



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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15th – 22nd November, 2014 Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (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.



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.

Diary

Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning One World Group
	Baptism Preparation Hall 3pm
Monday 17th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	One World Group AGM LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 18th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 19th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Thursday 20th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 21st	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 23rd	Coffee Morning Diapalante

Readings: Pro 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, Thes 5:1-6, Mat 25:14-30

Entrance antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: May we do your will!

Next week: Ez 34:11-12,15-17, Cor 15:20-26,28, Matt 25:31-46

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.

Parish Diaries for next year are now available for 50p. Please place money in pamphlet box inside the church doors.

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

This Weekend: at the 6.00pm Mass and 10.30am Mass, our children will be welcomed onto the Reconciliation and Early Communion Programme.

We welcome into the Community in the completion of Baptism Ceremonies, of **Kieran and Connor Kealey**, on Saturday afternoon. We pray for his parents and family as they enter on the Journey of Faith of these twins.

3.00pm: First Session of Preparation for Baptism takes place in the Hall for all who have signed up on the list in the Link.

Sunday 6.15pm: Annual Service of Remembrance for our deceased parishioners of the past year, all families are welcome to share in this time of prayer for those who have gone before us.

ONE WORLD GROUP Proceeds from this Sunday's coffee morning will go to Father Jean-Marie's Congo project.

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Next Sunday: the Second Session of preparation for Baptism is being held from 3.30pm onwards, leading into the Welcome and Anointing of the children, at the 5.00pm Mass.

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We pray for Betty Leeming who died this week and for her family who thank the parish for all their prayers during her time in hospital. Betty has made major contributions to our parish, as a member of the Parish Council and Liturgy Committee and a key person in the choir for years. Her funeral Mass will be 11am on Monday 1st December followed by cremation at 1.15pm at Harwood Park. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

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Our time of Prayer at the Cemetery proved to be a friendly and supportive gathering of parishioners who gathered around Fr Christopher's grave for a time of prayer and reflection and then individual families requested blessings for their deceased relations. We also visited the other Assumptionist graves of Fr Robert and Fr Aidan Kenny, former Parish Priest of Hitchin. We will continue to share this time of prayer on a yearly basis.

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For **RIGHT TO LIFE** we sent off a cheque for £150, from last Sunday's coffee morning. This was our last coffee morning at Our Lady's, over the years we have raised lots of money for our various charities. We thank all who supported us. May God bless and reward you, Irma and Derek.

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CAFOD EBOLA EMERGENCY APPEAL This 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.



Our Lady School Admissions

Applications: We have arranged dates for parents to look around our school during the day. Please contact the school office on 622555 to book a day and time from:

Mon 17th Nov 2pm, Wed 19th Nov 9.30am, Thur 27th Nov 2pm, Fri 9th Jan 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. These meetings will enable him to complete the Priest reference form which is available from the school and their website.

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The foodbank needs the following items this month - Milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice (UHT), Sponge pudding (tinned), Toiletries for men and women. You can bring your gift to any Mass or leave in the container in the porch.

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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 by the 17th November. Carol will draw up a rota for the year and notify all groups..

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Children of year one primary age interested in taking part in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity service at 4pm, 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' themed costumes, but to remain in the pews with their adult(s) for the performance.

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Upright piano, may need tuning hence **FREE** to collector. **Tel: 01462 626014**

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Tuesday 18 November

Full Governing Body Meeting for Our Lady's School is at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 19 November

7.30pm (for 8pm start) North Herts Inter Faith Forum, evening of "Praising God – Sikhs & Christians compare notes at the Ramgarhia Gurdwara, in Bearton Avenue, Hitchin, SG5 1NZ. See notice board for further details

Thursday 20 November

Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Hitchin is being held at St Faith's Church, starting with the AGM of PHASE at 7.30pm and then the other Meeting following on.