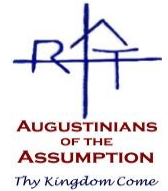




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (A)

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

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**H** 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.*

**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.

## Diary

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning KISS
	New Confirmation catechist training Hall 6-8pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Come and See Evening Pastoral Office 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation Induction Hall/Scout Hut 10 – 2pm
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning One World Group

**Readings: Num 21:4-9, Phil 2:6-11, Joh 3:13-17**

*Entrance antiphon:* We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

*Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord*

*Intercessions:* Lord, have mercy.....

*Response: Through the Cross of Christ!*

**Next week: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24.27, Matt20:1-16**

**Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm. Young Ministers** of the Word Training for those in Year 4 and above will take place in the church. To sign up please email [bridie\\_duffy@yahoo.com](mailto:bridie_duffy@yahoo.com)

### 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

**This weekend:** There is a Retiring Collection today for the Church's work in promoting Racial Justice.

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We are delighted to welcome into our Community through the Sacrament of Baptism, Jack Cox, we will pray for him and his family as he enters on the Journey to Faith.

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**Early Notification:** for Parents who will be seeking admission to John Henry Newman School in 2015: please see the "Sign Up" Sheet on the noticeboard for meetings with Fr Michael, to complete the parish formalities for the applications to go forward. Parents must attend the **Open Evening of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, to collect the pack you will need to complete this process.

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**Next Sunday:** we welcome into our Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Marianne Gendle, we pray for her and her family as they start together this wonderful Journey into Faith.

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### **Sunday 28 September 12.30pm**

Bring and Share Picnic To celebrate the arrival of Fr Tom and to enjoy the beautiful grounds our gardening team have been working on we are planning a bring and share parish picnic after the 10.30 Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share and whatever you want to drink and we will set up tables and chairs in the gardens as before.

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 Many thanks to all who responded to our requests for helpers and 'promises' for the Michaelmas Fair. If you were away last weekend and didn't get a pack there are some available in the porch. We are continuing to ask for goods for sale. The boxes in the porch are emptied every day or Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) will collect from your house. We are delighted that there will be a plant stall this year so we hope the keen gardeners among you will be able to offer contributions. We also need items for the gift stall and raffle. If you would prefer not to leave these items in the porch please connect Pam for collection. CORRECTION the date for the return of Michaelmas Fair raffle ticket stubs and cash is 11th October not September. Many thanks to those, who spotted this error.

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**Dog Walkers required** We have a parishioner who is starting a new course on Monday and needs someone (or more than one person) who would be willing to help walk their dog during the day for about 45 minutes. This is a 5 day, term time requirement for the next year. If you are able to help can you contact Trish in the first instance please.

## **Diary**

### **Monday 15 September**

**10am:** Funeral Our love and sympathy go to the Family of Virginia Ferraro who died last week and whose Funeral service we celebrate. Our love and sympathy go to her family. May she rest in peace to rise in glory!

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**11am Mass at Sue Ryder Home** Stagenhoe celebrated by Canon Danny Cronin. If you would like a lift please be in the church car park at 10.35 am.

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**8pm** in the hall: The start of our Sacramental Journey for the parents of children who are being presented for Baptism, journeying to Reconciliation and First Eucharist and Confirmation. Fr Tom now has oversight of the Catechetic in our Parish and will be walking with them over the coming year.

### **Tuesday 16 September**

**2pm:** we are celebrating the Mass of Resurrection for the repose of the soul of Angela Grounds, who was a long standing and faithful Member of our Parish, involved with the Catholic Women's League and the Bethany Club.

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**8pm** Churches Together in Hitchin (CTH) Council is in Holy Saviour Church Hall, Radcliffe Road.

### **Wednesday 17 September**

**7.30pm: "Come and See":** For anyone who wishes to know more about their faith, or looking at joining the Church, or would like to return to the Faith, come along to the Pastoral Office. Jane and the team are looking forward to meeting up with you and sharing their faith with you, in prayerful and practical.

### **Saturday 20 September**

**10-12pm Confirmation Induction Session** In the hall. Please bring something to share at lunch.

### **Future Dates**

**Sept 27** We have an opportunity to make our Church look as if we really care about it.

The iron railings around the church grounds are in need of re-painting. The plan is to arrange a grand fence-painting event.

If weather does not permit - either of the following **2 Saturdays 4th or 11th of October.**

**Please let Trish know:** if you are able to give any time on the day. This event will prove to be full of satisfaction and fun.