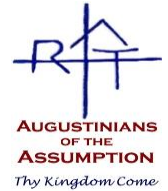


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 Sixth 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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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

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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.

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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 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Garden House Hospice
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning EDAID



### Readings: Acts: 8:5-8, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

*Entrance antiphon:* Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

*Psalm:* **Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....

*Response:* **In your love for us!**

**Next week: Acts:1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Matt 28:16-20**

**Thanks** to those who lived below the line and ate for a £1 a day. So far £180 has been raised to buy cows. If you wish to donate please go to [www.livebelowtheline.com/me/ourladys](http://www.livebelowtheline.com/me/ourladys)

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**Opportunity for young people** over age of 11 to spend a week at the Isle of Wight in August 2014. See Poster in porch or go to [www.urbansaints.org/reloaded](http://www.urbansaints.org/reloaded)

### 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

**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.



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:** we wish our students in School a relaxing and refreshing time, especially those who will be facing important exams in the near future; also their Teachers and other Staff involved in Education.

**5.00pm Mass:** our Baptism Preparation Course reaches its fulfilment in the Rite of Welcome and Anointing, celebrated with the parish: we pray for the families who are preparing for their children to enter the important Journey of Faith.

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**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday,** Mass as usual at 10.00am.

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**Next Sunday:** our Quarterly Healing and Wholeness Service is taking place at 3.00pm. All are welcome, we shall offer the possibility of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, for those who wish to avail themselves of the Lord's love for us in these ways.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day. A second collection will be taken to help fund the work of the Catholic Communications Network.

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**Fr Jean Marie's leaving Celebration** is 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm Mass. There is a card to sign after all Masses this weekend and you are welcome to make a contribution to a leaving present.

Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are coming to the party afterwards. Hope to see you there so we can truly thank Fr Jean-Marie for his contribution to our parish over the past 4 years.

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### **Diary Date**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**8pm:** World United Catholic Women's Organisations Mass in the hall. Please remember your plate and raffle prizes.

### **June 3 Future Dates**

**June 3**  
6.30 - 9pm **Finding Meaning: The Labyrinth** Led by Martin Garsed At The Meditation Centre St Marks Myddelton Sq, London EC1R 1XX  
Booking is essential—T: 020 7278 2070 E: [meditatio@wccm.org](mailto:meditatio@wccm.org). See poster on board.

### **June 7**

**Church Garden:** Our next Gardening session is from 10am. If you are free to pop in for half an hour or longer, you will be most welcome. If you have any seedlings or have split any plants recently and no longer have a home for them, please donate them to the gardens and leave them outside Parish Office from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June onwards. Your help

and donations are very much appreciated and are making a massive difference to the grounds.

### **June 8**

**Party in the Square Pentecost Sunday**  
Parishioners are asked to support this event by baking or buying cup cakes which can be given away to passers-by on the day. They can be delivered at our church on the Sunday morning. More details about the event soon.

### **June 14**

Calling all former pupils from the 1940s/50s/60s at St Francis' College, Letchworth Garden City: You and a guest are warmly invited to a Vintage Tea Party at the College, on Saturday, 14th June, 2014, 2.00 - 5.00pm. Tickets cost £6 pp. Please contact Katharine Purchon on 01462 670511 or [kpurchon@st-francis.herts.sch.uk](mailto:kpurchon@st-francis.herts.sch.uk) by 30th May, if you would like to attend.

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**8pm Barn Dance** at Fortescue Hall, Letchworth in aid of the Kanyike Support Group. Tickets £10 available from Roger Hyde or phone 07704275661

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10am – 3pm Quiet Day at St Mary's, Pirton. See poster in porch

### **June 21**

12 - 3pm Our Lady School PTA Summer Fun Day. Please come along to enjoy a family, fun-filled day with lots of games and stalls.

### **June 27**

7.30pm in the Church: Annual Service for the Bereaved. Refreshments and social time in the hall after. All are welcome.

### **Other Items of Interest**

**London 2 Brighton:** This weekend 3 mums from Our Lady School are walking from London to Brighton, covering 62 miles in roughly 20 hours. Mary Cafferkey, Helen Bailey & Heather Walker are starting at 7:20am on Saturday and hope to finish before 9am on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far and if you would still like to donate to Cancer Research, please go to our website: <http://www.justgiving.com/teams/OLS>. Please keep us in your prayers, as we are **going to need them.**

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