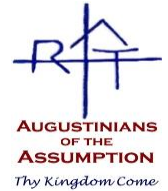


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (A)



<b>Mass Times</b>	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning KISS
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Mass at Stagenhoe 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir Church 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30 – 6pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Michaelmas Fair 10am-3.30pm
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning One World Group
	Confirmation Session 6pm Hall

**H** Hospital

If you are going into hospital please notify the RC Chaplain 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.

**Readings: Is 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Matt 22:1-14**

*Entrance antiphon:* If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

*Psalm:* **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....  
*Response:* **Feed us always!**

**Next week: Is 45:1-4-6, Thess 1:1-5, Matt 22:15-21**

**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

### Diary



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 Weekend:** we continue our prayer for those who have been baptised over the recent weeks, remembering Ella Jepson, baptised on Saturday afternoon, her parents and family, as they start her Journey of life into Baptism and its richness. We are pleased to say, that the local organiser in Uganda of our KISS Charity, Julius Kayiki, which we support, will be with us, after the Masses on Sunday morning, in the Hall to meet parishioners and share what is going on, first hand, as a result of the money we raise for them regularly.

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**Next Sunday:** is the next Session of our Confirmation Programme for our Young People who are making the Journey, at 6pm in the hall.

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**John Henry Newman Admissions:** please ensure that you have the revised Priest's Form for signing by Fr Michael. It is available from the School Website. For those of you who do not have easy access to it, Fr Michael has printed copies available with him at any meeting. Give him a ring and we can just quickly sort it out and shred the originals.

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**Our Lady School Admissions Applications to the school opens on 10th November 2014:** The school is holding an Admissions meeting for all parents who are seeking to apply for a place in reception in 2015/16 on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact the school office to reserve a place. The Head Teacher will give a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity to look around the school and speak to staff and governors. If you would like to attend this event, please contact the school office to book at place on 01462 622555.

Following our Open Evening we have arranged some dates for parents to look around our school during the day. Your guide will be one of our Y6 pupils. If you would like to book a place on one of these tours please contact the school office. The dates are:

- Monday 17th November at 2pm**
- Wednesday 19th November at 9.30am**
- Thursday 27th November at 2pm**
- Friday 9th January at 9.30am**

Fr Michael will be holding meetings for parents who wish to apply for the school on 17, 19, 24 and 26 November. Please sign up on the sheets on the notice board in the porch.

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**Fr Jean-Marie** has been in touch and asked us to send over the clothes and medical items that he left behind but we need to pay for that. If you are able to make a donation to the cost of shipping please

leave it in an envelope marked **Fr Jean-Marie**. Many thanks.

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**All Day Mass at Our Lady's School:** was indeed a prayerful and reflective time for our School, to grow in their understanding of how the Mass is shaped and the message of how important and beautiful each person is in the sight of the Lord, and His invitation to become fully the person He wants us to become: "The glory of God is a human being fully alive!" It was good to see parents joining in all or some of the three sections into which our Mass fell: the introductory rites and sending forth the Year 6 children to prepare some reflections on the Readings, which were then proclaimed at the second Session and ended with the Intercessions. After a lunch which was shared with Mrs. Brown, the Head Boy and Head Girl and Eileen, one of our Governors, together with Frs. Michael and Tom, who then concelebrated the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**A truly wonderful day!** We are so grateful to our Staff and Pupils who worked so hard to ensure a smooth running of our Day and to make it all the more enjoyable with their enthusiasm and commitment.

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Fr Michael writes: "My grateful thanks to all our parents whom I have seen over the past fortnight, for their patience with the changes involved in completing the Admission Forms for John Henry Newman School and for being on time to ensure that all our Meetings were completed successfully. I have enjoyed the meetings very much and found them helpful to me and the life of the Parish too!

I am well on the way to overcoming my gastritis, as I am now off the medication and only using a simple aid to smooth the digestion process. I am getting back on form and I am so grateful to you all for your loving care and concern that you have shown to me over the past year in particular, it was a difficult and challenging time for me and very stressful. May the Lord enrich you all ever more generously with his gifts that he offers.

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014 9.30-3.30pm** For those getting married next year: our next Marriage Preparation course will be in our parish hall Please sign up on the sheet in the link or email [hitchincat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hitchincat@rcdow.org.uk) to book onto the course. There is charge of £30 for the course per couple and people are asked to bring food to share at lunch.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10am** – weather permitting it is planned to put the second coat of paint on the railings around the church. We've got paint, paint brushes, latex gloves – we just need people to help and you'll need clothes you're prepared to risk ... it won't come off! If you are able to help (and the more who come the quicker the job will be done) please contact John Scott [scott.john@siemens.com](mailto:scott.john@siemens.com) or speak to Trish at Mass.

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**28<sup>th</sup> October 8pm The Parish Flower Arranging team:** have a demonstrator coming to the Parish Hall to demonstrate simple ideas for decorations for our Church. We are keen to recruit new



members both male and female to the team to arrange flowers and move containers around. Please come and support the event. Further information please telephone **Ann Cook on 01462 453893.**

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**Our Gardening Team:** has been working really hard last Saturday and during the past week, to prepare for autumn. We are as ever most grateful for their labours of love, they are making a great difference to the beauty of our grounds, for which we are very grateful.

## Diary

### Monday 13 October

Feast of St Edward the Confessor, Builder Of Westminster Abbey.

