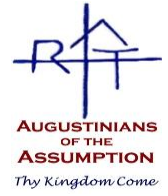


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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8th – 15th November, 2014 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica(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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Parish Safeguarding Representative

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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

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| Sunday 9th | Coffee Morning UCM |
| | Confirmation session Hall 6pm |
| Monday 10th | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| | Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm |
| | Pastoral Parish Council LCR 7.30pm |
| | Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm |
| Tuesday 11th | Morning Prayer Church 9.30am |
| | Bethany Club Hall 10.30am |
| | Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm |
| | Choir Church 8pm |
| | UCM LCR 8pm |
| Wednesday 12th | Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am |
| | Praise Group LCR after Mass |
| | RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm |
| Thursday 13th | St Pio Group Church and Hall after Mass |
| | Italian Club Hall 1pm |
| | Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm |
| Friday 14th | Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am |
| | Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm |
| Sunday 16th | Coffee Morning One World Group |

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

Entrance antiphon: I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Psalm: **The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Intercessions: Father, have mercy.....

Response: And build up your Church!

Next week: Pro 31:10-13.19-20.30-31, Thes 5:1-6, Mat 25:14-30

RED BOX/APF MISSIO BOX HOLDERS Please bring the contents of the boxes in to Parish Office for banking during November. Any problems contact Pauline 436867.

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: our Trainee Servers will be receiving their Cassocks and Cottas, during the 10.30 am Mass.

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The Mass that we celebrate is the Dedication of St John Lateran, Bishop Francis' Cathedral in Rome. It should be at the back of any Missals that you have as it is a feast which replaces the Sunday when it falls upon it.

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There is a collection for sick and retired priests. Parishioners, who have already responded to the "Growing in faith" campaign and have contributed, please ignore this collection.

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Confirmation Session 6pm in the Hall.

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Next Sunday 16th Nov: 6.15pm we celebrate our Annual Service of Prayer and Remembrance for our Deceased Parishioners, in particular of the past year. Other Parishioners are also most welcome to share in prayer for their own family members.

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CAFOD EBOLA EMERGENCY APPEAL Next weekend's Cafod collection will go to the emergency appeal to help stop the spread of the Ebola virus. Your donation will be worth more to Cafod if you Gift aid it. Envelopes will be available in the porch or from collectors.

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Our Lady School Admissions Applications to the school opens on **10th November 2014:** Admissions meeting for all parents who seek to apply for a reception place in 2015/16 on **Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm.** To book a place ring 01462 622555.

We have arranged dates for parents to look around our school during the day. Please contact the school office to book a day and time from:

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. The meetings will enable him to complete the priest reference.

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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 mail to carolcooper@rcdow.org.uk by the 17th November. Carol will draw up a rota for the year and notify all groups..

Christmas Eve Nativity service at 4pm, If you have a child of year one primary age who would be interested in taking part in this year's Nativity service, please contact the parish office on hitchin@rcdow.org.uk for rehearsal dates and details. Other children in the congregation are invited to join in with dressing up in 'Nativity'

Diary

Monday 10 November

11am Mass at Sue Ryder Stagenhoe. Anyone needing a lift please be in church car park at 10.35am

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12pm Funeral Mass for Maria Alfano. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council LCR

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8pm: Sacramental Program for Parents seeking Sacraments for children in the Hall.

Tuesday 11 November

10am celebration of Armistice Day for the ending of the First World War. Our Mass is in the School, as we all gather to share in our Remembrance Day Mass. There will be NO MASS in the Church on this day.

Thursday 13 November

10am: The Saint Pio Prayer Meeting will include Holy Mass for the departed souls of our members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits in the hall and lighting of candles and prayers for our Holy Souls

Friday 14 November

7pm: there is a tour of the Church arranged for any children involved in the Sacramental Programs, who would like to find out more about our Church and everything connected with it.

Saturday 15 November

We welcome into our Church in the completion of the Baptismal ceremonies, Kieran and Connor Kealey, our recently born twins. We pray for their Parents and Family as they gather for the occasion.

6pm: We welcome children who are looking to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist as they start their Journey of Preparation. There is also a celebration on the Sunday 10.30am Mass.

Future Dates

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. The talk will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for sharing and further discussion. All are welcome.