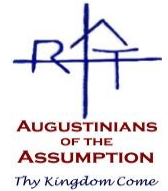




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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



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29<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Twenty Second 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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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.

## Diary

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Bank Holiday – NO MASS
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Eucharistic Service (No Mass) 10am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
	Youth Ministry Meeting Hall 7pm
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Diapalante

**Readings: Deut 4:1-2.6-8, James 1:17-18.21-22.27, Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23**

*Entrance antiphon:* Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

*Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....  
*Response:* Help us to do your will!

**Next week: Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37**

**5pm Mass resumes on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**  
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**This week's counting teams:**  
**Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 1**  
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**This Weekend: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO MASS ON SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September AT 10 AM: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10AM. Saturday Mass resumes on 12<sup>th</sup> September**

### 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.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the hall** 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](mailto:trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk)

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**Gardening** - Our next group session is on **Saturday 5th September from 9 am** onwards. We will be clearing an area of the grounds along Nightingale Road to make way for a wild flower bed. Any help you can give from 9am onwards would be very much appreciated. If you have any queries, please contact Helen Bailey on 07771 552058 or by email [hbailey@talktalk.net](mailto:hbailey@talktalk.net).

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**Families who are joining the Eucharist and Reconciliation programme this year** need to sign up for a Family Chat with Fr Tom. They begin in the week commencing 14th September. The sign up sheets are in the Link (between the church porch and the hall).

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**Confirmation 2015-2016** The new confirmation programme for those young people in Year 9 and above begins on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Applications are in the link between the porch and the hall or can be down loaded from the parish website (find Confirmation under Sacramental Preparation) Applications should be returned to the parish office by 13<sup>th</sup> September.

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The new rota for Eucharistic ministers has been emailed out and hard copies are in the link in the EM slot.

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**Michaelmas Fair** **17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** Many thanks for all the goods you have been leaving in the red baskets in the porch. We will be collecting right up to 17th October

so please bear the Michaelmas Fair in mind when you are having a sort out. We are hoping to have a brilliant plant and flower stall this year which will include garden produce so could you bear this in mind when you are gardening. These items should be brought in on the day or the afternoon on Friday

16th October. Next week we are requesting good quality books (as new) for both children and adults. Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) will collect items from your home.

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**Next weekend** Children's liturgy resumes at the 10.30 Mass. Children who are in Reception - Year 5 are invite to go out at the start of Mass and join their age group in the committee rooms (younger children in the lower room and older children in the upper room). After the gospel children 4 and under and their parents are invited to the hall for their own liturgy. We all come back in for the offertory procession. **If you would like to help deliver children's liturgy please speak to Trish.**



## Diary

### Tuesday 1 September

**6-8pm Vigil for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** with Eucharistic service at 7.15pm focused on praying for the climate. See below for more details

**Global Catholic Climate Movement: Sign up for the Season of Creation** - Pope Francis has instituted a new day of prayer and celebration for the Church entitled the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation", to be celebrated on September 1 each year. In conjunction with the World Day of Prayer, the Global Catholic Climate Movement is inviting all Catholics to celebrate the "Season of Creation" from September 1 until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. The Season of Creation is an initiative following the example of other Christian denominations and the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines. To get more information on the Season of Creation or to sign up for the weekly reflections or webinar information visit <http://seasonofcreation.info/>

### Wednesday 2 September

**11am:** Eucharistic Service at Elmside. All parishioners welcome.

## Other items of interest



The Extra Smile project will have its first project day **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.