



# 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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20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (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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## Diary

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina
	Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – OLSSG
	Parish Welcome Bring and Share picnic 12.15pm in garden/hall

**Readings: Job 3:1-8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41**

*Entrance antiphon* The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

*Psalm: O give thanks for the Lord, for his love endures forever*

*Intercessions:* Lord, we pray to you.....

*Response:* May we trust you always!

**Next week: Acts 12:1-11, Tim 4:6-8.17-18, Matt 16:13-19**



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 2  
Monday Team 3

Church cleaner needed once a month on a Monday morning. If you can give 1½ hours to help keep our church beautiful please speak to or email Trish asap.

**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.

**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 us celebrating our Parish Welcome at all the Masses, for the second Group of Children and Parents, who are sharing in the Early Communion Programme. The Mass of Thanksgiving and Mission is at 2.00pm July 5<sup>th</sup>. There is no limit to the numbers of family or friends, as we have the whole Church at our disposal. Our thanks and appreciation go to the Team of Catechists who have been working with the Families and Children over the past months, it is good to see the fruits of their good work reflected in how well our young people behaved!

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**CAFOD box collection** will take place after all masses. **Gift aid envelopes** will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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**Fr Michael writes:** "I am now in the process of returning to full involvement in the life of the Parish once more. I still have the cystoscopy on Monday and the appointment with the Consultant to come, but hopefully it is only a precaution. My thanks to you all again for your constant love, prayer and concern for me, expressed in so many ways over the past few weeks. I hope to be off the Prayer List very soon! Love, peace and joy to you all as ever!"

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**Next Sunday** June 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mass will be a Mass of Welcome to our new parishioners who have joined us over the year, and thanksgiving for the service and ministries offered by our parishioners to the parish. We also take this chance to say our final goodbyes to Jane Gonzalez after her years of service to our Parish and we formally welcome Susanna Hawksley to the role of Catechist Co-ordinator. This mass will be followed by a **Bring and Share Picnic** in the garden if the weather is good or in the hall if it is inclement. Please sign up on the notice in the porch.



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 First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016 Parents of children who want to make their first Reconciliation and First Communion this coming year (Year 2 currently) are asked to attend a meeting on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. The aim is to finish by 8:15pm. Susanna Hawksley looks forward to meeting you all

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The Growing in Faith Project: the latest Newsletter from the Team is available for collection from the Porch, for those of you who are involved in this programme. Hitchin does get a brief mention, in connection with our proposed work on Fr Christopher's house. Do help yourselves, there are plenty of them.

### **Future Dates:**

#### **July 1 Pray and Fast for the Climate'**

As part of the 'Pray and Fast for Climate Change' initiative our church will then be open for a vigil prayer time from 6pm to 8pm.

#### **July 11 11am to 3pm North Herts**

**Interfaith Forum** as part of the Hitchin Festival 2015 season, North Herts Inter Faith Forum (NHIFF) extends an open invitation to visit the exhibition, presentations and talks on the theme: "Faiths Perspectives on Environments and Climate Change" at Our Lady Immaculate and St. Andrew Church parish hall. There will be also be a short joint prayer service at 1pm.

#### **July 12 Chiltern West Gallery Quire**

*Recreating the sounds and scenes of a bygone age by singing and playing the joyful music of our country churches from the 18<sup>th</sup> century* An outdoor concert is to be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Caldecote, Nr Baldock SG7 5LD on Sunday 12 July 2.00-5.00pm to raise funds for this Grade II listed church. For further details, phone 01462 629539 or go to [www.cwgg.co.uk](http://www.cwgg.co.uk)

#### **July 17&18 Gospel Crusade 2015**

Presented by Church of God of Prophecy at Walsworth Road Baptist Church on Friday 17 July and Saturday 18 July 6.00-9.00pm. Hosted by Pastor Linton Grant and Minister Jane Litchmore-Grant, the theme will be "Jesus Is The Answer" Also part of the weekend will be Vinesong Ministries, an internationally acclaimed group of song writers, singers and musicians, with a concert by them on the Saturday evening at Walsworth Road. The special crusade weekend will continue on Sunday 19 July from 12.00-2.30pm at Holy Saviour Church Hall, Radcliffe Road, Hitchin. All welcome.

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#### **Other Items of interest:**

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood are putting on the play 'A Man For All Seasons' to mark their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. See poster on Notice board for details if you would like to go.

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**Meeting Needs:** Stephanie Kirby from Christchurch who helps families who are in need is looking for single beds, a double bed, toddler beds, chest of drawers and sofas. If you can help please let her know on [stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com) or 01462 816658