

# 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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23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Pentecost Sunday (Year B)



<b>Mass Times</b>	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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<b>Parish Safeguarding Representative</b> Trish Bonnett Telephone: 01462 459126 (Parish)	

## Diary

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
	Baptism Preparation Hall 3.30pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Live Simply

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-11, Gal 5:16-25, Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

*Entrance antiphon* The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

*Psalm:* **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

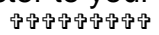
*Intercessions:* Father, hear our prayer.....

*Response:* Renew us in your Spirit!

**Next week:** Deut 4:32-34.39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Matt 28:16-20



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.



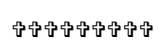
**If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.**



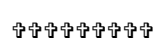
This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team 4**

**Monday Team 3**



Our love and sympathy go to the family of **Eva Holloway**, an ex-parishioner, who died peacefully on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Her Funeral service will be held at 12.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June in the chapel at St John's Road Cemetery. May she rest in peace to rise in glory!



### 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.

**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.

**Fr Michael writes:** "Dear Friends and Co-Parishioners,

As you may have heard, I have had an infection, which triggered a very strong reaction leaving me totally drained of energy. I am very grateful to you for all for the love you have shown for me through your kind prayers, phone calls, texts, cards and gifts. I will be out of contact for a while, but I hope to be able to preside a weekday Mass. I would like to express my thanks to my chauffeurs who are taking me to the various tests I am having between now and June 3rd. Trish will issue any ongoing information as it becomes available. I am most grateful to Fr Tom, for taking on my duties as well as carrying out his own and I am sure you will give any support that you can. May the Lord hold you all ever closer to Him and give you His peace, comfort and strength in your own Journeys of Faith and Life."

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**This Weekend: Sunday** afternoon at 3.30pm there is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of preparation for parents with children looking to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our Community, this will lead into the 5.00pm Mass, which will include the Welcome to the Children, their Signing with the Cross and Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens.

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#### Future events of interest

##### June 1

**'Pray and Fast for the Climate'** is an initiative to mobilise Christians to fast, pray or hold a vigil on the first day of every month for a meaningful and just global climate agreement. We hope this will be agreed in December 2015 at the Paris climate summit. People may choose to fast and pray for the whole day, to fast during their lunch break or to pray with others in the evening. *As part of the 'Pray and Fast for Climate Change' initiative our church will then be open for a vigil prayer time from 18:00 to 20:00* - May the Holy Spirit guide the new political representatives to understand the reality of the problems facing the whole of God's creation, so that they will engage constructively and meaningfully at the 2015 December Paris Summit.

See: <http://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>

##### June 6 FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

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: 07751 886525 Email: [teresahyde@btopenworld.com](mailto:teresahyde@btopenworld.com)

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OUR LADY SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FAYRE from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 12pm - 3pm on the school playing field. A fun-filled day out for everyone with bouncy activities, tombola's, events, BBQ, bar, raffle and lots more. For more information, please contact the PTA at [ourladyspta@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyspta@gmail.com)

##### June 7

**Environment Sunday** - Plan to do something appropriate! Please consider cycling or walking to church that Sunday.

##### June 4

**7.30pm Memorial Mass** for our Assumptionist Priests who were martyred in the Congo

##### June 17

**Speak Up: For the love of ...** Join members of the Climate Coalition at the mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 17 June for an inspirational day of action on climate change. This will be your chance to tell the new government to take strong action to protect everything we hold dear that is threatened by climate change. Over 10,000 are expected, representing all constituencies in the UK. Please consider taking the day as holiday off work to take part.

Meeting up at 11.45am outside the Emmanuel Centre on Marsham Street before the ecumenical church service begins at 12pm. Event details about the church service can be found

<https://www.facebook.com/events/822079001219485/>. After the service there will be films, talks, and displays on climate change. Followed by the finale rally outside Parliament at 4.30pm. The lobby of MPs will take place from 1pm to 4pm and MPs will come out to meet with their constituents in the streets around Parliament.

Find out more about what is happening on the day and how you can get involved, and sign up <http://operationnoah.org/featured/speak-up-for-the-love-of/>, with more details.

##### July 7

**Walsingham Pilgrimage** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: There are a few places available on a coach for the annual UCM Pilgrimage. We are joining with Shefford UCM. This year the coach will leave Shefford at 8 am returning at 7.30 – 8pm. Members of the Parish both male and female are welcome to join us. The cost will be £25 including all pilgrims' costs. For further information contact Ann Cook on 01462 453893