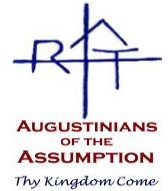




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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28th June – 5th July, 2014 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

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 29th	Coffee Morning OL School PTA
Monday 30th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 1st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	NO BETHANY CLUB
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 2nd	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
Thursday 3rd	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 4th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 6th	Coffee Morning Friends of Gainsford House



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

Entrance antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Psalm: **From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

Intercessions: We pray to the Lord.....

Response: Lord, hear our prayer!

Next week: Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Matt 11:25-30

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 4pm in the Church. Application Forms are available from Fr Michael or the Parish Office, for anyone interested.



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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.**

This Weekend:



We celebrate the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, a day when we also rejoice with Bishop Francis, our Pope on his 2nd anniversary of his Ministry, as Successor of St Peter, we pray for him and the work that he is doing to bring the life of the Spirit more visibly into

our Church through the work of evangelisation. There is a Retiring Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence, a sign of our loyalty to him and our Church!

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We conclude our "Growing in Faith" Program this weekend, with a tidying up and offering a final chance for parishioners to respond to our Cardinal's Vision for the Diocese and our own place in it, here in Hitchin. Thank you to those of you who have responded to the appeal and thank you for what you have considered doing. Please consider contributing to this process, if you can, as we want to play our full part in the life of the Diocese and promote new life in our own Parish.

Your wonderful response last Sunday has brought our total to the magnificent sum of **£141,000** from 97 donors! I am most moved by that generosity and we can now look forward, hopefully, to achieving our basic target this weekend. "Thank you also to the Team of Volunteers who have been working with Fr Jean-Marie and myself, to reach out and share with you the vision the Cardinal has – they will be still working for a time to support those of you who are still reflecting on how you would like to participate." Michael aa

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John Henry Newman School is holding its Annual Fair today(Sun 29th)from noon onwards, a chance to have a great family day out and also to support the work and care of the School for our young people.

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Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of Bill Clarke, who died suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning last week. He was a stalwart of

the parish in so many ways, he was part of the team of men who brought the Scout Hut down from the Sacred Heart School, when it closed down in the 70s; he was a long-standing member of the Knights of St Columba, keeping up with it even when our Hitchin branch had to close down. He and his wife, Margaret, used to run the 200 Club which raised a lot of money for our Parish. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

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Next Sunday: 2.00pm: An extra Mass is being celebrated for the Thanksgiving and Mission Celebration, marking the end of the Program for Early Eucharist. The thanksgiving for the children is then shared with us in various ways by the children concerned, Ministry of Reading, Serving, Welcoming, to name but a few of the ways. This is concluded with the Giving of Certificates and the Party in the Hall, to include Prayer Partners from the Bethany Club. The training of new Servers starts at 4.00pm on July 9th in the Church, for all those who wish to join that Ministry.

Dates

Thursday 3 July

Fr Michael celebrates his 75th Birthday, please hold him in your prayers, as he recovers from severe erosive gastritis, which has been with him about a year, as became clear after all the cancer tests had proved negative.

Friday 4 July

The Primary Feeder Schools for John Henry Newman are gathering at the School for a Mass and a time of celebration, the Schools being represented by Year 6 children.

Saturday 5 July

As part of the Hitchin Festival 2014, The North Herts Inter Faith Forum offers an open invitation to take part in a "Walk of Faiths in Hitchin" beginning here in our Church at 2pm on to the Sikh Guru Nanak Gurdwara at 3pm, and the Singh Sabha Gurdwara at 4pm. There may be also an opportunity to visit the Hitchin Mosque in Florence Street afterwards. For more details please see the advertising poster or contact Rev. Austin Smith (01462) 437433. To enter the Gurdwaras and the Mosque, we are required to cover our heads and to take our shoes off at the entrance. We are respectfully requested to not have had alcohol that day prior to visiting the Gudwaras .

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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 program 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: ianegonzalez@rcdow.org.uk or on 07885 027 955