

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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18th – 25th October, 2014 Twenty-Ninth 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 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.



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.

Diary

Sunday 19th	Coffee Morning One World Group
	Confirmation Session 6pm Hall
Monday 20th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 22nd	Choir Church 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30 – 6pm
Thursday 23rd	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
Friday 24th	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
Saturday 25th	Marriage Preparation Day Hall 9.30am-3.30pm
Sunday 26th	Coffee Morning Kanyike Project

Readings: Is 45:1.4-6, Thess 1:1-5, Matt 22:15-21

Entrance antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm: **Give the Lord glory and power.**

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

Response: We praise and glorify You!

Next week: Ex 22:20-26, Thess 1:5-10, Matt 22:34-40

Advance Notice: Fr Michael is on Retreat from Monday to Friday, October 27th to 31st, please hold him in your prayers during this reflective time for him.

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 Weekend:

There is a second collection for Missio, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries and young churches as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances overseas. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch.

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Sunday 5.00pm Mass: will be animated by some of our candidates for Confirmation helping to form a music group, which will support our parish worship, as a prelude to their Session in the Hall after the Mass. We are very grateful to Andrew Thaelke, for taking the initiative and offering his services and to our young people for responding as they have.

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6.30pm Music Praise Churches Together in Hitchin is holding the Music Praise event at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. Come and support Our Lady's choir.

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Our grateful thanks go to the Team of Parishioners who have been working very hard behind the scenes for a long time now, to ensure that our Michaelmas Fair was the great event that it was and so has ensured that the Charities which we are supporting have benefited greatly from the funds. Many thanks to all who supported the fair in any way. Next weekend we shall be able to let you know how much we have raised for the parish and the charity Diapalante. Meanwhile a list of raffle prize winners is on display in the porch. Please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) to claim your prize if you are a winner.

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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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Saturday 25th 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 (the more who come the quicker the job will be done) please contact John Scott scott.john@siemens.com or speak to Trish at Mass.

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Next Sunday afternoon we celebrate the completion of the Baptism Ceremony for Eleanor Thaelke, we pray for her and her family as together they enter on her Journey into Faith.

The Month of November is our time for praying for all deceased people who form part of the Communion of Saints. Envelopes are available on the table between the doors at the back of the Church for names and donations for Masses during the month.

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Last Sunday, an amazing £148.00 was raised for KISS from the Coffee Morning which reached £171.00 from after sales at The John Henry Newman School on the Monday morning. Julius Kayiki, the Charity's coordinator in Uganda, was present after the Masses and thanks the Hitchin Parish.

Diary


Monday 20 October

9-9.30am can people come to the scout hall to help transport the left over items from the Michaelmas Fair to the hospice warehouse. If enough cars turn up then everyone need only make one trip. Thanks for your help.

Tuesday 21 October

2pm Mass at Milford Lodge (behind 3 Moorhens Pub) celebrated by Fr Tom.

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

Wednesday 22 October

Our Lady's School is receiving the visit of the Head of the teams of inspectors which assess the quality of our RE work with our young children, so we pray for our School as this visit takes place.

Saturday 25 October

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 to book onto the course. There is charge for the course of £30 per couple and people are asked to bring food to share at lunch. We also we celebrate the Exchange of the Marriage Covenant between Maxine and Steve in the afternoon. Maxine is a member of our Choir and they are sharing in her joy by singing for her Wedding.



Sunday 26 October

4pm Come and hear more about A CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre and Job Club starting in Hitchin in November at The Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford Road.