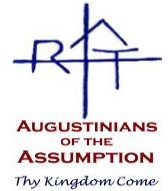




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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## Mass Times

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

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## Parish Safeguarding Representative

Trish Bonnett Telephone: 01462 459126 (Parish)



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

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Right to Life
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning UCM
	Confirmation Session Hall 6pm

**Readings: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-12**

*Entrance antiphon:* Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

*Psalm:* **Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord**

*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....

*Response:* We rejoice in the Communion of Saints!

**Next week: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12, 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17, Jn 2:13-22**



**Sunday afternoon:** We will have a time of prayer at Fr. Christopher's grave at 15:00. There will also be a blessing of graves for those who wish it.

## 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:** we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**, the glorious realisation what the whole Body of Christ is gathered together, living and dead, as we celebrate who we are, as God's blazing light and glory visible in our world in who we are and what we do, to serve God and others.

Our **Memoriam Service** remembering our deceased Parishioners from the past year will be Sunday **16th November at 6.15pm**. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray and light candles for their deceased family members or friends.

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**Sunday Afternoon;** We celebrate the completion of the Baptism Ceremonies, for **Ines Geoghegan**. We pray for her and her family as they start on her

Journey into Faith

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**Next Weekend:** our Trainee Servers will be receiving their Cassocks and Cottas, during the 10.30am Mass and possibly the 5.00pm.

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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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The funeral of Iain McGinley, a long standing member of Our Lady's Special Support group died recently. His funeral will be at St Hugh's, Letchworth on

Tuesday 4th November at 10am.

**Parish Finances** The 2013 Accounts for the Parish and for the Diocese have now been signed-off by the External Auditors and copies of the Accounts are on the Notice Board in the Porch. If you have any questions about the Accounts, please contact either Margaret Wilson ([margaret.w.wilson@ntlworld.com](mailto:margaret.w.wilson@ntlworld.com)) or Pascal Kwo ([pascal.kwo@btinternet.com](mailto:pascal.kwo@btinternet.com)) from the Finance Committee. (Please note that the recent Newsletter article showing the Parish Finances for the first 6 months of 2014 contained a typing error: the 2016 Annual Surplus/Deficit figure in the Business Plan should have read (£6581) not (£658); all the other figures are correct.)

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**Our grateful thanks** are once more due to all of you who supported in any way at all the Autumn Fair, our total has now passed £5000 - a truly wonderful effort on all of you, especially our team of organisers, who planned and ran the whole thing for several months. It was all well worthwhile. Long may you be blessed and be a blessing to us! We are also very grateful to the team of parishioners, of all ages, who completed the mammoth task of repainting for a second time our railings around the Church. It is truly a wonderful sign of the love you have for our parish! The gardening team has been rallying around too and continuing to improve the landscape around the Church and Houses. It is a great feeling to be able to walk around and admire everything that is now so clearly brought out and seen in its full beauty. Bless you all and long may your gifts be shared with us!

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**Sunday coffee mornings 2015** Will all groups/charities who want coffee mornings in 2015 submit their requests (the number you would like and time of year/approx dates) to Carol in Parish Office, preferably by e-mail to [carolcooper@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carolcooper@rcdow.org.uk) by the 17th November. Carol will draw up a rota for the year and notify all groups. If you are unable to take a coffee morning allocated please give Carol at least two weeks' notice so it can be offered to the other groups.

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**Grateful thanks from John Scott and the parish**, to the team of people including Confirmation candidates who came last Saturday to put the second coat of paint on the railings. It looks wonderful. Bless you all for your service to our parish.

**On behalf of the Kanyike Support Group** Roger Lawrence-Hyde would like to thank everybody for their generous support at our coffee morning last Sunday. With donations, teas and raffle £335.33 was raised for the Ugandan Charity. Sister Joan Yates also thanks everyone for the generosity shown to her in the purchase of items recently brought back from the ladies of Kanyike. She raised £170.

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**Irma and Derek** will have a selection of Christmas cards for sale after Masses.

## Diary

### Monday 3rd November

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS: Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm:** at time of prayer for our deceased friends and relations. Our Annual Service for the Deceased Parishioners of the past year is on November 16th at 6.15pm

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Fr Michael** is attending Our Lady's School Council Meeting in the morning and an awareness Session for those who need extra care and attention in their education, in the afternoon.

### Wednesday 5th November

**There is a Mass for the Deceased Priests of the Deanery**, celebrated by Bishop John, at Marychurch in Hatfield. This is followed by a meeting for the Priests of the Deanery with him. Parishioners are cordially invited to share in this Mass if they wish to do so, it starts at 11.00am

### Thursday 6th November

**10am Y5** Liturgy of the Word and Communion takes place in the church

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**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/](http://rcdow.org.uk/events/)

or [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation is £3. Tea/coffee will be provided

### Friday 7th November

**7pm CAFOD Pope Paul VI 2014 lecture:** "The Challenge of our Times: Climate and Poverty - An Agenda for Social Inclusion and Sustainable

Development" - the speaker is Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo of Argentina (He is the Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical academy of social sciences) Greenwood Theater, King's college London, 55 Weston Street, London, SE1 3RA Tickets are FREE this year, but must be booked in advance at [cafod.org.uk/lecture](http://cafod.org.uk/lecture) or by calling 020 7095 5684 (Donations will be collected on the evening)

## Future Dates

**Nov 4-25** Tuesdays 11am - 1pm, "Gospel Overtures: Reflections on the Beginning of the Gospels" given by Brian Purfield - Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, please see: [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) or 020-7495-1673. A look at how the beginning of each Gospel introduces its theme and helps to understand the whole Gospel.

