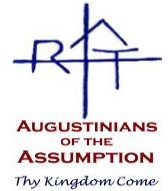




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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11th – 18th April 2015 Second Sunday of Easter (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 12th	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House
Monday 13th	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
Wednesday 15th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 16th	Rosary Church after Mass Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
Friday 17th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 18th	Marriage Preparation Day Hall 9.30am
Sunday 19th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

Entrance antiphon Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

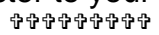
Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

Intercessions: Father, hear our prayer....
Response: In the power of the Spirit!

Next week: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, Lk 24:35-48



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.



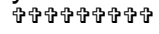
If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



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.

Ted and I would like to thank you all for the Cards and Mass intentions and prayers and offers of help for us during Ted's recent illness. We thank and Praise God that he is feeling quite well at present and enjoy each day as it comes.

God Bless, Mary and Ted Hollingdale



We have a problem with the heating for the church which we are working to resolve but there will be no heating for a while. Please ensure you are dressed warmly when you come to Mass. This is not affecting the heating of the hall and rooms.

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: is the Octave Day of Easter. We explore the richness and meaning of Easter over the time between now and Pentecost: let us rejoice daily in recognising that we are redeemed and loved of the Lord, loved for who we are, with an infinite destiny in store for us, as ultimately we are called into the fullness of the Lord's Risen Life, which we are already living partially now. It has been for us all, a truly a wonderful time of recognition of the importance of our Faith, to see and share with our young people their understanding of the Lord's love for us, through their celebration of the Way of the Cross – the wonderful way so many have given so much time and energy in so many ways to ensure all was carried out with the maximum of dignity and respect, but also the odd traces of humour too, something not to be neglected. It was a wonderful experience to share as our Climax, the welcoming of our new Members being Received into the Church and then the Baptism of Emma and the baptism of her son at the main Mass on Easter Sunday: our Church could barely contain the numbers who shared in a truly powerful community celebration!

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The Mass of Resurrection for Kathleen Gibbons is on Monday 13th at 10.00am and that for **Dr Sylvia Watkins** is on Tuesday April 14th at 11.30am. We mourn the loss of two devoted and loving parishioners this week, as we give thanks for the blessings they have brought to us in their time with us and we will pray that they will rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Planned Giving Envelopes: Thank you to everyone who has already picked up their boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes which, for the new tax year, start this week. If you have not already picked up your Envelopes, they are available for collection in the Porch.

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Next Weekend:

Sunday 19th April: at the 10.30am Mass we celebrate the completion of the Baptism Ceremonies for **Joseph Skrzypck**. We pray for him and his family as they continue his life of Faith with him.

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Diary

Monday 13th April

11am Mass at Sue Ryder home Stagenhoe. All parishioners welcome. Trish is away so not able to offer a lift on this occasion.

7.30pm Liturgy Committee meeting in the Lower Committee Room, to review Easter and look to the remainder of the Parish Year.

Wednesday 15th

6.30pm Parish Finance Committee meeting.

Friday 17th

7.30pm KISS Concert: in the Church. There will be a veritable feast of Music of different types, to help fund the wonderful work what is being done by the KISS Charity in Uganda, for the formation and development of young people. Tickets will be available on the door and will have been on sale beforehand after Mass.

Saturday 18th

9.30am to 4pm Parish Hall:

MarriagePreparation Day. We pray for all the couples who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the coming months and wish them well in their coming married life together.

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Other items:

Last week's coffee morning, organised by some of our Confirmation candidates, raised £162 which will be split between the Foodbank and mosquito nets for Africa.

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Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2015

Trish is a Christian Aid team leader and needs two new collectors for areas off the Stevenage Road and Newlands Avenue off the Codicote Road. You will need to deliver Christian Aid envelopes on one day and then knock on doors to collect them on another day. This is a very important act of Christian witness in our town. It also provides vital funds for for the charity. If you are willing to help in this work please speak to Trish or email her.

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Helping with our scout units

We have 2 vacancies on our team of 3 volunteers to help with the administration of our beaver and cub units. The roles involve helping devise and document the programme, communications to parents, and co-ordination with guest speakers and the parish. Ideally someone with a bit of time during the day. Please contact Chrissi on chrissievans@2thechapmans.com or 07811 328798.

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Were you in scouting?

We are looking for people who were involved in a scout unit when they were young and can tell us about their experiences to give us ideas for our programmes. Please contact Chrissi on the details above.