



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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17th - 24th January 2015 Second Sunday of the Year (B)



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 take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and 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.



Diary

Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning – One World Group Confirmation Hall 6pm
Monday 19th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
Tuesday 20th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Party Hall 10.30am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 21st	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 25th	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House Confirmation Hall 6pm

Readings: Sam 3:3-10.19, Cor 6:13-15.17-20, John 1:35-42

Entrance antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Intercessions: Hear us, Lord.....

Response: As we follow your Son!

Next week: Jonah 3:1-5.10, Cor 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

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.

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.

CAFOD box collection will be taken after all masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch or from the collectors.



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: sees the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with Fr Tom going to preach at Holy Saviour Church and Fr Michael going on January 25th to preach at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. We will be receiving the visit of Rev Jeni McQuaid, the newly appointed Curate at St Mark's Church who will be preaching at our 10.30am Mass on the same day. The main Joint Service for the Week is this Sunday evening at 6.30pm at Walsworth Road Baptist Church.

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Volunteers to take part in the final Service of the Week of Prayer for Unity, at St Mark's Church, Jan 25th. Any parishioners, who would like to take part in the Readings and Prayers of this Taize type service, please contact: Andrew and Deirdre Parr on wilderspin66@btinternet.com providing your name and contact details. Service is at 6.30pm.

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ONE WORLD GROUP coffee morning proceeds' will go to Pax Christi, the Catholic organisation working for international peace and understanding.

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Last Monday: at our Parish Pastoral Council Meeting we welcomed the four candidates who had come forward to fill the four places vacant on the Council, (so there was no need of an election). The four new members are Anne Collins, Owen McFarlane, Roger Lawrence-Hyde, mandate renewed and Zoe Lavery. We are very grateful to them all for offering to share in our work.

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We are sorry to have to inform you that Mrs Brown's Father, Leonard Oaks died suddenly on Monday evening in hospital. He moved to Hitchin, soon after his wife died and lived at Guysfield, one of the nursing homes in Hitchin. He was a stalwart member of our Bethany Club, where, despite disabilities, he was often the life and heart of the party! Our sympathy goes to Mrs Brown's sisters and their families in their loss.

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Our love and sympathy goes also to the Family of Barbara Robbins, a former Parish Councilor who died on Tuesday and whose Funeral service will be held at 10am on Thursday 22nd January at Holy Trinity Church, Baldock.

May they rest in peace to rise in glory!

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Proclaim 15: is the Diocesan response to Bishop Francis' call for a new Evangelisation and we are hoping that three or four members of our Parish will come along to see what it means and how it is an invitation for us to realise that we are all evangelisers – often without knowing it – in how we talk to people, our children with each other! The meeting is at SS Stephen and Alban Church in St Albans on Monday 26th January from 7.30pm till

9.00pm. Invitations will be received through the Parish, but you may also offer to come along and contact them directly on livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk leaving you name, parish name and your email address or phone number to receive notification of a place. You may also ring 020 7931 6078.

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Monday 19 January

2.00pm: a meeting to discuss how we would like to move forward in the Journey of our Parish in its Sacramental Life. Please keep this gathering in your prayers, as part of responding to Bishop Francis' call for a new Evangelisation to enthuse and inspire us in our life of Faith as parish and community.

8.00pm: First Session for Parents with children seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, held in the Hall.

Tuesday 20 January

9.30am: Fr Michael is working with a group of Parents and Staff of Our Lady's School on renewing the Policy covering children with special needs.

12.30pm: Meeting of Priests and Ministers of the Churches in Hitchin, to prepare for the Season of Lent and also the Good Friday Service in the Market Square, it is being held at Walsworth Road Baptist Church.



7.15pm Eucharistic Service in church. Reflect on the word of God and pray for your needs and those of others.

7.45pm: The Union of Catholic Mothers will join the Unity Week Service at St Faiths Church If you cannot make it, please inform your car driver.

Saturday 24 January

4.30pm: 2nd Session of Training for new Eucharistic Ministers is being held in the Church. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare to undertake this important Ministry.

Future Dates

Jan 22

7pm - 8.30pm A study evening for catechists, parents and everyone involved in the Confirmation programmes on how to work with teenagers and support their parents. Where: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Booking is required. Details and registration <http://rcdow.org.uk/events/> or contact livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation is £3. Tea/coffee will be provided.