**Nov 8** 10-11:30am: Pulitzer prize-winning biologist Edward O. Wilson will be speaking on 'Stewardship: why does it matter?' in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, London. Early arrival by 9:30am is advised. Register at <http://www.stpaulsinstitute.org.uk/Events/What-is-StewardshipAnd-Why-Does-it-Matter>

**Nov 8** 10am-4pm, **The Justice and Peace Annual Study Day (free)**, at St John Vianney Parish Centre, West Green Road London N15 3QH. On The Welfare Myth of 'Them and Us' - 'How we ALL use welfare as our lives change! Speakers: Sir John Hills (Professor of Social Policy, London School of Economics) and Helen O'Brien (Chief Executive Officer, Caritas Social Action Network). Britain's richest 1% own as much as the poorest 55% of the population. So who are 'the poor'? We examine the labels of 'strivers' and 'scroungers' and what it means to obey Jesus' command to reach out to the poor. See poster on the noticeboard.

**Nov 12** 7:30-9:15pm "First World War Peacemakers: Lessons for today" with speaker Pat Gaffney of Pax Christi, at Kingston Quaker Centre Fairfield East, Kingston upon Thames, Greater London, KT1 2PT. Open to all. Parking in Fairfield East is for residents only and there is very limited parking for disabled people at the front entrance of the Centre. Ample parking in the adjacent Cattle Market car park

**Nov 15** 10am-4:30pm "CHRISTIAN UNITY SINCE VATICAN II: Memory, Present, Where Now?" with Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and 6 others. At Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) 020-7495-1673.

This one day conference will feature 6 speakers from Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox and Reformed traditions will look at how Vatican II led to a change in relations between Catholics and other Christians

**Nov 17** 7.30pm One World Group AGM in the Lower Committee Room, followed by a talk at 8pm on "Food Banks today and in Hitchin" by Enda Byrne, a Trustee of the Letchworth FB and a member of its Management Committee, and a parishioner with a lifetime and worldwide experience of aid project managements. The talk will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for sharing and further discussion. All are welcome.

**Nov 20** 8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Annual General Meeting will take place at St Faith's Anglican/Methodist Church on the corner of Woolgrove Road and Cambridge Road in Walsworth. The meeting will begin with reports on what has happened in 2014 and appointments for the coming year. Then the second part will focus on *Faith in Action Together* as representatives of Street Angels, Foodbank, Fairtrade, Christians against Poverty and Bancroft Project each describe their work in the town and their plans for the future. This promises to be a worthwhile evening and members of all churches will be welcome at either or both parts of the meeting. Further details from John Richardson, the CTH Secretary, on 01462 435595.

**Nov 22** 10.30 - 4.00pm, NJ&PN Open Networking Day at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Looking at 'Peace is the Fruit of Remembrance' with Oliver McTernan of *Forward Thinking*, and opportunities to network and get updates from national agencies. For more information contact Ann at [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk), or 020 7901 4864

### Other Items of Interest

**Youth Worker Required For Innovative Catholic Youth Project** Caritas Westminster is working with Million Minutes to develop a new youth project. *Courtyard* is designed to pilot a fresh approach to working with young people at risk of social exclusion. It will enable parishes to create

and maintain relationships with young people who are often 'hard to reach', including those not in education or employment. Supported by the local parish, the young people themselves will discover together how to shape their future, using their own experiences and talents. *Million Minutes* is seeking three highly motivated, passionate youth workers to work in three parishes to develop this pilot project. Through the support of Caritas Westminster, one of the Courtyard pilot parishes is in our diocese, based in North London.

Applications for the role are now open. More information and application details at [www.millionminutes.org/courtyard](http://www.millionminutes.org/courtyard)

**Garden help needed.** You will have seen the appeals in the newsletter for helpers to meet up on a Saturday morning to keep the church gardens under control



and they will continue but there is an ongoing need for people to just pop in and do an hour or so whenever they feel like it. We have a garden manual which shows the various areas of the church grounds and what needs to be done when. If you can give an hour or two even monthly then please let Helen Bailey know on **07771 552058** who will show you where the sheets and gardening equipment is kept. This is important work which makes our church grounds look lovely and also helps keep our costs down by not having to employ a gardener.

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**Choir members needed at Christmas.** If you are willing to sing in praise of Our Lord at midnight Mass please come and join us just for this period. You need to be available at 8-9pm on a Tuesday evening for the practices and Midnight Mass at Christmas. We have a particular need for male bass voices. If you think you could help the parish in this way and have some great fun at the same time please speak to Trish or Samantha Wilkins or email [trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk)

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**Sale of white Peace Pledge Union poppies** These poppies, in support of the PPU's work to resolve problems without violence, will be on sale at Christchurch during Open Church hours until Friday 7 November between 10.00am and 3.00pm (NB: *not available on Wednesdays*). Also available Sunday morning from 9.30am – 12 noon.