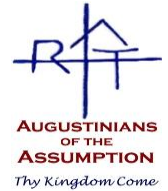




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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

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28th March – 4th April 2015 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 29th	Coffee Morning – Scout Group
	Confirmation rehearsal Church 6pm
Monday 30th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Passover Meal Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 31st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	N.B. No Bethany Club this week
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 1st April	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Confirmation rehearsal Church 6pm
	Rehearsal for Mass of Last Supper Church 6pm
Thursday 2nd	Maundy Thursday Holy Week Service Sheet Set up Altar of repose Hall 10.45am
	Friday 3rd Good Friday Holy Week Service Sheet
Saturday 4th	Holy Saturday Holy Week Service Sheet
Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday Coffee Morning Confirmation Candidates



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify Jacqueline Humphreys, 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: Is 50:4-7, Philip 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Entrance antiphon: The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.
Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Intercessions: Lord, hear our prayer.....
Response: Strengthen our belief

Next week: Acts 10:34-37-43, Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

This week's counting teams:



Sunday – Team 4
Monday – Team 3

This Sunday sees the start of **Holy Week** and our Special Sheet for the Celebrations is available and is now operative.

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: Let us walk with our Saviour as He undertakes His Mission of salvation for us, starting with the Procession of Palms and ending with the Glorious Resurrection and the Gift of the Holy Spirit, to launch us into our Mission of sharing Jesus' life with others as we seek to live it to the full for ourselves. The best way we have of doing this is by taking an active part in the many varied and powerful Liturgies which highlight the different facets of the Resurrection, especially through the Triduum leading to the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the Morning Masses on Monday to Wednesday. It is not celebrated again until the Saturday of the Second Week in Eastertide.

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Monday 13th April: Mass of the Resurrection for the Funeral of Kathleen Gibbons is celebrated at 10am, our love and sympathy go to John, her husband and their families. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Deolinda and Michael Eltringham would like to thank the priests, staff and parishioners for the kind words, good wishes, prayers and masses said following the death of Deolinda's father Carlos Vaz de Sousa on the 2nd of March 2015. God bless you all.

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New boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection in the Hall after each of the Masses this weekend. If you don't already use Envelopes, you can sign-up or find out more by speaking to either David or Margaret in the Hall after Mass. If you do already use Envelopes (or Standing Orders), thank you very much for your support of the Church through the Planned Giving Scheme.

Diary

Monday 30 March

7.30pm We celebrate the Passover Meal in the Hall, to soak ourselves in the richness of the Hebrew Tradition, from which we take our Eucharist and proclaim the wonderful reality of Jesus who is the Lamb of God, given to us to make it our own.



Date	Time	Event
Monday 30 th March	7.30pm	Passover meal in the Hall
Tuesday 31 st March	7.15-8pm	Lent Eucharistic supper with extracts from <u>The Nail</u> by Stephen Cottrell <u>Week 6</u>
1 st -3 rd April	Please see purple service sheet for details	

Tuesday 31 March

10am Mass in the Church. Fr Tom is sharing in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and will bring back the Oils which we welcome at the Maundy Thursday Mass.

Wednesday 1 April

6pm Rehearsal for the Confirmation Candidates sharing in the Time with the Cross on Good Friday, **8pm** Rehearsal for the Maundy Thursday Mass.

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Future Dates

Apr 15 **Wednesday 6.30pm** Finance Committee Meeting

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Apr 17 **Friday 7.30pm:** In the Church "Songs for change" hits from the West End. A Concert to support our KISS charity, under the direction of Sam our Choir Mistress and involving several of our younger parishioners and students from the Music department of John Henry Newman School. Do come and join in what promises to be a truly wonderful evening. Tickets £5 on sale after Mass, from the Parish office or Sam Wilkins samlavender8@hotmail.com

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Apr 22 **General Election meeting**

Churches Together in Hitchin is organising a meeting for General Election candidates on Wednesday 22 April, 7.30 pm at Christchurch. This will be an opportunity to hear their policies and their answers to questions put by church members. There will be more details nearer the time but if you are interested in asking a question, please contact John Richardson on 01462435595

or johnrichardson891@btinternet.com

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Apr 22

Our Lady School is looking for a part time administrative assistant. If you are interested and would like further information please visit the school website

http://www.ourladys.herts.sch.uk/our_school/staff.html or contact the school office on 01462 622555