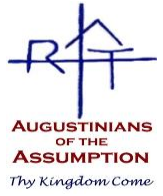


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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

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12th – 19th July, 2014 Fifteenth Sunday of the 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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Diary

Sunday 13th	Coffee Morning Diapalante
Monday 14th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	First Eucharist meeting Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 15th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 16th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm
Thursday 17th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 18th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 20th	Coffee Morning One World Group



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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.



Readings: Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Matt 13:1-23

Entrance antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm: **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Bless us with a living Faith!

Readings: Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Matt 13:1-23

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box collection will be taken next weekend (19/20th July) Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch.

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Catechists needed: A reminder following the appeal at Mass. If you are able to give some time to pass on the faith to our young people on the next confirmation programme please complete a form on the tables as you leave. With your help, we are able to continue.

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The new rota for Eucharistic Ministers is available on the Link. Please let Trish or Peter know if any details need to be updated.

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: Sunday 3.00pm: at St Mary's Church we are holding a Commemoration Service for those men and women who lost their lives during the World Wars, as we remember the coming anniversary of the First World War. All are welcome to join in and pray for them and for world peace.

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Next Sunday we pray for Fr Tom, who has served our parish in many ways over the years and who is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination at Bethnal Green. He will be with us after the first weekend of August, whilst Fr Michael is away.

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The Tradecraft stall will be open next Sunday.

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Growing in Faith: our total at the moment is slightly under £207,000. We are well on our way, but still somewhat short of our target. We would be grateful for those of you who have taken the white pledge form, to return it as soon as possible to help us reach our basic target of £225,000. Those of you who have received the pink form, should return it directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided, please. Many thanks for your prompt response.

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Final Celebration of the Early Eucharist Programme: was well attended and the children carried out their various Ministries very well indeed. Our thanks go to Jane, Teresa and Trish, for all their background work and faith sharing; also to all the parents from the last Programme, who provided tea and refreshments. We look forward to seeing our young people sharing in various Ministries on a regular basis now. Volunteers, would you please make yourselves known to Trish, so that we can organise any training which might be necessary can be arranged? It is good to know that we have volunteers for ensuring our Church is tidy after each Mass, to welcome those coming later. Altar Server Training continues on Wednesday.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 18TH OCTOBER We will start to collect goods for sale at the fair from next weekend when there will be collecting boxes in the porch. At present we are asking for toys, games, bric a brac and items suitable for our gift stall. In addition we would like to invite you to offer your talents, skills and labour for our promises auction. This was one of the highlights of the fair last year and we hope to repeat it. As the fair will be much larger this year we are also looking for additional helpers on the day. Contact Pam Brannigan (01462 642587 or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com) if you can help in any way.

Diary Dates

Monday 14 July

11am Mass at Sue Ryder Stagenhoe. Fr Michael from St Hilda's will be celebrating Mass this month. **Trish can give a lift at 10.30 from the church car park.**

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7.30pm Parents of Year 2 Children, who will be starting the journey into Reconciliation and Eucharist in the Autumn, are invited to a **Meeting in the Hall**, to hear about the programme and receive Application Forms, which need to be returned by **July 31st**.

Tuesday 15 July

2pm Mass at Milford Lodge The newest care home in Hitchin behind the 3 Moorhens has a beautiful little chapel and Fr Michael will be blessing the chapel during Mass. It would be lovely if a couple of parishioners were able to come along at this time to be with the residents on this occasion. **Trish can give a lift at 1.30pm from the church car park.**

Wednesday 16 July

We are celebrating the **Farewell Mass for our year 6 Pupils**, in a phased programme over the day: the Opening Rites and prayer; Celebration of the Word and Intercessions, then at **2pm the Presentation of Gifts and Eucharist**. The children will then be sent forth from our School to their new Secondary Schools, with blessings.

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4.00pm: 2nd Session of Training for new Altar Servers, in the Church. Further training will be given in September, to round off the preparations. New Servers should be in the Sanctuary at the Masses they attend over the summer period, so parents are asked to ensure that they arrive at least 15 minutes before the Mass starts.

Friday 18 July

11.30am Fr Michael is celebrating the Mass for the End of the School Year at **John Henry Newman School**.

Saturday 19 July

2pm-8pm in the church hall PDS-UK will hold another healing seminar: "How to pray healing for a person whose personal human spirit has been broken or wounded." Registration: £10 (free for those on low means).

THE BANCROFT PROJECT provides Sunday lunches for local rough sleepers, and for the very vulnerable. Volunteers are needed to help 1 – 4pm. See notice on board for more details.