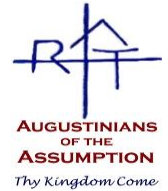




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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30th August – 6th September, 2014 Twenty-second Sunday of the Year (A)

Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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Diary

Sunday 31st	Coffee Morning Angels Support Group
Monday 1st September	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 2nd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 3rd	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 4th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 5th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
Sunday 7th	Coffee Morning Bethany Club
	New Confirmation catechist training Hall 6-8pm



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

Entrance antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God**

Intercessions: Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: As we follow you daily!

Next week: Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Matt 18:15-20

Parents with Children entering Year 3 in September: For entry on the Journey for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, then you need to complete the Application Form, which can be obtained from the Parish Office or from the parish website. Forms need to be returned by this Sunday 31st August.



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

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.



Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of **Angela Grounds** who died on Wednesday. Angela was an active parishioner for many years and member of the Bethany Club. Although she had moved closer to her son recently she will have her funeral Mass here on 9th September at 2pm. May she rest in peace and rise to the fullness of glory!

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Sunday Sept 7th 3pm: Healing and Wholeness Service



All are welcome, we shall offer the possibility of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, for those who wish to avail themselves of the Lord's love for us in these ways.

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Come and See

- Interested in finding out what it means to be a Catholic?
- Seeking the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult?
- Looking to refresh your faith or raise issues about beliefs?

Come and See what we can offer you on: **Weds 17th September** at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral office.

NO STRINGS – just a chat and a coffee. Meeting will last max 90 mins.

Do you know anyone who might be interested? **Go and Tell** them about the evening

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The next Confirmation programme for Years 9 and 10: 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. 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.



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Fr Jean Marie has updated his contact details as follows: Email mesopaluku@hotmail.com
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Michaelmas

MICHAELMAS FAIR SAT 18TH OCT.

Next weekend (6th/7th September) you are invited to help with the publicity and support for the fair by accepting an envelope which will include a poster, some raffle tickets as well as the parish newsletter. Many of you have already donated goods, and/or offered to run a stall and help on the day. More helpers are needed so if you can spare an hour or two please contact Pam (details below) We have also had several 'promises' for the very popular auction which raised over £1000 last year. Promises then included maths tuition,

hairdos, gardening as well as cakes, restaurant meals and singing lessons. If you can offer your services or goods please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) or email pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com Thanks for all your support and generosity. Newsletters will also be sent out by email as usual.

Mary Blaksley would like to thank everyone who so kindly prayed for her granddaughter India during her recent serious illness. She is recovering well is feeling better and less tired every day and so very happy to be at home again with her family and her dogs. May The Lord bless you all.

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Future Dates

Sept 6 10 am The next gardening session. Meet in grounds.



Sept 16 8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council, and at 7.30pm (PHASE AGM)

in Holy Saviour Church Hall, Radcliffe Road. There will be some items of business and reports then the second part of the meeting, from about 8.30pm, will be a session on working with and ministry among the deaf, led by Jane Litchmore-Grant, the Chair of CTH. Jane has considerable experience of this work both in Jamaica and now here in England and she is keen to help us all be more understanding and positive about it. Everyone is welcome for any part of the meeting.

Sept 21 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.

Other items of interest

Church Cleaning We have an urgent need for more people to help keep our church clean Monday or Tuesday and on Saturdays. Teams of 2-3 people can co-ordinate their time to suit themselves.



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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Meeting Needs at Christchurch need the following items for local families in need- double buggy, single buggy, baby clothes, bottles, Moses basket, settee, washing machine and wardrobes. If you can help with any of these please contact Steph on 01462 816658 or 07786 726094 or stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com