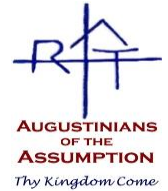




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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19th – 26th April 2014 Sunday of the Resurrection

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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Diary

Sunday 20th	Easter Sunday Coffee Morning One World Group
Monday 21st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
Wednesday 23rd	Choir Church 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 24th	Italian Club hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 25th	Time to scrap Trident? Talk by Bruce Kent – Hall 7pm onwards
Saturday 26th	Confirmation Group Hall 10-12.30pm
Sunday 27th	Coffee Morning Bethany Club



Readings: Acts:10:34-37-43, Col3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Entrance antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalms: **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad**

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord.....

Response: **Let your light shine upon us!**

Next week: Acts:2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31



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.



ONE WORLD GROUP coffee morning this Sunday is to support the 'Living Room' a local charity which supports people recovering from a wide range of addictions. More information in the Hall.



The Traidcraft stall will be open this Sunday.

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:

Today, we rejoice in the climax of how Jesus shows us the heart of the Gospel that Jesus loves us to the extent of giving His life for us and rising from the Dead: the various events we have rendered present to us again in the Triduum, reveal different aspects of what Resurrection means. It has been wonderful to share in these special moments of meeting Him with so many who gathered to share them with us, all the careful and loving preparations which have gone on behind the scenes and also seen in so many ways in the Liturgies which have been celebrated, all this has helped to raise us up to a new and deeper awareness of the rich reality of our Faith. As always it is so important to express our thanks and profound gratitude to all who helped prepare and organise them – may your love and dedication bring you many blessings as they have to us in the parish through the ways we have been involved in proclaiming and living them in so many rich and diverse ways. Fr Michael and Fr Jean-Marie, wish you all on behalf of the Pastoral Team, all the blessings and new hope for living out the wonderful truth that we live Jesus' Risen life through our Sacramental life, which transfigure what we do in the rest of our lives during the week!

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Our love and sympathy go to **Monica Armantrading and her family**, on the death of her husband and their father Orwell, on Monday evening. They have been with us in the Parish for well over 40 years and have been involved in so many ways in supporting and building up our Parish over that period of time, which covers the whole period of the time that Fr Christopher was with us. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

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Our Passover Celebration, was a prayerful and joyful recognition of what richness we draw from our Hebrew background and it was good to see nearly a 100 people gathered to share it with us from across the Parish and also from St Mary's Church, Our thanks go to Trish and Jane in particular for organising it with us and for us.

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The next gardening group is Saturday 26th April from 10am. All help is welcome.

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Our foodbank collection is next weekend.. They have an urgent need for the following items please 500g Sugar (**not 1kg**), Tinned Rice

Pudding, Sponge Pudding & Deodorant

Please do try and pick up one of these items when you are next shopping and bring it with you. You can drop it in anytime outside of next weekend too.



There will be two training sessions for parishioners who would like to serve our community by being **Ministers of the Word** and reading the scripture at Masses and other occasions. If you would be interested in making a commitment to reading at your normal Mass once every six weeks or so please come along on **Thursdays 8th and 15th May at 7.30pm** in the church. If you are planning to come please let Trish know. The training will be delivered by Christine Laubin and Peter Checketts.

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Your help needed. To ensure that we can deliver a reliable sound support ministry to our liturgies and services we need extra volunteers so we can enlarge the Sound Support Team in our parish. The work involves setting up the microphones before the 10.30 Mass, operating the system and tidying up afterwards. Both women and men, as well as older teenagers (who will be supervised) will be given full training in its use. If you are interested in being part of this special ministry of liturgical service and gaining a new set of skills do contact Michael Eltringham at [rmdmelt @btopenworld.com](mailto:rmdmelt@btopenworld.com)



Diary Date

Friday 25 April

The ethics of nuclear weapons:
is it



Bruce Kent talk
In the
Parish Hall
7pm

Events taking place after Easter:

Saturday 26th April: our Confirmation Candidates continue their formation with their Session starting at 10.00am in the Hall.

Saturday 26th April: Big Divine Mercy Evening at St Francis of Assissi in Shefford (Mass at 7pm, Confessions 5.30pm until 6.45pm). Sister Justyna Klimek from the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy in Poland gives two talks on Blessed Pope John Paul II (who set up this Feast) and the life of Sister Faustina.

Sunday 27th April At our 10.30 Mass: we have the delight of welcoming through Baptism into our Community, **Elizabeth Makin**. We pray for her, her parents and family, as they start her Journey into Faith and Life.

Sunday 27th April: there will be a letter from the Cardinal, about the "Growing in Faith" programme.