



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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21st – 28th June 2014 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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.

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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.

Diary

Sunday 22nd	Coffee Morning Kanyike Project
Monday 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 24th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 25th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
Thursday 26th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 27th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Annual Bereavement Service Church 7.30pm - Hall after
Sunday 29th	Coffee Morning OL School PTA



Readings: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16, Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

Entrance antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord.....
Response: **Answer our prayer!**

Next week: Acts 12:1-11, Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Matt 16:13-19

Fr Justin Kasareka Mwendakulala also hails from the Congo. He joined the Assumptionist Community in 1996 and took his vows in 1999, before being ordained as a Priest in 2007. From 2007 to 2012 he served the Saint Monica Parish in Nairobi, and then joined Bethnal Green Parish. He is looking forward to meeting as many of us as possible during his stay until the end of July.

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Altar Server Training: will start for children who have celebrated Early Communion and any older children who might be interested on Wednesday July 9th at 4.00pm in the Church. Application Forms are available from Fr Michael or the Parish Office, for anyone interested.

This Weekend: is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Saviour, revealed in the Eucharist, a wonderful day of prayer and devotion and a great day for our Final groups of Children on the Early Communion Programme, who share in our Parish Welcome at the Masses for this weekend. Our love and prayer supports them in their new step on the way into the fullness of Faith. It has been good to see how our children have grown and their enthusiasm for getting involved is making itself felt – may we all be refreshed and renewed by our young people as together we seek to fulfill our Mission of love and service!

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We also celebrate the Entry into membership of our Church, of Lorena Pinta, who will be baptised in the afternoon. We pray for her and her family at this important time of her life in faith.

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Our “Growing in Faith” Campaign: Fr Michael writes: “As you are aware, we are approaching the final stages of *Growing in Faith*. We plan to complete our efforts with a Commitment Weekend at all Masses next weekend, 28th & 29th June. Our goal has been to receive an informed decision from everybody in the parish and to date; we have done well in reaching out to the majority of parishioners. This is a grass-roots effort and everybody is invited. I am extending an invitation to each of you to become more informed about the needs of the Church in our area, and considering if you can respond, to the urgent needs that all our Sisters brothers across the Diocese are facing.

We have already raised more than £75,000 towards our goal of £225,000. Based on the experience of other parishes, for example, we would need another 85 parishioners to consider pledging a £1 a day, £7 a week, over 5 years, in order to reach our goal. However it is for each of you to respond at a level with which you are happy. Please continue to pray for the success of *Growing in Faith* in our parish and in all the parishes of the Diocese of Westminster. I am deeply appreciative of your support so far and grateful, too, for your consideration of my request today.

Love peace and joy to you and all our loved ones, as ever,” Michael aa

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Next Saturday: we welcome also Dylan Barnard into the Church, in Baptism, we pray for him his parents and god-parents as he enters on his Journey into Faith.

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Next Sunday: afternoon, John Henry Newman School is holding their Summer Fair, to which parents and future parents and friends are cordially invited.

Early Notification: for Parents with children in Year 2, who would be considering the Sacraments for their children next year: there is a Meeting arranged, which is a very important one, which ALL families should attend. It is on Monday 14th July, at 7.30pm, when the programme for preparation will be outlined, together with a list of dates and the application form issued. The application form will need to be completed and returned to the Pastoral Office before 31st July. Please address any queries to Jane: janegonzalez@rcdow.org.uk or on 07885 027 955

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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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Fr Jean-Marie: we have had an email from him to say that he had arrived safely with all his luggage at Entebbe and was staying at our House there, hoping to fly to the Congo on Sunday for time with his family. Internet access is erratic and he is not always able to get through. He thanks you for your love and support to him for his return to Africa and will keep in touch. Contact details for Fr Jean-Marie in the future:

Fr PALUKU MESO JEAN-MARIE

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Sue Shakespeare’s Retirement: Sue has worked at Our Lady School for 24 years. The school is having a collection and if any past parents who knew her in her office role would like to contribute, please send/hand into the school office marked “Collection”.

Dates

Tuesday 24 June

No Eucharistic service tonight.

June 28

10am-12pm at Christchurch - It's a Piece of Cake! Great Big Tea Party to raise awareness and funds for Open Doors, who support the persecuted church worldwide.

Sample coffee and cake from different countries, and participate in a range of activities which are aimed for people of every age, A warm welcome to all.