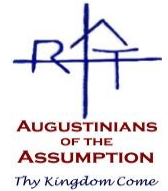




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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17th – 24th May 2014 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.00pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am after Mass

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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

Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning One World Group
Monday 19th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12– 1.30pm
	Michaelmas Fair Planning Meeting LCR 8pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
Tuesday 20th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 21st	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Praise Group LCR after Mass
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd	European & District Council Elections Hall
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 24th	First Communion Workshop Hall 10am
Sunday 25th	Coffee Morning Garden House Hospice



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

Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Intercessions: **Father you love us.....**

Response: **May we abide in your love!**

Next week: Acts:8:5-8, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

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: CAFOD collection after all masses. Gift aid envelopes available in the porch.

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This Sunday the Traidcraft stall will be open and the One World Group coffee will support 'Freedom from Torture' a charity which helps to care for victims of torture. More info in the hall. Thanks from the 'Living Room', 'House of the Open Door', and 'Casa Alianza' who all benefited from recent One World Group coffee mornings.

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Next Sunday: 5.00pm Mass we celebrate the Rite of Welcome and First Anointing for the children whose Parents have completed the Sacrament of Baptism Preparation Course. We pray for them.

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Foodbank collection is next weekend at all Masses. They need long life milk, 500g sugar, fruit juice, rice puddings, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, shampoo and deodorants. Please remember to buy an item this week and bring it along to Mass next week please.

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GIFT AID – TAX REBATE CLAIM

We will shortly be submitting the tax rebate claim for money donated to the Church under the Gift Aid Scheme in the tax year ending April 2014. If you have signed up for Gift Aid but no longer pay tax, please inform our organiser David Wilson on 01462-627784 so that we do not submit an inappropriate claim. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up for Gift Aid or whether you have paid enough tax David will be able to let you know. Similarly, if you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, it is not too late and you should contact David who will make the necessary arrangements for you. Also Gift Aid donation must be made in the name of the person who pays the tax on the money that is donated; if that is not the case, please let David know and alternative arrangements can be made. Thank you to all of you who have signed Gift Aid Declarations as tax rebate plays such an important part in financing the running our Church.

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Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed towards the funeral expenses of David Smith. Almost £2000 was raised.

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A cheque for £988 was sent to Aid to the Church in Need, the total of the amount collected in the Parish in memory of our beloved Fr Christopher.

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Please hold in your prayers our Confirmation Candidates who celebrate the Sacrament with Bishop John, at the Saturday evening Mass next week. We remember with gratitude also all the

Catechists who have shared their Faith with them over the past year.

Monica Armantrading and family wish to express their gratitude to everyone who was so kind during Orwell's illness and death, especially those who had Masses offered for him. Once again a big thank you.

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Parishioner is looking for a reliable, economic second hand car. If anyone is selling theirs, please contact Trish.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th May

Fr Michael is talking to Year 6 Children about how to develop their understanding and living the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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AUTUMN FAIR planning meeting will take place in the Lower Committee Room at 8pm on Monday 19th May. All welcome.

Tuesday 20th May

10am: Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady in the Quiet Garden of Our Lady's School, as we live the Month of May which is dedicated to her. This is followed by a School Council Meeting.

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7.30pm: Governor Safeguarding Training Update at Our Lady's School.

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

Wednesday 21st May

Year 6 Children will have the chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Michael, at 10.00am.

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8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting St Mark's in Lancaster Road. We look at the growth of Pentecostalism. All welcome.

Saturday 24th May

We rejoice with Zoe and Declan, who celebrate their Marriage Covenant in the afternoon.

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6.00pm: We welcome Bishop John to our Church for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the students who have been preparing for many months for this time of commitment to their Faith.

Future Dates

June 14 8pm Barn Dance at Fortescue

Hall, Letchworth in aid of the Kanyike Support Group. Tickets £10 available from Roger Hyde or phone 07704275661