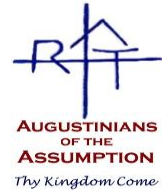


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
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22nd – 29th August 2015 Twenty First 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 23rd	Coffee Morning – EDAID
Monday 24th	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Michaelmas Fair planning meeting LCR 8pm
Tuesday 25th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
Wednesday 26th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 27th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 28th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 30th	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House

Readings: Josh 24:1-2,15-18, Eph 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

Entrance antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Increase our Faith!

Next week: Deut 4:1-2,6-8, James 1:17-18,21-22,27, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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 4 Monday Team 2**



The food bank has an urgent need for toilet rolls. If you are able to bring any in for them please leave them in the porch by the tub. Thank you very much.

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 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.



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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It is with great sadness we tell of the passing of Helena Jones on 18th August, lately of Elmside. Helena and her husband David were parishioners from Letchworth, David is a notable member of the Knights of St Columba. They were both very involved with the Life Group. Helena ran the First Communion programme, for children not at Catholic Schools, in our parish for many years and was a member of the Bethany club in later life. She was a kind and gentle lady with a cheery disposition and words of wisdom to offer all who sought them. **Her funeral Mass will be in our church on Thursday 27th August at 10am.** We pray for her family as well as for Helena. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

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Thank you!

Many thanks to all the people at 10.30 Mass last Sunday who responded to the needs of the gentleman who took poorly during Mass. So many people quietly came forth to help him and ensure he was okay. Two parishioners accompanied him home and stayed with him until his wife arrived back. They are both very grateful for the care and love shown by our parishioners. God bless you all.

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After 40+ years, we have decided to make last week's 'coffee-do' our final one. We have raised a lot of money over the years for many charities. This last coffee-do raised £750, split between Garden House Hospice and "Angels". We would like to thank all those who have helped and supported us all these years. May God reward and bless you. Irma and Derek.

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Michaelmas



SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Many thanks for all the new and nearly new goods donated in the collection boxes in recent weeks.

We are now collecting toys and games which can be left in the red baskets in the porch. If you would like your items to be collected from home please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

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Call to all Year 4 children and their parents Youth ministry.

We want to offer our young people a chance to continue to explore their faith and have fun with their friends by having regular youth ministry sessions in the parish. These will be led by the parents supported by the Pastoral team. We are not sure of the shape of these sessions yet and that is where we want your help.



We invite you and your parents to come to a meeting on Friday September 4th at 7pm when we will explore ideas of what this could be and how it will run. We need you to think about the fun things you would like to see happen and what you think is the best way for you to get to know God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit. To confirm your attendance please email Trish at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

Future dates

Aug 25

7-9pm Prayer walk in Westmill, Hitchin, Built on Faith Bibleway Church. Please join us again 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 as we sense the needs of the area.

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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 able to help that morning, please let Trish know.