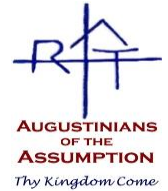




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 Seventh 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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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

Carol Mascarenhas Telephone: 01462 459126 (Parish)



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.



**If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.**



### Diary

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Kanyike Project
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 - 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) LCR 9.30am
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Union of Catholic Mothers
	Healing service Church 3pm



**Readings: Lev 19:1-2,17-18, Cor 3:16-23, Matt 5:38-48**

*Entrance antiphon:* O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

*Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.*

*Intercessions:* Father, hear us.....

*Response: May we love one another!*

**Next week: Is 49:14-15, Cor 4:1-5, Matt 6:24-34**

**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.



**Friday 28 February**

**This Weekend:**

**We pray for our Archbishop**, as he takes on the Ministry of Cardinal, working with Bishop Francis to enhance his work as Pope and continue to develop the richness of the teachings of Vatican II.

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**We are hosting a Missionary Appeal** on behalf of the many Orders of women who work in the areas of need around the world.

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**The Baptism for Matilda Jemetta**, is being celebrated this weekend, we pray for her and her Family and God-parents they journey together with her.

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**Pastoral Parish Council last Monday**

**COMMUNICATION.** The PPC have asked Jocelyn Darley to be our Public Relations person. For problems or information Contact Jocelyn by email: [josdarley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:josdarley@yahoo.co.uk) or phone: 01462 442791

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**GIFTS for Fr Christopher.** Father Christopher is still in hospital. As he is diabetic all gifts for consumption must be **sugar free**.

**Allowed Gifts. Drinks:** Reduced Sugar.

**Foods:** Rich Tea Biscuits; Pringles (loves spicy varieties); Fresh fruit (but keep on hold as he is well stocked at present. Only 6 grapes a day allowed )

**Boxes of tissues**

**Finally** Please remember him in your prayers.

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**Next Weekend:**

We are celebrating our Service of Healing and Anointing at 3.00pm, for those of you who feel you would benefit from these Ministries.

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**Next Week:**

Will see the start of the Family Chats for Parents and Children on the Sacramental Programme. Please check your time and ensure that you have signed up if you have not already done so.

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**Diary Dates**

**Monday 24 February**

**8pm:** Second Session of Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in the Hall.

**Tuesday 25 February**

**8pm:** Union of Catholic Mothers Annual General Meeting. Please remember bring your items for the coffee morning.

**Wednesday 26 February**

**9am:** Fr Michael is talking to year 4 about how to develop the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**10am:** Fr Michael is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children of Year 4.

**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.

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Parishioner looking for tutor to help sixth former prepare for A level psychology exam. Willing to pay. please contact Pippa 07913 817046

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Mother and daughter Kathryn and Megan Simpson are running in the Reading Half Marathon on 2nd March. Many of you will know their little girl Roxy. Roxy has Prader Willi Syndrome and Kathryn and Megan are hoping to raise money for the Prader Willi Syndrome Association by taking part in the run. If you would like to sponsor them, it would be much appreciated. To find out more, please feel free to either contact them on 01462 711066 or go to [www.justgiving.com/MeganandKathryn](http://www.justgiving.com/MeganandKathryn).

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**Message from the Foodbank:** The Foodbank have a particular need for toiletries and toilet rolls. Many thanks, if you can provide some!

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**The Meeting Needs project** run by Christchurch has been asked for a washing machine and a fridge freezer. If you can help, please contact Stephanie Kirby at [stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com) or phone 07786 726094

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**Ugandan ADF-NALU Rebels defeated by Congolese Army - There** is a short article on the Parish noticeboard, giving information on the latest situation in the Congo.

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If you've recently had your child baptised out of Mass and have borrowed a Baptism Book, please return the book to the Parish Office ASAP. Thanks!