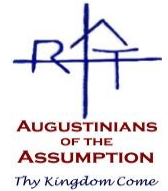


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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1st – 8th August 2015 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B)



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| Mass Times Saturday anticipating 6pm Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Monday – Friday 10am Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am | |
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Diary

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| Sunday 2nd | Coffee Morning - Foodbank |
| Monday 3rd | Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 4th | Morning Prayer Church 9.30am |
| | Bethany Club Hall 10.30am |
| | Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm |
| Wednesday 5th | Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am |
| Thursday 6th | Italian Club Hall 1pm |
| | Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm |
| Friday 7th | Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm |
| Sunday 9th | Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project |

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, Eph 4:17.20-24, John 6:24-35

Entrance antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Teach us to love you!

Next week: Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51



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.



Proclaim15 Prayer Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to “go out to the whole world and proclaim” our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

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This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 1 Monday Team 1
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The coffee after Mass in the morning is being provided by volunteers from the Foodbank. They have some particularly good prizes in their raffle so do pop in after Mass to buy a ticket even if you are not able to stop for coffee to support their very important work with the Foodbank.



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There is a Retiring Collection this weekend for the Church's work in the media and communications.

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: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NOT A MASS ON SATURDAYS AT 10 AM: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10AM (except August 15th when Fr Tom is not available.)

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There is a short Appeal being made at the end of each Mass for volunteers to support the Day of Life approach to respecting and proclaiming the value and dignity of human life in all its stages, in practical ways.

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Next year on March 5th we will be celebrating Fr Michael's 50th anniversary of Priesthood. There will be at least two events to mark this occasion. Over the summer whilst he is away Trish is beginning the collection for a gift for him. Please see the notice board for detail of this (do not want to publish in the newsletter in case he sees it over or after the holidays) Please give donations in an envelope marked Fr M 50th.



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Climate Pilgrimage Sunday 16/08/2015 Join us to pray with your feet for Climate

Action. We will walk the Hitchin Outer Orbital Path (the HOOP) and pray using texts from different faith traditions. Come for a couple of hours, a morning or the day. See the schedule posted in the porch. Email Ann at oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk for more info and to register.

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The stocks of food at the foodbank are generally quite good but they do have shortages occasionally and we have been asked to collect the following

items as soon as possible:

- Tinned vegetables
- Instant Potato
- Tinned tomatoes
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Sponge puddings
- Jam
- Coffee (small)
- Sponge Puddings
- Sugar 500gm/1kg granulated
- Long Grain Rice

When you are next shopping could you grab one of these items and put it into the collecting tub in the church porch when you are next at church. Thank you for your generosity.

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



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Wednesday 5 August

11am: Mass at Elmside Care Home in the library. All parishioners welcome.

2.30-6.30pm 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki You are cordially invited to an interfaith service of commemoration and commitment for a nuclear-free world, to be held at Large Meeting House, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. The service will be followed by refreshments and exhibitions. To reserve a place, please complete the online form at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/hiroshima> or contact Kristin Skarsholt: kristins@quaker.org.uk or on 0207 663 1121

Future dates

Aug 12

2pm to 6pm Irma and Derek invite you to a **Coffee Afternoon** at 10 Freewaters Close, Ickleford, SG5 3TQ in aid of **Garden House Hospice** and **'Angels' Support Group**.

Other items of interest



Gardening opportunities - three opportunities to do some gardening to support people who need help. If you can help with any of these please speak to or email Trish.

① A parishioner who is unable to look after a large garden would be willing to let someone who would like an allotment to cultivate one in her garden: ideal if you do not have a garden and would like to satisfy your green fingers.

② A young parishioner who is disabled needs help to keep her garden under control. She is able to pay a small amount for this service.

② Dean is wheelchair bound and lives independently. He is a lovely young man and would really appreciate some help as he can't do the garden himself. He is looking on Freecycle.org for a lawnmower but hasn't found one yet. If you have an old lawnmower and/ or would be willing to go to Dean's to help keep his garden under control let Trish know.

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The Extra Smile project featured last week now has someone to help assess needs.

What we need now is people who can turn up on the first project day **Saturday 19th September**. More details of what the project is to come soon but the more help the better. If you are able to help can you speak to Trish or email her to let her know of your interest.