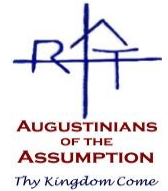




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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31st January – 7th February 2015 Fourth 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.

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If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Diary

Sunday 1st	Coffee Morning Confirmation Group
Monday 2nd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 3rd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 4th	Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 5th	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
Friday 6th	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Sunday 8th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
	Coffee Morning - KISS Confirmation Hall 6pm

Readings: Deut 18:15-20, Cor 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

Entrance antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord.....

Response: May we listen to your voice!

Next week: Job 7:1-4.6-7, Cor 9:16-19.22-23, Mark 1:29-39

FRIENDS OF GAINSFORD HOUSE Many thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning when £103 was raised.

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.

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.

This Weekend: Please find in the Porch or on the Website, copies of this week's Pastoral Letter from Bishop John to mark Education Sunday. One of the points he makes is the need for more Foundation Governors: We have received a letter from John Henry Newman School, seeking to find out if anyone is interested in joining the Governing Body, in that capacity. They are particularly looking for practising and involved Catholics who have strengths to offer in various fields of experience, concern for the Catholic Ethos of the School is essential for all candidates, but wider skills such as: finance, practical skills to help the Health and Safety Committee; personnel skills to support the committee which oversees this; possible legal skills to are always welcome. If you wish to consider the matter, please talk to Fr Michael, as you will also need his support with the application.

Please go into the Hall after Mass to view the work done by children from all the classes in Our Lady's School, there is some truly amazing work being done. We are blessed in having such wonderful staff and parents who are so supportive of what the School does and the Parish is grateful too for School involvement in various of our liturgical or outreach initiatives.

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This Sunday, at 7-9pm, **we are invited to take part in *Pray and Fast for the Climate*** with CAFOD and Justice and Peace at CAFOD head office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB - nearest tube: Lambeth North. We will pray and share a simple soup and bread meal, then explore our CAFOD Climate Campaign "One Climate, One World" and what steps we can take leading up to the Paris Climate Talks in December this year.

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Thanks to all who supported Enid at 10.30 Mass last Sunday. Her son expresses his gratitude for your care and loving support of his mother. She hopes to be back to Mass soon.

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The family of Barbara Robbins offer their sincere thanks to the large number of Hitchin parishioners who attended her Requiem Mass at Baldock on January 22nd, and to the celebrant, Fr. Tom O'Brien. Also thanks to those who could not attend, but sent Mass cards and letters of condolence.

Diary

Monday 2 February

Today is the closing of the Christmas Season, with the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Our 10am Mass will see the blessing and lighting of the Candles, to remind us that all of

us are beacons of light for our world, where we live and move and have our being.

After the Mass, we would welcome the support of anyone who has the time in the dis-mantling of the Crib and putting everything away until next Christmas. Work will start after Mass (approx 10.40am), please just turn up.

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11.30am: Meeting of Our Lady's School Council

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7pm: Meeting of John Henry Newman School's Governing body, where we are delighted to welcome a new parent Governor who lives in our Parish: **David Norman**. David is stepping down from the Governing Body of Our Lady's School, as his term as parent governor has expired.

Tuesday 3 February

6pm meeting with a Youth Worker from the Diocese to see what we might be able to do with our young people and what are the possibilities of support to enable us to do this.

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

Future Dates

Feb 9

8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting at the Society of Friends Meeting House on the corner of Bedford Road and Brand Street - tea/coffee from 7.30pm. The meeting will begin with a celebration of the fact that the organisation) had its first meeting in February 1965 and is therefore 50 years old. We will recall what happened at that time and we hope that some who were involved then will be present to share their experiences. There will be some items of business then the last part will be led by the Rev John Hardaker, the new Chair of Churches Together in Hitchin on the theme 'Whole-life discipleship'. All are welcome at the meeting

Feb 14

2.30pm: Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral. Servers to be robed in cassock and cotta and be ready to process by 2pm. Further details from William on 07598 312269 or william_warren@hotmail.co.uk

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2pm onwards there will be an afternoon for the bereaved in the parish Hall. Time for prayer and reflection. All are welcome.