



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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23rd – 30th August, 2014 Twenty First Sunday of the Year (A)

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

Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning EDAID
Monday 25th	BANK HOLIDAY Mass at 10am
Tuesday 26th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 27th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 28th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 29th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 31st	Coffee Morning Angels Support Group



Readings: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Matt 16:13-20

Entrance antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm: **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**

Intercessions: Lord, hear our prayer.....

Response: In the name of your Church!

Next week: Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Matt 16:21-27

Thank you very much to all who helped, came and bought at our recent Coffee Afternoon. £500 was raised which will be divided between the Garden House Hospice and 'Angels' Support Group. Thank you – we could not do it without all of you.

Irma and Derek.

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.

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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Parents with Children entering Year 3 in September: If you want 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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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. 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 it from the parish website 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 20th 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.

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Altar Server Training will be held in the Church on Wednesday 10th and 17th September at 4pm.

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The next gardening session will be on Saturday 6 September from 10am onwards.

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Please bring any of the following items this weekend or next weekend for the **foodbank**.

- UHT Milk
- Sponge Pudding
- Canned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Rice i.e long grain
- Jam
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Toilet Rolls
- Strong Carrier Bags

If you are able to bring any item in a strong carrier bag it will make a great difference to them. Thank you in anticipation for your help.

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

Sept 6

Garden House Hospice Starlight Walk. A fun night supported by fabulous people for a tremendous cause. Leaving North Herts Leisure Centre at 10pm Register online at www.ghhospice.co.uk or call 01462 679540

Other items of interest

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

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Sunday 21st September: Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, led by Bishop Mark Davies. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch.