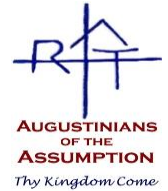




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 Sixth 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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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

Trish Bonnett Telephone: 01462 459126 (Parish)



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 Trish on 07801752141 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

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – EDAID

### Readings: Lev 13:1-2.44-46, Cor 10:31-11.1, Mark 1:40-45

*Entrance antiphon:* Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

*Psalm:* **You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

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

*Response:* Renew us in mind and heart!

### Next week: Gen 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15



**CAFOD BOX COLLECTION** will take place after all masses. Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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**ONE WORLD GROUP** Proceeds from this Sunday's coffee morning will go to support the work of Herts Young Homeless. A charity which helps local youngsters in need of accommodation. More information in the Hall.

### 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.

**This Weekend:** is the last weekend of Ordinary Time, as we start Lent this week, with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes. As we lead up to this time of renewal and deepening of our faith and how it is lived, let us reflect on what we could do to develop further the progress we have made in the past year.

We wish the staff and children at our school, a restful and refreshing half-term break and all other schools too.

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**Next Weekend: 10.30 Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington as a 'getting to know our Bishop' opportunity.

**3pm**, in the Cathedral, we have the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance for all those who are being baptised, received our confirmed into our Faith at the Easter Vigil. It is a very powerful service and a moving one seeing the large number of people who are undergoing this ceremony. May the Lord be with them all as they enter a new and final phase of preparation to join us in Lent.

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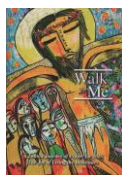
**EDAID** are collecting small garden tools at present in addition to pencils, paper, material and wool. If you would like your items to be collected please phone Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) or bring them to the next Edaid coffee morning on Sunday 22nd February.

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**Lent Groups starting 23rd February** You can still sign up on the sheets in the porch if you would like to attend one of the 18 sessions. This year the groups will be following a York course entitled **Praise Him: Songs of Praise from the New Testament** written by Paula Gooder.

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**Walk with me Lent Books £1** now available in the porch. Money in the pamphlets box between the doors on the inside of the church. The children's Lent journey sheets are free.



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**Urgent appeal** We still need help counting the extra money items on a Monday morning. It takes about an hour and would be once every 3 weeks. Please speak to Trish or Fr Michael if you can help.

The **Sunday Counting Rota** for the year starting 8 March 2015 is available for collection from the Link. Copies will be emailed to those Counters who have signed-up for emails.

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**KISS Coffee morning** - thank you to all who supported the KISS Coffee morning last Sunday which raised £103.00 to support the work in Uganda.

**Looking ahead:** the Blessing of the new headstone for the Assumptionist Family grave will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the first Anniversary of Fr Christopher's death. We are contacting the family to see if they wish to be present too. The Blessing will follow the Mass at 10am, at St John's Road Cemetery. Parishioners are most welcome to come along and pray for a well-loved priest who served our Parish for 46 years.



## Diary

### Tuesday 17 February

**2pm:** Mass at Milford Lodge, for those who live there and anyone who would like to come along and join in and also meet the residents.

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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.

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**8pm Union of Catholic Mothers** meet in the hall.

### Wednesday 18 February:



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** a Day of prayer and devotion, as well as fasting and abstinence, for those who are under 60.

Masses are at 7.30am; 10.00am and 7.30pm: all in the Church. An excellent start to our Season of prayer and Renewal, our responses should reflect the three elements that are mentioned in the Gospel of the day: prayer, concern for others and efforts which will enable us to develop our gifts and talents more fully to serve God and our Community.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY LUNCH 12.30-1.30pm** at Christchurch. £3.50 for choice of soup, one filled roll (ham or cheese) and a piece of fresh fruit (choice) - extra 50p for a hot drink. Fairtrade stall. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

### Saturday 21 February

**10am Mass:** is offered for the repose of the soul of **Gwenda Sampson**, who died in New Zealand and who was known to many of our older parishioners. This is at the request of Gwenda's Family, as an appreciation for the love and support she received over the years she was in our Parish.

## Other Items of Interest

**Help with Italian lessons for a parishioner** if there is anyone who can help a parishioner learn conversational Italian in his home, please can you contact Trish in the first instance.