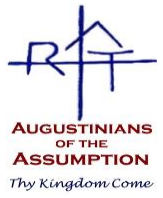


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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

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10th - 17th May 2014 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A



Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.00pm
Monday – Wednesday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 5.00pm before Mass

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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.



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.

Diary

Sunday 11th	Coffee Morning Church Flower Group
Monday 12th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
Tuesday 13th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
Wednesday 14th	Choir Church 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Praise Group LCR after Mass
Thursday 15th	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	NO MASS Eucharistic Service
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
Friday 16th	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
	NO MASS Eucharistic Service
Saturday 17th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 17th	First Communion Workshop Hall 10am
Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning One World Group



Readings: Acts:2:14.36-41, 1 Pet 2:20-25, Jn 10:1-10

Entrance antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Intercessions: Father, in your mercy.....

Response: Guard and guide us!

Next week: : Acts:6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12



box collection will take place after all masses next weekend (17th/18th May) Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch.

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: Sunday 3pm in the hall our Baptism Preparation Course

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5pm Mass: our Candidates for Confirmation make their public affirmation of readiness to receiving the Sacrament.

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Retiring Collection today: for the Training of Future Priests for the Assumptionist Family and our Diocese: **a gentle reminder to those of you who have joined in with the "Growing in Faith" that you will have already shared in this concern by what you have contributed to the programme.**

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Christian Aid Week 11-19 May. A box with Christian Aid envelopes is in our porch for you to donate if your street didn't get a collection or you were missed.

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Fr Jean Marie is leaving the parish. He will be going the week following his Celebration on **7th June at 6pm** Mass. This gives us a short time to prepare for this celebration so your help is needed. We are planning for a lively, African Mass, with music, and instruments and hopefully dancing as we have had in the past. There will be a reception in the hall afterwards and we ask you to sign up to bring some food to that. There will be cards to sign from this weekend and if you want to contribute to a leaving present please let Trish know. It would be good to know numbers and what food is coming. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Hope to see you there so we can truly thank Fr Jean-Marie for his contribution to our parish over the past 4 years.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th May

11am Mass at Sue Ryder, Stagenhoe. Anyone needing a lift with Trish be in car park by **10:35am**.

Tuesday 13 May

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

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8pm: Union of Catholic Mothers will spend an evening with Father Michael, Lower Committee Room.

Wednesday 14 May

7.30pm Liturgy Committee, in the Lower Committee Room meet to review how the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations went and to plan the remaining part of this Parish Year.

Saturday 17 May

10am: Workshop for the Families on the Eucharist Programme, starts in the Hall, as the prelude to entry into the Celebrations of Early Eucharist: personal, Parish Welcome and Thanksgiving.

Sunday 18th May

The Traidcraft stall will be open.

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We welcome Nicholas Fernandes into our Community through the completion of the Ceremonies of Baptism, in the afternoon.

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Next week

Monday 19th May: 6.30pm: Meeting for the Volunteers who will be taking part in the second phase of "Growing into Faith" in the near future. Please note the date and time, the Meeting will be in the Lower Committee Room.

Future Dates

May 11 6.30pm Taizé Service at St Mark's

May 14 7pm Interested in Albania? at Walsworth Road Baptist Church, talk with Orgert Vlashaj representing the Albanian Evangelical Churches from Good News Church, Lezhe. Please bring a dish!

May 21 8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council St Mark's in Lancaster

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Other items of interest

Congo Micro-hydropower The Assumptionists of the Province of Africa would like to thank the One World group members in our parish and all those parishioners who have supported with their contributions the project in Fr Jean-Marie's village in Congo. We have been able to find a 100 Kw turbine, a key part to produce electricity. The turbine has reached the Congo from Italy where it was made. A big thank you to, Michael and Deolinda Eltringham, who were able to raise three thousand euros (€3,000) from Henkel AG & Co. KGaA company in Germany for this project. We thank in a particular way donors from Italy who took over the project and paid for the shipping of the turbine from Italy to the Congo

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St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, Bedwell Crescent. Stevenage. Have places available from September 2014. You can visit the Nursery, meet the staff and the new Head teacher Mr Keane. Details: 01438 729555 www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk (children born between 1 September 2010 & 31 August 2011)