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**11am Mass** at Sue Ryder Stagenhoe. Lift available at **10.35am** from church car park.

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**8pm Sacramental Preparation:** for Parents seeking the Sacraments for their children or young people in the course of the coming Parish Year. The Meeting is in the Hall.

**Parents for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Holy Communion):**

You will be asked to sign up for the Inscription Masses in November at the meeting. Also, we will be collecting monies for resources and refreshments as discussed at the meetings in July. **This will be £12.50 per child.**

### Tuesday 14 October

**Meeting of the Catholic Partnership:** of the Heads of our Schools, the Chairs of Governors and Priests of the Deanery. The Meeting is being held at Nicholas Breakspear School, the other Secondary School in the Deanery.

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### Tuesday 14 October

**7.15pm** Eucharistic service with time for reflection on the word of God and intercessional prayer. All welcome.



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**8pm:** Union of Catholic Mothers. Mary Sanchez will speak on Old Hitchin.

### Thursday 16 October

**7.30pm** North Herts Inter Faith Forum invitation to its AGM followed by a talk at **8pm** on "Do Inter-Faith Marriages work? - When two faiths meet" at Walsworth Road Baptist Church.

### Saturday 18 October

Michaelmas

Fair

**10.30.-3.00pm.** We are sure that all of you who possibly can will be at the fair on Saturday. We have had so much support in offers of help, goods for sale, auction

promises and sale of raffle tickets that now all we need are plenty of customers. A few reminders:

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** are a major feature of the fair this year with a wonderful magic show in the Scout Hut at 1.30 followed by an opportunity to make balloon animals. Racing pigs and 'Bash the Rat' will be there too along with a soft toy Lucky dip and a range of toys and games. Our Lady's PTA will be selling popcorn and our uniformed groups have a chocolate tombola. Many other refreshments will be available in the main Hall. **PROMISES AUCTION** (see attached list) will begin in the Hall at 12.30. If you cannot be there in person, sealed bids for any item may be left in the parish office. We have a wonderful range of promises this year so do come along **RAFFLE TICKETS** The raffle will be drawn in the Hall at 2.30pm and tickets will be on sale up to this time. Many of you have returned stubs and cash already but we are happy to receive them at the fair or they can be left in the office at any convenient time.

**STALLS THIS YEAR** include Lucky Leaf game, Bottle Tombola, Cakes and produce, Gifts, Treasure map, Plants, Toys, Games, Books, Bric a Brac, Name the Doll, Caribbean Food, Jewellery, China, Mugs and refreshments which will include lunches and **HOT & COLD FOOD**, cakes and drinks. Live music will be provided by the choir throughout the day - a treat not to be missed.

**JUMBLE SALE** will be in the Scout Hut from 10-11am. Admission charge £1 includes a drink and cake in the Hall.





There will be a sale of books, music CDs, DVDs, gifts and religious artifacts that belonged to Fr Christopher. We know there are many parishioners who would like to have an item that passed through the hands of our dearly loved and sorely missed Fr Chris. We will be located in the lower committee room and all the proceeds will go towards the charities supported by the Michaelmas Fair.

Please do **come in and see us**. Also attached to this newsletter is an updated list of auction promises.

**Sunday 19 October**

**6.30pm Music Praise Churches Together in Hitchin** is holding its annual Music Praise event at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. Do not miss this chance to hear some wonderful and uplifting praise of God, and support Our Lady's choir.

**Future Dates**

**Oct 26 4pm** Are you interested in helping people in Hitchin and the local area getting out of debt? A CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre and Job Club will be starting in Hitchin in November and there are lots of ways to get involved. Come and hear more about it at The Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road.

**Nov 6 Anarchy & Beauty: William Morris & his Legacy 1860-1960**

The Friends of Holy Saviour Church invite you to join them on a trip to this major exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, London. The cost is £30, to include coach travel and entrance to the exhibition. The coach will leave Hitchin at 9.30am and arrive back at approx 6.00pm. Entry to the exhibition is at 11.30am, and afterwards the remaining time is your own until coach pick-up at 4.30pm. For tickets (payable on booking) and further information, contact Gill Chidgey 01462 423603 or [gill.chidgey@gmail.com](mailto:gill.chidgey@gmail.com)

**Other Items of Interest**

A Vocations' Notice from the Diocese: "Come and See" day at Allen Hall seminary for men (18+) discerning a calling to the priesthood on Saturday 25 October. A chance to join the seminary community, for its annual Douai Martyrs celebration and reflect on our own calling, to witness to Christ today. For more info and to book a place, contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on **Friday 24 October, 7-9pm** in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Matt Blake ODC on: "St Teresa of Avila and Carmelite Spirituality" For more info contact: Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

The Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road.



*Just one world*

**Volunteer with CAFOD!**

Could you inspire young people to put their faith into action? Do you have the time and skills that you could use to help CAFOD's work?

The CAFOD Westminster team are looking for volunteers to help us with schools and youth work in your local area. Full training is provided!

If you would like to be part of our team, please contact CAFOD Westminster on **020 8449 6970** or email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) for an application form. DBS clearance is required.

**Our Lady's Parish  
Faith  
Development  
Helpline**

Problems or doubts  
about your faith?  
Are you feeling a bit  
lost?

**Try ringing  
07582 648433**

This is a confidential service and follows Parish Safeguarding Policies

**Tues, Weds,  
Thurs  
8pm – 10pm**