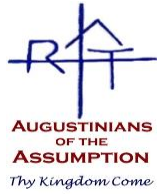


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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 after Mass

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Diary

Sunday 15th	Coffee Morning One World Group
Monday 16th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 18th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 19th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 20th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 22nd	Coffee Morning Kanyike Project



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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.



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.

Readings: Ex 34:4-6.8-9, Cor 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

Entrance antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm: **To you glory and praise for evermore.**

Intercessions: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.....

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Next week: Deut 8:2-3.14-16, Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58



collection will take place after all masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch. ONE WORLD GROUP this Sunday morning will be to support the work of The Apostleship of the Sea, a charity which supports sailors in need. More information in the hall.

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Foodbank collection is next weekend at all Masses. They need Fruit Juice, Milk, Sponge Pudding, Long Grain Rice, Shower Gel, Shampoo and Toothpaste. Please remember to buy an item this week and bring it along to Mass next week please. The latest statistics are up on the notice board.

This Weekend: First of all, we are delighted to welcome Fr Justin, another Priest from the Congo who is replacing Fr Jean-Marie now that he is back home for a few days break before taking on his new responsibilities.

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Celebration of First Eucharist – Parish Welcome Masses: We are further delighted to

welcome our First Eucharist children into a fuller sharing in the life of the Body of Christ whom we are, as they take a more visible place in our Community by renewing their vows of Baptism and sharing visibly with us in Communion. We pray for them and for those who will do so next weekend.

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Photos: Parents who have not yet sent in a photo of their child for the display may do so – either by emailing Jane or by bringing in a photo to the Parish Office. The display will be up for the Holy Communion ‘season’ – until well into July.

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Fr Jean-Marie’s Farewell Mass: was truly splendid and a wonderful tribute to the richness and diversity which exists within our Parish: a blending of West and African traditions in the music that was celebrated and the great atmosphere which was created was really palpable. Our grateful thanks go to all who have worked so hard to ensure that the whole evening was a great success and recognition of what Fr Jean-Marie has brought to our Parish in the time he has been with us. The celebration continued in the Hall afterwards and a veritable feast was at our disposal and nothing was left over and the re-cycling of what was left over was a real tribute to the good work that our Live Simply Team have brought into our Parish! A night indeed to remember! (contact details available)

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The Bethany Club is in need of some help in the Kitchen either to help with the cooking or helping the ladies who serve at the tables this need only be from **11.30am till 1.30pm** if you are interested in helping please **contact Jeannie Sherriffs on 01462 451535.**

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WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE On Monday, 19 members of Our Lady’s Special Support Group will be going to Walsingham for a four day pilgrimage. We would like to thank all those in the parish who have made this possible through supporting our coffee mornings and offering help as drivers and helpers. We shall pray for you all at the shrine. Pam Brannigan and Brenda Pond

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“Party in the Square”: on Sunday afternoon, was a CTH activity and a great success too, with many people enjoying the music, the food and drink

which had been prepared by the various Churches in our Town and the wonderful weather was a treat to savour! Our parish choir provided a spiritual message in the several songs that they sang in different traditions. **A wonderful way of celebrating the Gift of the Holy Spirit and Unity.**

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Our Volunteer Team will be offering you the latest update about our “Growing in Faith” campaign which is also a Pledge form too, for those of you who have received the packs through the post this week. Please take one home with you to complete or if you wish to do so at the Church that is also possible. We would ask those of you who take them home, would you please ensure that it is returned to the Parish by **Sunday 22nd June**, if possible, returning the Pledge form with just your name and address and left blank the rest, if you feel you cannot support it or completing as and how you think you can do so; likewise those of you who were visited by the Volunteers or seen my Fr Michael or Fr Jean-Marie, who have yet to respond, we would gently ask you to return your response as soon as possible too. It does help with our planning and achieving our target of £225,000 with the possibility of exceeding it! Our grateful thanks to you all for so doing. Our meeting on Wednesday was attended by 36 Parishioners and we had a very in depth look at the Programme and responded to questions to help people in their consideration of their response.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 June

Fr Michael shares in the deliberations of the School Council at Our Lady’s, as the children discuss and decide issues which have arisen.

Wednesday 18 June

5pm: the children who are Journeying to Communion from Schools other than Our Lady’s complete their preparations with a time of prayer and thanksgiving.

Saturday 21 June

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.

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3pm: we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism of Ella Marie and Sophia Emily Brogan, twin daughters of Peter and Charlotte Brogan. We pray for them into the Faith Journey of the children.