

CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



Newsletter No 1630

9th – 16th May 2015 Sixth 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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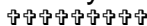
Diary

Sunday 10th	Coffee Morning – Church Flower Group Baptism Preparation Hall 3pm
Monday 11th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
Tuesday 12th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 13th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Praise Group LCR after Mass Parish Council LCR 7.30pm
Thursday 14th	St Pio Group Church & Hall after Mass Italian Club Hall 1pm
Friday 15th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
Saturday 16th	First Eucharist Workshop Hall
Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning – One World Group Confirmation Service 5pm Mass



Hospital

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.



Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Entrance antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Through your love for us!

Next week: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 4:1-13, Mark 16:15-20



Many thanks to all those who contribute to these collections. In the past six months £3,009:59 was raised of which £1026:50 was gift aided. In addition, March and April collections, total £932:47 will be matched by the government

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: sees the start of our Baptism Preparation Course, at **3pm in the Hall**. We will be praying for the families who will be sharing in this important time in the lives of their child and themselves.

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5pm Mass: Time of Commitment to the Sacrament of Confirmation by our Candidates who have had a Day of Prayer on Saturday. Our prayers will also be with our young people at this particularly important step they are taking in their Journey in Faith. Bishop John will be coming next Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension, to preside the Celebration of the Sacrament at 5pm Mass.

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 This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 3 Monday Team 1

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Our prayer and support go to the family and god-parents of Gaia Annunziata McQuilton, who was baptised last Sunday afternoon, The family was not included in last week's Newsletter.

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Our love and sympathy go to the family Dora Vega, who died on Wednesday. May she rest in peace to rise in glory.

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Repair to the Cross and repainting the Statues: this needs to be done and we were wondering if any Parishioners would have the capability and interest in doing it for us, rather than sending them away to be done. Please contact the parish Office or Trish, if you are interested and can do it, we shall be delighted to hear from you.

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Please continue to use the candles that are on trial at the moment – we would like to hear from you how you find them. They are much cleaner, eco-friendly and the wax that is left is recycled. First impressions seem very favourable, but we would like to hear what more of think of the project.

Diary

Monday 11 May

11am Mass at Stagenhoe with Fr Vincent from St Josephs. If you would like a lift with Trish please be in the car park at 10.30am.

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8pm: Frs Michael and Tom, share with the Confirmation Group in Letchworth in the Celebration of Reconciliation, as their next step in preparing of taking full responsibility for their lives of Faith.

Tuesday 12 May

The Feast of St John Stone, Patron Saint of our Assumptionist Houses in England, please keep us in your prayers on this important day

Wednesday 13 May

7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council meeting Lower Committee Room.

Thursday 14 May



The Saint Pio Prayer Meeting will include **Holy Mass at 10 am** for the members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits in the hall and playing a DVD on the life of Saint Pio.

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Please note that there is no Meditation once again this Thursday. It should resume again on **21 May**.

Saturday 16 May

10.30-12.30pm Eucharist Workshop Families on the Early Communion Programme, which marks the climax of their Journey and we pray that the day will bring blessings to them all, and those who are organising and running it.

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Future Dates

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

June 6 There will be a morning of quiet reflection for all Eucharistic Ministers on the Eve of Corpus Christi feast day. **We will begin with Mass at 10am and finish with a shared lunch at 1pm.** Confirmation of attendance to Teresa Lawrence-Hyde Tel: 07751886525 Email: teresahyde@btopenworld.com

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June 6 12 - 3pm Our Lady's School summer fayre. The PTA are planning to run a BBQ. They would like volunteers to man the stall and the more people that volunteer the less time each person will need to man the stall. The PTA would welcome help from parishioners who are able to support this event which help raises much-needed funds for the school. To volunteer please, contact Nicola Sylvester on: nsylvester@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks in advance.

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SPEC is part of Westminster Youth Ministry. Each year a number of young adults (18-25) join the resident community for a year as volunteer missionaries helping the community in its primary mission of retreat ministry for children and young people in the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Westminster. Perhaps this is the ideal opportunity for you- or someone you know. Details: Web: <http://dowym.com/spec/> Email: spec@rcdow.org.uk Phone 02037572500. FB.speccentre. Twitter @SPEC_Community.