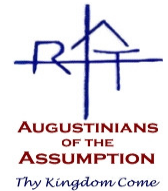


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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**22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Third Sunday Lent 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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**H** Hospital  
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 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning EDAID
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
	Michaelmas Fair Planning Meeting LCR 8pm
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	MASS - OUR LADY SCHOOL 10am <b>NO MASS IN CHURCH</b>
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8 – 10pm
Choir Church 8pm	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 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 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning OL School PTA

**Readings: Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2.5-8, John 4:5-42**

*Entrance antiphon:* My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

*Psalm:* **O that today you would listen to his voice; 'Harden not your hearts.'**

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

*Response:* **Give us your saving grace!**

**Next week: Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13, Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41**

**This Sunday Traidcraft stall will be open.**  
Thanks 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.

### 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.

**Praying with Scripture during Lent 2014.** Both sessions - OLS at 9am on Wednesday morning and Pastoral Office at 3pm Friday are offered at the same time each week throughout Lent and both are open to parishioners. For further information contact Eileen Dutt on 07721574767 or [eduttobl@christianmeditation.org.uk](mailto:eduttobl@christianmeditation.org.uk)

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**Planned Giving Envelopes** will be available for collection in the Hall after each of the Masses this weekend and 29/30 March. Parishioners who make their offering by Standing Order and would like a supply of Envelopes for use at Christmas or Easter can also collect Envelopes at this time.

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**This Weekend:** we are holding the Workshop for the Families preparing for First Reconciliation in the near future. This is in the Hall from Saturday 10am. On this third Sunday of Lent, we are holding the first of the Scrutinies, the time of prayer over our Candidates for Baptism and Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, **this will take place at the 5pm Mass.**

**After the 5pm Mass:** there is a Social time with the Carers of Fr Christopher, to give thanks for what was offered to him and the blessings he brought to us in that time of sharing.

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**Brother Damien AA:** died in the evening of March 15<sup>th</sup> at home with our brothers in Bethnal Green, he was 81. For many years he worked in our Novitiate, in the kitchen. He then went to the Congo and did much sterling work, building houses and other necessary buildings to build up our Assumptionist work there, before spending several years at our Shrine of St Peter in Gallicantu, in Jerusalem, caring for the garden and maintaining the property during a massive redevelopment programme. He spent his last few years in Bethnal Green, encouraging our students from abroad to develop their English. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

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**Fr Christopher AA:** "The parish gloriously celebrated the passing of Fr C bringing comfort, strength and support to his family, relations and friends – Inspiring us on our Journey of Faith and Life. As Bob, his brother said:"It is really impossible to thank everyone personally, as so many people have helped him and assisted in all aspects of his funeral. It really conveyed the true picture of "Parish".

To everyone involved thank you all on behalf of the Assumptionist Family. Love, peace, joy and many blessings to you all, from Fr Jean-Marie and myself, as well as the wider family of the Assumption." Michael aa

## Diary Dates

### Monday 24 March

**Also Tuesday 25th:** Frs Michael and Jean-Marie are meeting with families to share about the relevance of the "Growing in Faith" programme the Diocese is asking us to consider at times agreed with them.

**8pm:MICHAELMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING** will take place in the Lower Committee Room. Please come along if you would like to help plan this year's event. All suggestions welcome

### Tuesday 25 March

**10am Mass In the School: The Annunciation Of The Lord. A day of prayer and devotion,** to give thanks to God for the Incarnation of His Son into our world in the womb of His Mother. Fr Michael will celebrate it, as Fr Jean-Marie will be representing the Parish and the Order at the Funeral Mass for Brother Damien at 12.15pm at Bethnal Green.

**8.00pm Union of Catholic Mothers** meet in the Lower Committee Room. Graham Williams will speak about Street Angels.

### Wednesday 26 March

**Meeting of our Liturgy Committee** to continue preparations for the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations and other important aspects of parish liturgical life

### Friday 28 March

**6pm:** Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee

### Saturday 29 March

**11am:** First Celebration of a group of our children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parishioners are also invited to join in this time of celebration in prayer and in being an example to our young people of the importance you attach to this Sacrament by celebrating it with them too. **There will not be any other Celebration of the Sacrament on this day or Saturday week, as the Second Group will then be celebrating the Sacrament.**

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**Next Sunday** at the 8.30am Mass, celebration of the Second Scrutiny and Time of Prayer over the Candidates for Baptism and Reception, marking their further stage in their final steps to the Easter Vigil.

The 10.30am Mass will be a School Mass, marking the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the death of Mrs Leda Bolden, our Deputy Head. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, she is still much missed and we also remember her family.