



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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28th February – 7th March 2015 Second Sunday of Lent (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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Diary

Sunday 1st	Coffee Morning Bereavement Group 6pm Church Confirmation Stations of the Cross practice
Monday 2nd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm Lent Meditation by Ann Milner Church 7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am Lent Meditation by Ann Milner Church 1.30pm Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
Wednesday 4th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am RCIA Church 8pm
Thursday 5th	Rosary Church after Mass Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
Friday 6th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 7th	First Reconciliation Workshop Hall 10am
Sunday 8th March	Coffee Morning – KISS



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.

Readings: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18, Rom 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10

Entrance antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Psalm: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Transfigure us with your love!

Next week: Ex 20:1-17, Cor 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

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.



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:

This Weekend: our **Quarterly Service of Healing and Wholeness** is being held at **3.00pm** on Sunday afternoon. Anyone who wishes to experience this time is welcome at which the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing are also available.

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Our Confirmation Group meet in the **Church** after the 5pm Mass, to continue their work of preparation for the Stations of the Cross, to be celebrated on the evening of Good Friday.

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Our love and sympathy go to the Families of Simon McAndrew, Maria Gallone, Agnes Hypolite, Giuseppe D'Angelo, Gennaro Caruso, Giuseppe Policarpo and Doreen Jarvis who died recently. May they rest in peace to rise in glory!

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Monday 2nd March

Our Mass this morning is being offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Christopher, as it marks the first anniversary of his death. After the Mass please join in the Blessing of the stone for the Assumptionist grave, where he is buried.

11.30am: Our Lady's School Council meeting.

1.30pm: Pastoral Team monthly meeting.

Tuesday 3rd

1.30pm Our Lady's School Governors meet to prepare for the appointment of a Deputy Head .

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

8pm UCM AGM lower committee room

Wednesday 4th

10.00am: Funeral Mass for Gennaro Caruso.

Friday 6th

1.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer is being held this year in Hitchin Christian Centre. All welcome to come along to join in this service of praise and prayer celebrated worldwide. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Saturday 7th

10.00am onwards: there is a Workshop for the Families and Children on the Reconciliation programme, so that everyone may enhance their loving and living of the Sacrament of the Lord's loving forgiveness.

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Help is needed taking collection at Mass – we need 3 people ideally at each Mass to help take the collection and count the numbers attending. There is no formal rota but if you are at Mass then please

get up to help at the time of the collection. If you need more details please speak to Trish.

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Church gardening starts again on Saturday 7th March from 10 am until around 12 pm. Everyone is welcome for as long as you can do, no matter your expertise. The group meets on the First Saturday of each month.

In April, the first Saturday is Easter Saturday and so we will meet on Saturday 28th March to prepare the gardens for Easter. Also if you are splitting or removing any plants, we would love to have them. Please feel free to leave any plants outside the church or contact Helen Bailey by email hbailey@talktalk.net or mobile 07771 552058 and she can come and collect them. There are lots of tools in the garage, but if you have any loppers, saws or pruning saws at home, please feel free to bring them with you.

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Job Vacancy at Our Lady's Church – Sacramental Co-ordinator We are seeking a part-time person to fulfil this role when Jane finishes finally in June. The hours average out at 10 hours/week but vary across the year according to need. Applicants should be practicing and involved Roman Catholics with a recognised qualification in Pastoral Ministry/Pastoral Theology/Catechetics plus experience in Formation and Training; already sharing in parish ministry and with catechetical experience (RCIA essential). Full details on notice board. Applications in by 18.00 Monday 16th March 2015 Interviews from 14.00 on Tuesday 24th March 2015. Application forms can be found on the Diocesan Website <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

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Saturday 14th March 7.30 for 8 pm: St Patrick's Day Barn Dance in Our Lady's Church Hall. Light Supper and Bar. Tickets available from 01462 735122 or Roger Hyde after Mass.

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Other items:

Your help is needed. Helen Cooper (our administrator's daughter) is a student and is looking for people to participate in research for her dissertation. If you are willing to answer a questionnaire on Brand Choices and Social Media, please contact Helen at i7267930@bournemouth.ac.uk or leave your contact details with Carol in the Office. It will take 10-15 mins. to complete. Many thanks.