archbishop, as he receives the Ministry of advising Bishop Francis in his work as Pope, as a Cardinal.

We also celebrate the Baptism of **Matilda Jemetta** at 2.30pm: our prayer and best wishes go with her and her family as she enters the Journey of Faith.

Other items of interest

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** offering double points, so each wrapper is worth 4 points! 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

Feb 23 7.30pm Wind Chamber Concert in St Mark's Church. This concert, arranged by James Mainwaring, is an evening of wind chamber music. The concert will be performed by professional musicians who have played in the London Philharmonic, and BBC Philharmonic Orchestras. Tickets, £10 (£8 concessions), from Jane Mainwaring (tel: 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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

March 5 12.30pm The usual Churches Together in Hitchin Ash Wednesday lunch will be at Wymondley Baptist Church. A modest lunch, good fellowship and a Traidcraft stall - all are welcome. The church is in the centre of Little Wymondley in Stevenage Road, postcode SG4 7JA. Please note, very limited car parking at the Church – a few spaces for Blue Badges – visitors will need to park on Stevenage Road or nearby narrow streets. Alternatively, the 80 bus service from Hitchin to Stevenage goes through the village. See website for map and contact details - <http://www.wymondleybaptist.org.uk/> Contact Helen Richardson on 01462 435595 to know more.