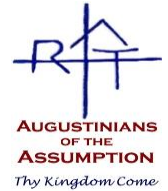


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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### 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

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Bethany Club
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Group
	Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Diapalante



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.**



### Readings: Acts:2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

*Entrance antiphon:* Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

*Psalm:* **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

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

*Response:* **In the power of the Spirit!**

**Next week: Acts:2:14.22-33, 1 Pet 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35**

**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** - Attached is a letter from the Cardinal, encouraging our participation in the "Growing in Faith" programme that all the parishes in the Diocese are sharing, to sustain and develop prayerful living Parishes; through developing a Parish Project, details of which are in a letter from Fr Michael (also attached). Also supporting Caritas Westminster which addresses the needs of people who are experiencing difficulties in their financial and personal lives, for whatever reason and other people who are in need of care and attention, as they are isolated and far from their families. At the moment, there are 15 Schools which are supported through "Magic Breakfasts and a whole range of concern for people who are being trafficked, practical support is being offered to Foodbanks. We seek to support and enrich married life across the Parish, with the involvement of "Chemin Neuf", a Group one of whose objectives is the enrichment of the lives of Parishioners, living their Marriage Covenant. We are also looking to upgrade our Hall and improve its eco-friendly and economic returns for our investment, heating, lighting and insulation. We have had two weeks as a trial run of the process and the response so far has been very encouraging. We are grateful to those who came to see us or who have been visited at home. Please remember to return the Envelope, in the ways that were suggested, as soon as you can – they can easily get forgotten! Parishioners are involved in prayer, being volunteers and, only if that is possible, financially: so far we have received 12 pledges covering the five coming years to the amount of £25,530.

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May and have anything you raise for Send a Cow DOUBLED by the UK government. Your

challenge is to buy all your food & drink for 5 days with just £5 and gain a first-hand insight into the lives of many thousands of Africans who live below the poverty line. To see how we will do see <https://www.livebelowtheline.com/me/ourladys>

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**An Hour with the Cross:** was a most moving and simple presentation of the Stations of the Cross, but opened up to our present world and how it is seen by these young people and suggesting methods of moving forward – in everyway a wonderful way to close our times of prayer on Good Friday. Our gratitude and appreciation go out to them, to Trish and the Team of Catechists who worked so hard with our young people in this presentation of their Faith.

The next Baptism Course will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (3– 4.30pm) and 25<sup>th</sup> May (3.30 – 4.45pm) The Rite of Anointing will take place after the session on 25<sup>th</sup> May at the 5pm Mass. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE LINK. For details: email Jane [janegonzalez@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:janegonzalez@rcdow.org.uk)

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 29th April

**12pm** Meeting of the Ministers and Priests working in Hitchin, to continue their work of caring for the Community at the home of Rev John Hardaker, Minister at Christchurch.

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**7.15pm Steps to Pentecost Eucharistic service** a series of readings from Easter to Pentecost, reflection, prayer and communion.

### Friday 2nd May

**6.30pm:** our Finance Committee meets to continue their work to ensure further the financial stability of our Parish.

### Saturday 3rd May

We celebrate the first of our May Weddings: celebrated between Andrew Hughes and Alicija Michalczyk. We wish them well as they enter their married live together.

## Future Dates

**May 8** 8pm European Election meeting at Christchurch. Five candidates have agreed to attend: David Campbell-Bannerman (Conservative), Fiona Radic (Greens), Richard Howitt (Labour), Josephine Hayes (Liberal Democrat) and Mark Hughes (UKIP). They will each be given five minutes to set out their policies then there will be time for questions. If you would like to raise one, the Rev Austin Smith, who is organising the evening, would be glad to hear from you beforehand - contact him on [aidsmith@waitrose.com](mailto:aidsmith@waitrose.com)

**May 10** 10:30 to 16:00 - NJ&PN AGM and Open Networking Day at CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark, London SE1 7JB with guest speaker David McLoughlin, senior lecturer in theology at Newman University in Birmingham, on The Joy of the Gospel - Our response to Pope Francis' call to be "a Church for the Poor". For further details see poster on the Justice & Peace notice board or contact Ann Kelly on 020 7901 4864 or using: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)