

CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



Newsletter No 1643

8th – 15th August 2015 Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (B)



Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am
Monday – Friday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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Diary

Sunday 9th	Coffee Morning – Kanyike Project
Monday 10th	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
Wednesday 12th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Praise Group LCR after Mass
Thursday 13th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 14th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 15th	No Reconciliation this morning.
Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

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

Entrance antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Intercessions: Give us this day, Lord....

Response: Our daily bread!

Next week: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10, Cor 15:20-26, Lk 1:39-56



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.



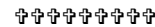
If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



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.



**This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 2 Monday Team 4**



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



Help is needed taking collection at Mass – we need 3 people at each Mass to help take the collection and count the numbers attending. There is no rota, if you are at Mass then please help at the time of the collection.



Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring **07582 648433**

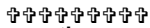
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself

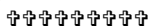


If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

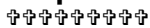
This Weekend: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NOT A MASS ON SATURDAYS AT 10 AM: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10AM (except August 15th when Fr Tom is not available).



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)



Our love and sympathy go to the Family of Ann Hill who died suddenly on Tuesday. **May she rest in peace to rise in glory!**

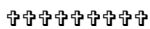


Climate Pilgrimage Sunday

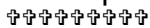
16/08/2015 Join us to pray with your feet for Climate Action.



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.

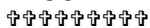


The Traidcraft stall will be open next Sunday (16th).

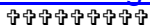


CAFOD collection will take place after all masses next weekend 15/16th August. Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors..... **Also:**

MICHAELMAS FAIR SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2015 Collection boxes will be in the porch for good quality items for the gift and nearly new stalls from next week. Boxes will be emptied every day but if you would like to have your goods collected from home please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com We also need more helpers so if you can spare an hour or more on the day please contact Pam.ations in an envelope marked Fr M 50th.



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**



PARISH FINANCES 2015

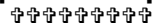
The Parish Accounts for the first half of 2015 show an operating surplus of £9,982.60. This figure is ahead of the budget forecast for the year and we are, therefore, doing better than expected. Unfortunately, we are now starting to see a sharp decline in Offertory income and, if this continues at the current rate, we will soon be in a deficit position again. It is important, therefore, that we all review what we give to support the running of the Church and, if we are in a position to do so, adjust our offerings accordingly. A summary of the Parish Accounts for the year through to 30 June 2015 is posted on the Pastoral Council Notice Board in the Porch. If you have any questions, please contact either Margaret Wilson or Pascal Kwo from the Parish Finance Committee (margaret.w.wilson@ntlworld.com; pascal.kwo@btinternet.com)



Diary

Wednesday 12 August

2-6pm 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**.



2.30pm: Mass at Foxholes Care Home in the library. All parishioners welcome.

Future dates

Sept 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/>

Other items of interest



The Extra Smile project will have its first project day **Sat 19th Sept**. It is planned to sort the garden of a young man who is in a wheelchair and also lay paving slabs to extend the area he can access in the garden. If you are able to help that morning, please let Trish know.