

# 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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22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (Year A)

<b>Mass Times</b>
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Wednesday + Saturday 10am
Friday 9.30am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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<b>Diary</b>	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Diapalante Baptism Preparation Hall 3.30pm Confirmation Hall 6pm
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am <b>Note. No Eucharistic Service</b> Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	NO MASS IN CHURCH Liturgy of Word at OL School Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Funeral Mass 9.30am Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning KISS



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.

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

*Entrance antiphon:* How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

*Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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

*Response:* Thy Kingdom come!

**Next week: Is 63:16-17;64:1.3-8, Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37**

### 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 Christ the King, to mark the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, bringing all things back to Christ in rejoicing and giving thanks for what we have done to extend the Kingdom of God here on earth. Our Assumptionist Family celebrated the anniversary of their Founder's death in 1880 on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and our Motto is "Thy Kingdom Come."

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The Second Session of Preparation for Baptism: is at 3.30pm today (Sunday), leading into the Mass of Welcome and Anointing at 5.00pm.

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 Our Parish Diaries are now available from the Porch: 50p. Please place the money in the box, between to two sets of doors to the Church, on the inside. Many thanks!

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Our love and sympathy go to the families of Betty Leeming and Erica Kirk, who are mourning their loss, Betty's Funeral is 11am on December 1<sup>st</sup> and Erica's is this Friday at 9.30am (please note the change of time for the Mass)

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Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, Year B – the Year of Mark, our time to reflect on where we are in life as we start to reflect again on the end of time and our own life's ending and the call of Christ to follow Him faithfully day by day!

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Our Parish Service of Remembrance, last Sunday evening: for those who have died in the past year in particular, was a prayerful, peaceful and reflective time, of sorrow, mingled with happy memories and reliving them in a spiritual way.

## Diary

### Monday 24 November

Family Chats with Fr Michael in the Doris Harris Room for Parents applying for their children to join Our Lady's School.

The meetings have gone very well so far and everyone has found the Doris Harris Room and been on time, so many thanks to you all for ensuring the smooth running of the talks.

### Tuesday 25 November

UCM 8pm in the hall, we will be joined by Shefford UCM, please remember the buffet and raffle.

### Wednesday 26 November

Family Chats with Fr Michael in the Doris Harris Room. See entry for Monday 24th.

### Friday 28 November

9.30am: Funeral Mass for Erica Kirk, may she rest in peace and rise in glory!

## Other Dates:

Nov 30

7.30pm ANGELS – Then and Now. Dr Brendan Devitt in discussion with noted biblical scholar Dr Margaret Barker at Hitchin Christian Centre. Free refreshments will be served.

Dec 13

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a morning of quiet reflection for all Eucharistic Ministers and those considering taking up this very special Ministry. The morning will begin with Mass at 10.00am in the Church. Reflective time and prayer will be held in the hall after Mass. A shared lunch at 1.00pm will close the time together.

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## Other Business:

We are delighted to announce the Grand Total raised for our Autumn Fair:

Stalls games and music	£2,942.46
Promises auction	£1,030
Raffle	<u>£1,174.45</u>
Total	<b><u>£5,146.91</u></b>

The proceeds will be divided between the parish which will receive £3,431 to support its activities and the local charity Diapalante which will receive £1,715 to support its education centre in Senegal. Thank you to all involved.

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Does anyone have bunk beds they want to get rid of for a family in need. If you do please contact [stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com) who will arrange collection

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

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**Kiss Music Project in Uganda** A group from JHN including Samantha Wilkins from our choir are travelling to teach music in Uganda in 2015 and they need your unwanted musical instruments. If you have any of the following please bring them into the Church and we will get them to the School

