



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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4th – 11th July 2015 Fourteenth 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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Diary

Sunday 5th	Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project Mission mass 2pm
Monday 6th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm Sacramental Preparation Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 7th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am No Bethany Club No Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 8th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Praise Group LCR after Mass
Thursday 9th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm Choir Church 8pm
Friday 10th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 11th	Inter-faith Forum Hall 11am
Sunday 12th	Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project



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: Ezek 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6

Entrance antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalms: **Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy**

Intercessions: Have mercy, Lord.....

Response: Strengthen our faith!

Next week: Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13



**This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 4
Monday Team 1**

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: at 2pm, we have the Mass of Thanksgiving for the Eucharist and of Mission to our Children to undertake Ministry in our Parish. Anyone is welcome to join in as the Church is entirely at the disposal of the families and friends.

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Last Weekend was a truly wonderful occasion, with the Welcome to New parishioners, we have never had so many come along to attend this function before and the first part of the Mass was a real buzz! The children had their part in the Mass with the Homily addressed to them. After the homily there was the Thanksgiving for Ministry, which was very effective as so many people were standing when we reached the Ministry we all share in – the praise and worship of God in Community. The farewell to Jane and welcome to Susanna, came after the Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mass. A sad but happy event in any case, as Jane is aiming to go on for a Doctorate in Pastoral Theology and Practice. We will keep her in our prayers as well as Susanna as she takes over and builds on the foundations that Jane laid. Many thanks to you all for the wonderful food and drink, generous as ever and a wonderful selection! Thanks too to Trish, for all her behind the scenes work that she does to ensure the smooth running of things.

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Just a reminder, for planning ahead: there will not be the 5pm Mass during the Month of August. Our normal Mass arrangements will resume from the first weekend in September.

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Ministry of the Word training is being offered on **Monday July 27th** at 8pm, in the church, for those who would like to assist with proclaiming the Word of God at Sunday Mass or during the week. If you would like to attend this training can you please email Christine Laubin at christine@carllaubin.com or speak to Trish.

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For those who have made their First Communion. Train as an Altar server and become a member of the Guild of St Stephen. The training begins Wednesday 8th July at 4pm and lasts one hour. The next session is 15th July at 4pm. It will continue after the summer holidays. Just turn up to the church on Wednesday if you want to train or email William Warren at robett0415@outlook.com.



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The Mass at Stagenhoe on 13th July has been cancelled as the chapel is out of action for the summer.

Newsletter compiler and Editor needed to complete the team to cover the 5th Saturdays of the year of which there are only 4. If you are willing to help with this could you please speak to or email Trish asap.

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Our Fair trade stall which is available on the third Sunday of the month needs help if it is to keep running. If you and your family would be willing to be on a rota to help run the stall occasionally please can you contact Frances Chamberlain at

frances.chamberlain@ntlworld.com

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Zizo is a talented student who is half way through completing his BSc degree in Computing. Can you help him achieve his goal. Please see link to find out how you can help. Please feel free to sponsor or donate share and/or like the page. Any questions please contact Fund Organiser on trinityville@ntlworld.com Thanks <http://www.gofundme.com/helpzizo>

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Items requiring homes

A parishioner has a second hand large upright freezer going free for whoever can collect it. Please speak to Trish in the first instance.

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Peter Canham has a free folding table which has 4 chairs stored inside. I also have several walking frames, one of which has a seat, all of which can go to new homes of people in need. He also has an unused electric mobility scooter which cost nearly £1500-00, for sale at £750. If you are interested please contact Peter at hillmanwoods@btinternet.com

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The One World Group summer outing for 2015 is to take place on Saturday 8th August to visit the port of Tilbury and the work of the Apostleship of the Sea charity with sailors from around the world. They have just last week received the visit of Cardinal Vincent Nichols as part of promoting Sea Sunday on July 12th (see <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=27748>). There are some of us going on the day, but we can take as many as 12 people on the day trip. Fr. Wojciech Holub, the Tilbury chaplain for AoS will be our host and guide in the afternoon. We plan to share cars for transport on the day, and please be advised that all the visitors must have some kind of photo ID with them. Anyone interested in taking part in this parish day outing and find out more about the work of this charity, please contact Deolinda Eltringham (01462) 451359 or by e-mail, by Wednesday the 29th July.

Diary

Monday 6 July

2pm: Mass with all our Confirmed Students in John Henry Newman School. Parents welcome to join in, if they are able to do so.

6pm: There will a special Saint Pio Prayer Meeting at the home of Ann and Michael Hill in Pirton. The evening will start with the Holy Rosary at 6pm followed by Holy Mass in the grounds in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima This will be celebrated by Father Tom O'Brien. After Mass we will be treated to a warm supper in Ann and Michael's home and garden, so please come and support their hospitality.

7pm The last meeting of the present year for the Governing Body of John Henry Newman School.

