



# 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  
**Monday – Friday** 10am  
**Reconciliation Saturday** 10.30am

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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.**



### Diary

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning One World Group
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning EDAID



**Readings: Is 56:1.6-7, Rom 11:13-15.29-32, Matt 15:21-28**

*Entrance antiphon:* Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*Psalm:* **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

*Intercessions:* Lord, in your mercy.....

*Response:* Hear our prayer!

**Next week: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Matt 16:13-20**



**CAFOD BOX COLLECTION** will take place after all masses this weekend.

Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch.

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The Traidcraft stall will be open this weekend.

**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.

### Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

**07582 648433**

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



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.

**Parents with Children entering Year 3 in September:** please ensure that if you are wanting them to be entered onto the Journey for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, then you need to complete the Application Form, given out at the Meeting in July, or which can be obtained from the Parish Office or from the parish website. Forms need to be returned by the end of August.

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**Church Cleaning** - We have an urgent need for more people to help keep our church clean during the week and on Saturdays. Traditionally the cleaning times have been Monday morning before 10am Mass and Saturday Morning before 10am Mass. However this is really flexible and teams of 2-3 people can co-ordinate their time to suit themselves. We just need the following work done:

- Vacuuming the church
- Sweeping/mopping between the pews
- Cobwebs removed and surfaces dusted
- Porch floor washed
- Generally clean where needed

We need this done either on a Monday or Tuesday so that the church is clean after the Sunday Masses and then on Saturday morning or afternoon so the church is ready for Sunday Masses. If you can give an 1½ hours once a month to keep our church beautiful please speak to Trish or email [trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk).

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The next Confirmation programme begins in September and this year we are opening it to those Catholics who are in years 9, 10 and above. The pressure of school and exams is slightly easier in year 9 which is why

we want to bring the age down for the future. If you have a young person at home who is the right age to join the programme please read on.

Full details and application forms for the programme to prepare young people for this Sacrament in our Parish are now available. The forms are on the board in the Link between the church porch and hall and you need to sign up on the sheet above it also. You can also download a form from the parish website

[www.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin).

Applications need to be returned by 8th September to the Parish office. The programme **starts with an** induction session for candidates on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Any young person in Year 9 who does not feel ready for the programme need not join this year if they do not wish to. There is always an opportunity in the future.

**COUNTING DURING AUGUST please note:** During this month when there are no Sunday evening Masses, Counting Teams may - by arrangement with Fr Tom - count at any time on a Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. If no alternative arrangements are made, Fr Tom will assume that counting will start as usual at about 5.00pm.

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**Garden help needed.** The next gardening session will be on Saturday **6th September from 10am onwards.**

You will have seen the appeals in the newsletter for helpers to meet up on a Saturday morning to keep the church gardens under control and they will continue but there is an ongoing need for people to just pop in and do an hour or so whenever they feel like it. We have a garden manual which shows the various areas of the church grounds and what needs to be done when. If you can give an hour or two even monthly then please let Helen Bailey know on **07771 552058** who will show you where the sheets and gardening equipment is kept. This is important work which makes our church grounds look lovely and also helps keep our costs down by not having to employ a gardener.



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**Lectio Divina:** A group meets to share lectio divina in the Pastoral Office every Friday afternoon at 2pm.

To find out more contact Eileen: telephone 621418; mobile 07721 574767 or email [eduttobl@christianmeditation.org.uk](mailto:eduttobl@christianmeditation.org.uk). Open to all.

## Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 19 August**

**2pm** There will be a Eucharistic Service for the residents of Milford Lodge Care Home behind the Three Moorhens. All parishioners also welcome.

## Future Dates

**Oct 18**

**MICHAELMAS FAIR SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER.** Many thanks for all the goods already donated for the fair. The boxes will be in the porch throughout August for gifts, bric a brac, toys and games and will be emptied every day. If you would like to have your goods collected please phone Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) or email

[pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com](mailto:pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com)