



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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11th – 18th July 2015 Fifteenth 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 12th	Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project
Monday 13th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Parish Council LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 15th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 16th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 17th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 19th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

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

Entrance antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord.....

Response: Strengthen our faith!

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



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.

This Weekend: at 2pm we celebrate the completion of the Baptismal Ceremonies for Harriet Connors. We pray for her, her family and god-parents as they move forward with her Entry into Faith.



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 4

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



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.

Mary Gill and her family and relations of Eric, whose Funeral was celebrated last week, would like to express their thanks and deep gratitude for all the gestures of love and friendship they have received as well as to all of you who shared in the Mass of Resurrection and the Burial. It is good to



see how well we gather round and support those who are in need: thank you and bless you all!

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Fr Michael writes: "I would just like to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the cards, gifts and greetings of all sorts that I have received on the occasion of my recent birthday. Your love and concern really enabled me to enjoy fully in wonderful ways the activities in which I took part over two days (would you believe it?) My love and blessings to you all as ever, Michael aa"

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Our Schools close at the end of this week, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the wonderful ways that our children have been formed and educated. We pray for all those who will be moving Schools or those who will be joining them in the coming months.

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Questions have been raised as to the use of **Intinction at Communion** – the practice of receiving the Host and then going to the Chalice and dip it into the Precious Blood. Fr Allen Morris, who is in charge of the Liturgy life within the Diocese, has written an article about it and we would like you to read and study it: copies are available in the porch. This practice is not permitted. It is specifically ruled out both by the Holy See and by our own Bishops.

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Collection will take place after all masses next weekend (18/19th July) Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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It is with great sadness that we found out about the end of the struggle for Baby Lily Fae who died on Monday of this week. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her parents and family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Thanks to all who prayed for her during her short life.



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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.



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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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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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.

Diary

Monday 13 July

7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting to continue discussion on how our plans are progressing to improve the facilities that we have and make better use of them.

Future Events

July 14 11am-1pm Prayer walk in Westmill, Hitchin. Please join us as we pray for the community of Westmill. We will be meeting up at The Coffee Mill, John Barker Place, SG5 2PD, then walking two by two through the streets of Westmill, We will seek God's guidance in sensing the needs of the area. For more info contact pastor Donald Smith, Built on Faith Bibleway Church, on 01462 234845 or 07737451105. We hope to expand this and pray walk other areas in Hitchin in the near future.

July 17/18 **Gospel Crusade 2015** Presented by Church of God of Prophecy at Walsworth Road Baptist Church from **6-9pm** both nights. 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. All welcome.

July 21 6.30-8.30pm **Christ in All Things: A Call for Eco-Justice** Free lecture by Professor Celia Deane-Drummond with wine & refreshments on arrival at Milleret House, Kensington Square, London W8 5HH. Limited places available - please phone Email: enquiries@assumptionreligious.org Phone: 020 7361 4756