



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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27th September – 4th October, 2014 Twenty-Sixth 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.



Diary

Sunday 28th	Coffee Morning Scout Group
Monday 29th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 30th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 1st	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30 - 6pm
	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Thursday 2nd	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 3rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 5th	Coffee Morning Diapalante

Readings: Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Matt 21:28-32

Entrance antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord.....

Response: Have mercy on us!

Next week: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Matt 21:33-43

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.

This Week: a Welcome to Fr Tom bring and share picnic at 12pm, hopefully in the garden, as well as saying thank you to the Gardening Team and those involved in maintenance of the property for all their hard work over the past few months, helping to improve the appearance of the Church and its grounds enormously – we are very grateful to them for all their commitment and dedication.

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Monday to Wednesday: from 4.00pm onwards, each day, Fr Michael is meeting with parents who are seeking admission to John Henry Newman School next September. Please ensure that you keep to the times for which you have signed up. We are meeting in the Doris Harris Room, attached to the Parish House.

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Have shortages of men's toiletries. Razors blades, shaving cream, after shave etc. Please drop into church porch at any time. Thank you.

Stocks of food at the warehouse are good at this time.

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Next Week:

The next gardening session is on Saturday 4th October from 10 onwards. We made great progress during our last session and would love to keep the momentum going. Look forward to seeing you all there. Helen.

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Next Sunday at 5.00pm Mass: we have the enrolment of our Confirmation Candidates onto the Programme, we pray for our young people as they embark on this important step in their Journey into Faith.

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Other Dates:

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

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Future Date:



Sat 18TH OCTOBER Many thanks to all those who have displayed their posters publicising the fair. More are available in the office if you see a likely site anywhere. Thanks also to those who have returned raffle ticket stubs and cash. Additional books are available from Trish or from the office. A wide array of bottles and raffle prizes were donated last week and more will be very welcome. Next weekend we will be asking for non-perishable produce for the grocery stall. Jams, pickles, tins, packets etc. will all be gratefully received. Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) is available to collect goods at a convenient time.

Diary

Monday 29 September

Fr Michael is meeting with Mrs Brown at our Lady's School to continue the preparations for the All Day Mass, which takes place the following week.

Tuesday 30 September

11.00am onwards, the Priests are gathering for their first Meeting together to prepare for the new parish Year, the Meeting is at Bedwell.

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Other Dates:

Oct 2

Sessions for Parish Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Herts

This is My Body—for Ministers of Holy Communion (and anyone else)

Facilitator: Sr Anne Walshe OP. When: Thu 2nd Oct, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. Where: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Places are limited and booking is required. Please Register at rcdow.org.uk/events or livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation is £3. Tea/coffee will be provided.

Nov 6

The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word - for Parish Readers (and anyone else)

Facilitator: Sr Ann Cunningham OP. When: Thu 6th Nov, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. Where: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Places are limited and booking is required. Register at rcdow.org.uk/events/ or livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation is £3. Tea/coffee will be provided.

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Lister Hospital Chaplaincy requests: For various reasons the Chaplaincy are losing a few of their Sunday volunteers.... Is there anyone who could give up one Sunday morning a month to go round the wards, tell patients there is a service (or ask if they would like to see a chaplain) and then go back and collect them for the service? You'd be occupied from 9-12, once a month. Patients are SO grateful...and it might be you (or one of yours) in that bed, wondering how to cope....If you are at all interested, please contact Revd. Jane Hatton 01438 285138... or jane.hatton@nhs.net