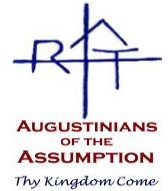


# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)



### Mass Times

**Saturday** anticipating 6pm  
**Sunday** 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm  
**Monday – Saturday** 10am  
**Reconciliation Saturday** 10.30am

### Contacts

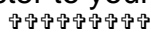
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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

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.



**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.



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 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass
	Mission & the Family UCR 10.45am
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
	Mission & the Family UCR 7pm
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Confirmation Group

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

*Entrance antiphon* Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

*Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord*

*Intercessions:* Father, hear our prayer.....

*Response:* Empower us through your forgiveness!

**Next week: Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18**

**CAFOD box collection** will be taken after all masses this weekend (18/19th) We are still in the period when the government will match pound for pound all our donations so this is a great opportunity to double the value of our gift. Special envelopes are available in the porch or from the collectors.

### 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

**This weekend:** our Gospel today completes the section which deals with the Appearances of Jesus to His disciples and the lessons we can learn from them for our own daily, personal and faith lives.

At the 10.30am Mass we complete the Baptismal ceremonies for Joseph Andrzej Mazingatabu Skrzypek to become a member of our Community. We pray for his parents, god-parents and relations.

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**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Thanks to everyone who has already picked up their boxes 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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The next **Eucharistic Rota** starting 19th April is available in the link.

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The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to carefully consider how we vote in the forthcoming General Election in May and have highlighted a number of issues for consideration. In particular the Bishops have asked us to challenge candidates on life issues and the website [www.WhereDoTheyStand.org.uk](http://www.WhereDoTheyStand.org.uk) may be useful to you in helping you to discern your MPs' and Parliamentary Candidates' views on respecting human life from conception to natural death. The website contains details of how to contact your MP or Candidate and asks that you share with them the information you receive to help them build up a large database of how our parliamentarians vote on these very important issues.

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The results of our deliberations on the Gift of Marriage and Family life are in the porch and on the parish website.

Please do look and consider what has been said. We will meet for the last time on 23 April 10.45am-12pm and 24 April 7-8.15pm. We want to look at the questions that we are putting to the Bishops and look at what we can do in our parish to support the Gift of Marriage and family life. Even if you cannot attend a session please feel free to send or email your responses to Trish.

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**Friends of Gainsford House** thank all those who supported their recent coffee morning. Just over £100 was received for the amenities fund.

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A planning meeting for this year's **Michaelmas Fair** will be held at 8pm in the Lower Committee Room on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The fair itself will be on Saturday 17th October. After last year's

successful effort we are keen to incorporate new ideas so please come along if you would like to help. Proceeds from the fair make an important contribution to parish finance and also support an education centre in Senegal through the charity Diapalante. In addition it provides a great day out and an opportunity to do your Christmas shopping.

### Diary

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**8.00pm:** programme of preparation for parents with children journeying to Early Communion in June. The meeting as usual is in the Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**9.30am:** Meeting at School to review the new Special Needs Programme implementation.

**2.00pm:** Mass at Milford Lodge. All welcome

**8.00pm:**UCM meet in the Hall - Speaker from "Hearing Dogs".

### Other items:

**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 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 please speak to Trish or email her.

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**General Election meeting:** Churches Together in Hitchin (CTH) is arranging a hustings at Christchurch, 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22 April at which candidates for the Hitchin and Harpenden constituency will respond to questions put by members of churches. So that the meeting will have a good structure, CTH would like to gather questions ahead of the date so if you would like to put one, please submit it by the end of Sunday 19 April to John Richardson - 01462 435595 or 07505 426876 or [johnrichardson891@btinternet.com](mailto:johnrichardson891@btinternet.com).

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Celebration of St Mark's Day, St Mark's church is having a **Taizé service** at 6.30pm on Sunday 26 April. All welcome to attend.

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**Walk Through Bible** - New Testament Live Event at Christchurch on Sat 25th April, 9.30am-5.30pm. Refreshments provided but please bring a lunch. Cost: £14 includes event workbook. Tickets available from Shirley Rossall, 01462 431884 e-mail [Shirley@rossall.plus.com](mailto:Shirley@rossall.plus.com)