7.30pm in the Hall. A meeting for Parents of Children who are looking to share in the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist** next year, when the outline of the programme will be discussed .

Tuesday 7 July

UCM Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cars will meet in the Church car park at 7.25am to meet up at Shefford for an 8am departure. Bring contact details, packed lunch and small camping chair.

1.30pm: Our Mass for the Leavers of Our Lady's School is celebrated with parents and friends and hopefully with Mr Mathew will be able to share in the Mass with us, to welcome those who are going to John Henry Newman School in September.

3.30pm: Meeting with the Senior Leadership to review and update any issues which are ongoing at this time.

Wednesday 8 July

2.30pm Mass at Foxholes. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Saturday 11 July

11am to 3pm North Herts Interfaith Forum as part of the Hitchin Festival 2015 season, North Herts Inter Faith Forum (NHIF) 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. All are welcome to the shared exhibition of our teachings and activities on such an important topic.

1.45pm We have a time of meeting, sharing and praying for our Inter-Faith Gathering in the Hall, starting with a Welcome and Prayer time, which will be introduced by Fr Michael.

We welcome into the Family of the Church, **Harriet Connors**, by the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray for her and her family and god-parents as they start her Journey of Faith and accompany her into the future.

Future Events

July 12 Sunday 12 July 2015 - UK-wide:

Sea Sunday the Catholic Church, along with other Christian churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them. You can watch this years you-tube video on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhIEXFgxMQI>

It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. There will be a display in the porch.

Aug 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 6pm-8pm. 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/>

Aug 6 2:30 - 3:30pm The Quaker Peace and Social Witness group cordially extends an invitation to an interfaith service of commemoration and commitment for a nuclear-free world on the 70th Anniversary of the dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki , at the Large Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ, followed by

refreshments and exhibitions. To reserve a place, please complete the on-line form at: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/hiroshima/> or contact Kristin Skarsholt on 020 7663 1121

Aug 9 6:30pm – 7:30pm Commemoration Service for Blessed Franz Jagerstatter at the Sacred Heart Church, the annual Pax Christi commemoration of the life of <http://paxchristi.org.uk/resources/peace-people-2/blessed-franz-jagerstatter/>. This will be followed by the interfaith peace walk to Battersea Park, for the marking of Nagasaki day. Speaker to be confirmed.

Other Items of interest



Churches Together in Hitchin is still looking for a Treasurer. Please see notice on the board in porch for full details of what is involved or speak to Trish who is on the Executive. The work involved is not huge and it is very rewarding.

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North Herts Sanctuary Please see the notice in the porch about what is happening at the Homeless shelter. In the past there were strong connections between our parish and them when Eileen Dutt [Chair] and the late Paul Reynolds {Secretary} were trustees of the Charity. It would be really good if someone could act as Our Lady's link with the Sanctuary, or better still be co-opted onto the Management Committee. If you are willing to get involved please contact **Peter Warren** at peter08@ntlworld.com

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We have a parishioner Judy Joseph who is a **Foot health practitioner** MCFHP, MAFHP. She offers a domiciliary service and nursing home, treatment includes; Professional advice on foot problems & care

- Corns & Calluses (hard skin),
- Foot care for diabetic patients
- Dry cracked heels
- Toe nail clipping
- Problem nails / in-growing toe nails
- Tough thickened nails
- Advice on Verrucas
- Fungal infection (athletes foot / nail infections)

You can contact her on 07519105183 or pick up a card from the porch.

Have you heard of CaAPA? Our diverse group of members, whom are comprised of actors, directors, writers, singers, musicians and other entertainers, share in a creative community where they can also grow in their spiritual values. We also aim to serve the wider community by presenting productions for charitable causes or by taking productions on tour to schools, local theatres, parishes and elderly homes. Please visit our website at www.caapa.org.uk

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Church Cleaning We have an continual need for more people to help keep our church clean Monday or Tuesday and on Saturdays. Teams of 2-3 people can co-ordinate their time to suit themselves.



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If you can give an 1½ hours once a month to keep our church beautiful please speak to Trish or email trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

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Choir members needed If you are willing to sing in praise of Our Lord and you are able to read music come and join us. You need to be available at 8-9pm on a Tuesday evening for the practices and the first Sunday of the month at the 10.30 Mass. We have a particular need for male bass voices. If you think you could help the parish in this way and have some great fun at the same time please speak to Trish or Samantha Wilkins or email trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

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Garden help needed. You will have seen the appeals in the newsletter for helpers to meet up on a Saturday morning to keep the church gardens under control and they will continue but there is an ongoing need for people to just pop in and do an hour or so whenever they feel like it. We have a garden manual which shows the various areas of the church grounds and what needs to be done when. If you can give an hour or two even monthly then please let Helen Bailey know on **07771 552058** who will show you where the sheets and gardening equipment is kept. This is important work which makes our church grounds look lovely and also helps keep our costs down by not having to employ a gardener.

