

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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3rd – 10th October 2015 Twenty-Seventh 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 4th	Coffee Morning – OLSSG
Monday 5th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 6th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Sacramental Preparation Hall 8pm
	Union of Catholic Mothers LCR 8pm
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 7th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Scripture Pastoral Office 1.30pm
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Thursday 8th	St Pio Group Church & Hall after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 9th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 11th	Coffee Morning – Scout Group
	Confirmation Session 2 Hall 6-8.30pm



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.



Readings: Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

Entrance antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalm: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life**

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: Bless our family and community life!

Next week: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

Proclaim 15 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.

Faith Development Helpline

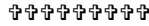
If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring **07582 648433**
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.
Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



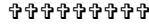
If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.



**This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 3 Monday Team 4**



We are now in the Month of October: a time when we can pray the Rosary over the day, a decade at a time, reflecting on the glorious event which is the focus of it. There are times of the public recital of the Rosary, before Mass on some days during the week, anyone is welcome.



Marriage Preparation Courses Calling all engaged couples!! Anyone wishing to be married in Church needs to complete a course of preparation. There are two available in this parish, run by Jon and Lucy Bonnett. The first is on Saturday 7th November, 2015 from

9:30am-4pm; the second is on Saturday April 30th, 2016 at the same times. There are sign up sheets in the Link (between the church porch and the hall) – please sign up for your preferred day. Check the website for further information, such as venue.

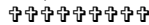
Dates for your Diary

5-7 October

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED TOTALLY FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY INCLUSIVELY, TO ALLOW UNIMPEDED COMPLETION OF THE CHANGING OF THE LIGHTS AS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK. Weekday Mass at 10am will be celebrated in the Lower Committee Room.

6th October

Interviews: with families seeking admission to John Henry Newman School, at the times agreed.



2nd Session with Parents seeking the Sacraments for their children in the course of this Parish Year. We continue our prayer for them and their children at this important time in their Faith Journeys. The Meeting is in the Hall at 8.00pm.

7th October

Interviews with families seeking admission to John Henry Newman School at the times agreed.



6.30pm: Finance Committee Meeting in the Doris Harris Room.

9th October

The Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman School. There are three Masses over the Day to celebrate this important occasion. We pray for the School and its Staff and Pupils.

Future Dates

Oct 17

10.30. – 3pm. Many of you will have seen on the banner advertising the fair that we are delighted to have secured the services of Sworders of Hertford for our own version of the Antiques Road Show. Parishioners are invited to bring their treasures of all kinds to have them identified and valued by our experts who will be available in the Lower Committee Room. This is not the only innovation this year. In addition to our wide range of stalls, games, music and promises auction we are delighted to include:



Food from many countries; Art exhibition by the many artists in the parish; Miniature gardens presented by younger parishioners; A Flower Festival in the church by our Flower Arranging group. We are very grateful to all of you who have donated goods and offered to help on the day. There are still some slots on the chart in the porch if you can spend an hour helping with a stall. We are also grateful for the promises of food from many different cultures. Finally thank you to those who have returned raffle ticket stubs and proceeds. More books of tickets are available from the office.

Oct 31

2pm Two parishioners are holding an afternoon tea event with a difference in the parish hall. Nicola Sylvester and Brianna Cyrus will be holding a Caribbean High Tea showcasing a range of tropical treats! The tickets are priced at £12.50 per person and is inclusive of entertainment as well as food.

For more information or to purchase a ticket please contact Nicola or Brianna on: 07958 795662 / 07958 476511 or email nsylvester@hotmail.co.uk / btyearwood@hotmail.com

Other items of interest



Church Cleaning We have an urgent need for more people to help keep our church clean Monday and on Saturdays.

Teams of 2-3 people can co-ordinate their time to suit themselves. If you can give an 1½ hours once a month to keep our church beautiful please speak to Trish or email **Hannah Granger** at steele.hana@hotmail.co.uk