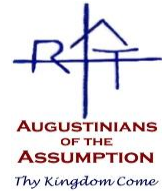




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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20th – 27th September, 2014 Twenty-Fifth 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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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

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| Sunday 21st | Coffee Morning One World Group |
| Monday 22nd | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| | Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 23rd | Morning Prayer Church 9.30am |
| | Bethany Club Hall 10.30am |
| | Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm |
| | Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm |
| Wednesday 24th | Choir Church 8pm |
| | Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm |
| Thursday 25th | Rosary Church after Mass |
| | Italian Club Hall 1pm |
| | Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm |
| Friday 26th | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| | Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm |
| Sunday 28th | Coffee Morning Scout Group |

Readings: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24.27, Matt 20:1-16

Entrance antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Teach us your ways!

Next week: Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11.27, Matt 21:28-32

Young Ministers of the Word Training for those in Year 4 and above will take place in the church on Thursday October 9th and 16th 4-5pm. To sign up please email 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 for the Church's work in promoting the Faith in our country.

We pray for our Confirmation Candidates, who started their journey of exploration as to their readiness to celebrate this Sacrament next year, on Saturday, also for their Catechists, several of whom are giving of their time and faith for the first time in this way.

We welcome into our Community, **Andrew Cyrus**, who was baptised on Saturday and **Marianne Gendle**, who will be this Sunday afternoon. We pray for their families and friends as they start their Journey with these children.

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Saturday 27th Sept The iron railings around the church grounds are in need of re-painting. The plan is to arrange a grand fence-painting event weather permitting. If weather does not permit - either of the following 2 Saturdays 4th or 11th of October.

The old paint is flaky - loose paint and underlying rust need to be removed. The work involved is unskilled and dirty - but not heavy. All materials and equipment required can be provided. Preliminary Tests show that preparing a 20ft section is 2 to 3 hours work. Painting 20ft section is about 20 mins work. There are 380 feet of railings. 20 volunteers could each adopt a 20 foot section. If you can bring with you a double-handled electric drill and/or a long electrical extension lead - so much the better, but don't let lack of those stop you coming. **Any questions** : John Scott scott.john@siemens.com or David Whittaker david.whitt15@ntlworld.com

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Sunday 28 September 12.30pm

Bring and Share Parish 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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Our love and sympathy reach out to the families of Angela Grounds and Virginia Ferraro, who were buried from our Church last week and for the family of Bridget Doyle, whose funeral is on Tuesday.

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sanktus Vacancy for a part-time Volunteer coordinator for a homeless charity in London. See notice board for details.

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Michaelmas Fair 18th October: Very many thanks for the offers of help received in recent weeks, also 'promises' for the auction. We have had some

exciting offers including meals in restaurants and at home; German and singing lessons; gardening and original paintings. Please email liz.rice@metrobroadcast.com if you would like to offer your skills or services. Thanks also for the goods which have been donated so generously including the offer of plants on the day. The collection boxes in the porch are emptied every day or goods can be collected by Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) This week we are hoping for a good array of interesting bottles and gifts for these stalls. Again, Pam Brannigan is happy to collect these items if you do not wish to leave them in the porch. Thanks again for all your support.

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One World Group: Proceeds from this Sunday's coffee will go to the Mines Action Group, a charity which helps victims of landmines. More information in the Hall.

Diary

Tuesday 23 September

Fr Michael continues to work with the Senior Leadership Team to review and update our Safeguarding work for our children in Our Lady's School at 3.30pm.

Thursday 25 September

6.30pm: onwards John Henry Newman School is holding its Open Evening, for prospective parents wishing to send their children to it next September. Please make every effort to attend as it is the only way that you will be able to get the Admission Pack. Fr Michael has arranged times for you to "sign up" on the Parish Notice board, for meetings starting September 29th onwards. Please complete the forms as far as you can and bring them to the meeting so that we can be sure everything is completed as it should be. *(There is no need to bring your daughter or son to this meeting, unless you have a need to do so.)*

Friday 26 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning. All are welcome to in St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Close, Lancaster Avenue between 9.30 and 11.30am for coffee and homemade cake. Do come along and help raise funds for this charity which offers such vital support to cancer sufferers and their families. *Note that there are Macmillan Coffee Mornings also taking place on Friday 26 September at Walsworth Road Baptist Church and Holy Saviour and probably elsewhere.*