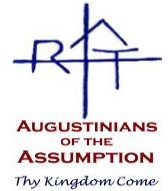




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



Newsletter No 1644

15th – 22nd August 2015 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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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 16th | Coffee Morning – One World Group |
| Monday 17th | Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm |
| | Healing Ministry meeting 7.30pm Pastoral office |
| Tuesday 18th | Morning Prayer Church 9.30am |
| | Bethany Club Hall 10.30am |
| | Eucharistic Service 7.15pm |
| Wednesday 19th | Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am |
| Thursday 20th | Italian Club Hall 1pm |
| | Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm |
| Friday 21st | Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm |
| Sunday 23rd | Coffee Morning - EDAID |

Readings: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6.10, Cor 15:20-26, Lk 1:39-56

Entrance antiphon: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Psalm: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

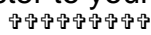
Intercessions: Father, hear us.....

Response: As we honour Mary's glorious Assumption!

Next week: Josh 24:1-2.15-18, Eph 5:21-32, John 6:60-69



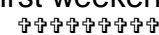
If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital 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.



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 3 Monday Team 3**

CAFOD just one world collections will take place after all masses this weekend 15/16th August. Gift aid envelopes available in the porch or from the collectors.

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 29th when Fr Tom is not available).

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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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The Traidcraft stall will be open this Sunday (16th). 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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EDAID are collecting goods to be sent to schools and colleges in Gambia. Paper, pencils, pens, wool, material etc. are needed and can be brought to the Hall next Sunday morning (23rd August) where Edaid will be serving coffee. Alternatively Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) will collect goods from your home.



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MICHAELMAS FAIR planning meeting Mon 24th Aug 8pm Lower Committee Room. Do come along to join the planning group and contribute ideas.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR 17th Oct: Thanks for all the offers of help received in response to last week's appeal. We are now collecting items suitable for gifts or the nearly new stall. Collecting boxes are in the porch and will be emptied every day. Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) is available to collect larger items if you are unable to bring them.

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It was with great sadness that we announced the death of Ann Hill last week. Ann has been in our parish for many years and lived a life which was a great example of family life and loving service to the people of our parish. She is particularly well known for her involvement with the Bethany Club, of which she was Chair person, and she and Michael hosted an annual Bethany club tea in the beautiful grounds at their home. Ann was a keen member of the St Pio group and she and Michael recently hosted Mass and



supper at their home for the group which they have been doing annually for many years also. She will be greatly missed in our parish where she and Michael regularly attended weekday Mass. Her funeral Mass will be on Friday 21st August 2015 at 2pm at Pirton church, celebrated by Fr Denis Sarsfield from Baldock parish where they attend Sunday Mass. May Ann rest in peace to rise in glory!

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We have been notified of the passing of Marjorie Singleton who died on 22nd July. She and her husband Alan, were parishioners at our church for many years but about 9 years ago moved to Letchworth. Marjorie's funeral took place on Monday at St Hugh's. May she rest in peace to rise in glory!



Diary

Tuesday 18th August

2pm: Mass at Milford Lodge

Future dates

Aug 29-31

Diocese of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission Cycle ride for Climate Change. Have you got your bike out yet?! Still some places on Phase 1 of the London-Paris cycling pilgrimage: London-Newhaven August 29th-31st: download the application form from the website or write to - justice@rcdow.org.uk Some subsidies available for students.

See: <https://westminsterjp.wordpress.com/2015/05/13/cycle-to-paris-sign-up-now>. Fr Tom is riding on the first part of this on the Saturday but will be back in time for 6pm Mass!

Oct 3

2pm - 5pm, Fr. Geoff Wheaton S.J. will lead a time of catechesis and prayer on the subject of the "The Art of Faith" - reflecting on the role of art in engaging us with God. The venue, London School of Theology in Northwood, Green Lane, Northwood, HA6 2UW, is close to the Northwood tube and easily accessible by bus and has plenty of parking if you are driving. It's free! Contact Susanna Hawksley so she can book it.

Other items of interest



The Extra Smile project will have its first project day **Saturday 19th September**. 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 can help that morning, please let Trish know.