

# 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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12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)



<b>Mass Times</b>	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am	
Monday – Friday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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### Diary

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – KISS
	Confirmation Catechist meeting Hall 6pm
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
	Choir practice 8pm Church
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Confirmation induction Session Hall 6-8.30pm

**Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35**

*Entrance antiphon:* Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

***Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

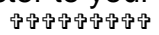
*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....

*Response:* As we cry to you!

**Next week: Wisdom 2:12.17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37**



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.



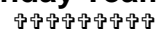
**If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.**



**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 7  
Monday Team 3**



**Don't forget to continue to recycle and raise money for good causes.**

### 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 is Hitchin Heritage Weekend** and our Church will have information about the artworks in our church.

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We are delighted to share with you the news that our Order has provided us with a new Priest, **Fr Euloge, who will be joining us from Wednesday**, all being well. Some of you may have seen him when he spent a few days with us in August. He will be supporting Fr Tom in the large amount of work that he is doing with visiting those who need support and the Residential Homes, with their Masses and other Services. As he grows into our Community he will widen his responsibilities. There is no need to say it, as our parish has a wonderful reputation for welcoming people into the Community and he will feel the same, without a doubt!

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**Parents who will be seeking admission to John Henry Newman School in 2016:** please see the "Sign Up" Sheet on the noticeboard for meetings with Fr Michael, to complete the parish formalities for the applications to go forward. Parents must attend the Open Evening of Thursday **24<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm** with Headteacher speech at 7.30pm, to collect the pack you will need to complete this process.



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 Come and See 

- Interested in finding out what it means to be a Catholic?
- Seeking the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult?
- Looking to refresh your faith or raise issues about beliefs?

*Come and See* what we can offer you on: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 8pm in the parish hall.

NO STRINGS – just a chat and a coffee. Meeting will last max 90 mins.

Do you know anyone who might be interested? Go and Tell them about the evening.

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**Next Sunday:** is Home Mission Sunday, on the theme of God's Mercy and a follow on from the gathering in Birmingham in July, with an invitation for us to become evermore missionary in our outlook. We are having a "Come and See" Session coming up, for anyone who wishes to return to the faith, deepen their understanding or giving invitations to people outside our Church who might be interested in joining us. There will also be a Retiring Collection for supporting the work that is being done across the country.

## Diary

### Monday 14 September

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, a reminder of the Lord's love for us in the gift of His Life for us.

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**11am** Mass at Sue Ryder Home at Stagenhoe. If you need a left please be in church car park at 10.35am

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**6pm:** Fr Michael is celebrating Mass at John Henry Newman School, at the start of the Governors' New Year, it is being offered for the repose of the soul of Jane Wilcox, PA to Mr Mathew and a former Clerk to the Governing Body. Many parents and children at that School, will know here and remember her fondly.

### Tuesday 15 September

**2pm** Mass at Milford Lodge. All parishioners welcome.

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Please note there is **No** Eucharistic service tonight.

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The Meeting of the Priests and Ministers in Hitchin are gathering to say farewell to John Matthews, for many years Minister at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church.

### Wednesday 16 September

**10am** Mass for repose of the soul of David Smith followed by the blessing of his gravestone at St John's. All welcome to attend.

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**8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting** at Walsworth Road Baptist Church, preceded at 7.30 pm by a meeting at which PHASE outlines their plans for the future.

#### Future Dates

**Sept 21**

**7.30pm-9pm in the hall The Baptised Life** – essential session for all parents presenting their children for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in the coming year. All other parishioners welcome. Led by our new Sacramental Co-ordinator, Susanna Hawksley

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#### 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 laying paving slabs.