



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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19th – 26th July, 2014 Sixteenth 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

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| Sunday 20th | Coffee Morning One World Group |
| Monday 21st | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| | Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 22nd | Morning Prayer Church 9.30am |
| | Bethany Club Hall 10.30am |
| | Eucharistic Service 7.15pm |
| | Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm |
| Wednesday 23rd | Choir Church 8pm |
| | Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am |
| Thursday 24th | Scripture Group Peter Deuchar home 1.30pm |
| | Italian Club Hall 1pm |
| Friday 25th | Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm |
| | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| Sunday 27th | Coffee Morning Operation Smile |



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: Wis 12:13.16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Matt 13:24-43

Entrance antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving

Intercessions: Father, have mercy on us.....

Response: Through the power of your Holy Spirit!

Next week: Kings 3:5.7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Matt 13:44-52

Please return either the white pledge form for the “**Growing in Faith**” Campaign to the Parish House; or the pink one received in the post, either to the Parish House or by sending it directly to the Diocese. Many thanks.

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There will be a retiring collection for ‘Day for Life’.

Masses during August: as in past years, there will **NOT** be a 5.00pm Mass on Sunday and there will not be a 10.00am Mass on Saturdays during the month either. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at that time.

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 pray for Fr Tom, as he celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination, in Bethnal Green, where he is Parish Priest. We look forward to sharing in his joy, once he is with us after the first weekend of August. We are grateful for the services of Fr Justin, who has been with us since June. Fr Michael will be going to share in the day, as he was the MC for the Mass of Ordination for Fr Tom.

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Our Lady's School: closes this week, with various celebrations and thanksgiving times for the work of the past year and for what has been achieved over the past year and for those children who are leaving to go to their Secondary Schools, as well as those who will be joining our School in September. We give thanks for all who live and work in our School and give so much of their time and energy to maximise the potential of our children: may all have a restful holiday in the coming weeks!

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Part of our Parish Project, for which money will be available from next January concerns enriching and strengthening married and family life across our Parish: we will be working with a Group of people called "Chemin Neuf" (New Way), of which two of our former Parishioners, Tom and Rita O'Neill are active members and would work with us too on it. We would be on the lookout for couples of ages who might be interested in finding out more about it and seeing if they might want to become involved, we would be looking to meet up with people in the Autumn term of our new parish year to give more insight into what it involves and meeting with people who are living it in their own families (children can accompany parents in the later stages of the formation) In the meantime, please feel free to look at the website: www.chemin-neuf.org/cana-couples-families. To find out more about Cana weeks cana.uk@chemin-neuf-org If you are interested please mention it to Fr Michael or Trish and we can keep you informed of where we are.

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Next Year's Early Communion Families and Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (2015) starts in September. Any parent unable to come to the meetings last week should collect a form from the Parish Office or download it from the website. Please return forms to the box in the porch by 31st July. Late forms should be handed into the Parish Office and all forms MUST be in by 31st August latest.

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CAFOD collection for July has been postponed until 17th August.

A Change of Leadership: has been put into place for the Confirmation programme, Trish, who has been lead Catechist here for many years has stepped back and Tomek Pernak, has taken over. We are extremely grateful to Trish for all her drive, enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring that our young parishioners are led carefully and in interesting ways to realise the meaning and importance of the Sacrament for their future lives as members of our Parish and of our wider Society. It is quite awesome to realise that she has been involved with this programme in different ways over the past 30 years! Bless you, Trish, for your wonderful generosity and loving service to our Parish. We pray too, for Tomek, as he takes on this new responsibility, that the Spirit guide and inspire him in his service and commitment, having been involved with it for the last few years already and we thanks him too, for his generosity in taking on the mantle of responsibility for this programme.

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Two of our parishioners, Betsy-Ann Ward and Ellen Hurley, are traveling to Nepal on 1st August to volunteer teaching English for three weeks in a rural village school. Both are past students of The John Henry Newman School. They will be volunteering with the charity CU HELP (Cambridge University Helambu Education and Livelihood Project) and are raising funds to go towards the project work which includes building and repairing new classrooms and toilets, recruiting and training additional teachers, building playgrounds and safe fencing, and installing clean drinking water. Any little help towards HELP would be greatly appreciated; please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/Betsy-AnnWard/>.

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Our Lady's School PTA is delighted to have raised £108 from their recent coffee morning. It will go towards the learning pads.

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STREET TALK, a charity which supports the mental health needs of women trapped in sex work will receive the proceeds from Sunday's One World Group coffee morning.

Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 23 July |
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6.30pm: final Finance Committee Meeting for the Parish Year. We are very grateful to the team of parishioners who give so much time and energy to ensuring that our parish is financially stable and using its money wisely to further our Mission.