



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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18th – 25th July 2015 Sixteenth Sunday of the 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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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

Sunday 19th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
Monday 20th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
Wednesday 22nd	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 23rd	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group
	Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 24th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina
	Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 26th	Coffee Morning Diapalante
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 6pm

Readings: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

Entrance antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Intercessions: Hear us, Lord.....

Response: keep us in your loving care!

Next week: Kings 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

There will be **no 5pm Mass** during the Month of August. Our normal Mass arrangements will resume from the first weekend in September.



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 6
Monday Team 3

Please note that gluten free hosts are available for parishioners. Please let the MC know before Mass if you require one.



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

Collection after all masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes available.

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Our Schools: are now closed for the Summer break. We wish all the Teachers and Members of Staff, a peaceful and refreshing time. Year 6 children of Our Lady's School, celebrated a great Leavers' Mass, their play was a delight!

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☉ **Sunday 26th July 6pm in the hall.** Another opportunity for parents who were unable to attend on 6th July, to attend a briefing with Susanna Hawksley about the next programme for Reconciliation and first Eucharist for children who will be in Year 3 this September. Application forms available on the evening.

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A further reminder: Sunday Evening Mass is NOT celebrated in August and there is only the one Mass on the Saturday, which is the Evening Mass at 6pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 10am each Saturday. There will not be a Saturday morning Mass on the first weekend of September. The Patronal Feast of the Assumptionist Fathers, August 15th, is actually celebrated on the Sunday this year, a day of prayer for the Family and its future as it seeks to fulfill its Motto: "Adveniat regnum Tuum" – Thy Kingdom Come!

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Fr Tom is away this weekend till Sunday evening Mass, at a Justice and Peace conference.

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Parish development project awaiting the green light: The Pastoral Parish Council met to consider exciting proposals to refurbish and develop different areas of our Hitchin site, in particular, Grove House, where Fr Christopher retired, the Garage and the store room. The proposals, which grew out of an initial idea emanating from our 'Growing in Faith' project, are now awaiting approval by the Diocese. Once a decision has been made the Diocese will then guide us through the next stages of the plans to help achieve our aim. The proposals involve the creation of two double bedroom apartments within the existing property. This will bring the whole house up to modern "green" standards and make a comfortable home for both Father Michael and a second retired priest, should one wish to come to live among us. Before work can start we will also upgrade and refurbish the garage and store room and transform them into suitable accommodation for a Pastoral Office. We may be fortunate enough to attract a funded Caritas member to join our team. The Pastoral Team will move out of the house, once the upgrade is completed, to make use of the new Pastoral Centre. Funding for the project will not come from our dedicated 'Growing in Faith' funds

but from our own cash reserves together with a substantial contribution from the Assumptionists' Retired Priests' fund, which was supplemented by their share of the GIF. The overall cost is estimated to be in the order of £110,000.00 which will include all fees and VAT at 20%. The PPC hopes the Parish Community unites behind us in this initiative and we will endeavour to keep you updated as we move forward. Any questions or comments about the proposals please send them to me c/o Parish Office. Roger Lawrence-Hyde

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Meeting Needs have been asked for a child's wardrobe and chest of drawers. contact stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com or 01462 816658.

A **Foodbank user** needs a working washing machine. Please contact Charmaine Ball tony.ball4@btinternet.com or 01462 850850

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Kica Music Mission to Uganda : Thank you for great response we were all overwhelmed by the £4,013 raised from our concert in April. We depart on Monday 20th July for 3 weeks. Please keep us in your prayers. Sam Wilkins

Future Events

July 19

3pm Friends of Holy Saviour Church Talk & Tea event. Dr Alex Windscheffel of Royal Holloway College, London will speak on "Victorian Gothic Controversies : Butterfield, Pugin & their critics". Tea and refreshments after the talk. Tickets at £8 are available from Gill Chidgey (01462 423603) or from the Hitchin Festival Box Office, Churchyard.

July 21

6.30-8.30pm **Christ in All Things: A Call for Eco-Justice** Free lecture by Professor Celia Deane-Drummond. Milleret House, Kensington Square, London W8 5HH Phone 020 7361 4756 or email

enquiries@assumptionreligious.org

July 22

10am-4pm Brother Sun, Sister Earth, Our Mother: Encountering Francis Today – a Day Retreat led by Professor Celia Deane-Drummond at Milleret House. Simple lunch provided, suggested donation £20 (waged)/£5(unwaged). Book in advance

July 24

7.30pm **"From suffering to hope"** at **Walsworth Road Baptist Church**, an evening of music and reflection. For the victims of the Nepal earthquake, presented by Claire and friends. Retiring collection.