

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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10th – 17th October 2015 Twenty-Eighth 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 11th	Coffee Morning – KISS Confirmation Session 2 Hall 6-8.30pm
Monday 12th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm Michaelmas Fair Planning LCR 8pm
Tuesday 13th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30am No Eucharistic Service tonight Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 14th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Praise Group LCR after Mass
Thursday 15th	Rosary Church after Mass Italian Club Hall 1pm Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 16th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 17th	MICHAELMAS FAIR
Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning – One World Group Confirmation Session 3 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: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

Entrance antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm: **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice**

Intercessions: Father, hear us.....

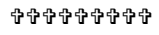
Response: Help us to follow your Son!

Next week: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

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 4 Monday Team 3**



Do you have any shoeboxes? In early November churches will be sending a load of Christmas shoeboxes filled with toys and goodies for children in Moldova. If you have any shoeboxes could you please bring them to Hitchin Christian Centre ready for filling.



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: Frs Michael and Tom, did a sponsored "bike ride" to support the work of PHASE, which seeks to support and and develop Faith within the Secondary Schools of Hitchin, as part of our joint working together as Churches Together in Hitchin. We are very grateful to you for your generous support to us on this venture. Fr Michael had not ridden a bike over 20 years, so thank goodness it was a static one!!!

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The Family Chats for Candidates for John Henry Newman School next year have been successfully concluded. Many thanks to all of you for being on time and ensuring everything was completed within the time allocated.

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Next Weekend: is the Inscription of Candidates for the Reconciliation and Early Communion Families at two of the Masses over the weekend. We pray for them all as they start this important time in the growth and development of Faith for all concerned in the Programme.

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Young Minister of the Word (Readers at Mass) Children, who have made their first Communion, are invited to train to be a young minister of the Word and read at our Sunday Masses and on other occasions when required (notably the Carol Service in December). Bridie Duffy will be running the course in the church on Thursday 15th and Wednesday 21st October from 4-5pm. Please let Bridie know if your child is planning to attend the course by emailing bridie_duffy@yahoo.com or ringing on 07974 926170.

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Nathan Barry (JHN teacher and member of choir) is going to Uganda this Christmas with KISS and is looking to take tap shoes with him to teach to the children he will meet. If you have any at home, or know of anyone who has some, in any condition, lying around then please could you donate them via a collection in the church porch, Many thanks in advance.

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The Lights in the Church: as you will have seen the new lights are much more effective than the old ones The money to buy them has come from the generosity with which you responded to the "Growing in Faith" Appeal last year. Oliver Russell and his team have done a great job and we thank them for that. The group of Parishioners which arranged everything and presented the case to the Diocese are owed a great debt of gratitude from us, for their commitment and dedication. Work is beginning in the planning of the conversion of the other House, which should start in the New Year.

If anyone has a bike they no longer use **for Fr Euloge** to utilise. Can you please let Trish know ASAP.

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Saturday 17th October, 10.30am – 3pm

Michaelmas

Fair

There has been a wonderful response to our appeals for goods, helpers and auction promises. We anticipate that the fair will be a great success and a most enjoyable occasion. All we need now, is your presence, so do come along. There will be a full programme available on the day but meanwhile here is some additional information:

VALUER There have been many enquiries about this innovation to the fair. Valuers from Sworders in Hertford will be available in the Lower Committee Room to value your objects. These can include china, pictures, clocks, jewellery etc. A charge of £2 will be made for your first item and £1 for each additional piece.

CAKES, BAKES, FRESH PRODUCE, PLANTS AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD may be brought to the Hall between 2pm and 8pm on Friday 16th or from 8am and 10.30am on Saturday 17th

ART WORKS AND MINIATURE GARDENS may be brought to the Church after the 10am Mass on Thursday (15th) morning and collected by 5pm on Saturday 17th.

PROMISES AUCTION A list of items is attached to the newsletter. The programme available on the door will give details of the timings of the auction.

MUSIC A change of venue for our ever-popular choir who will be singing in the Church at intervals throughout the day.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale up to 2pm on the 17th when the draw will take place. Books of tickets will be available in the porch this weekend. Meanwhile stubs and cash can be left in the parish office. Many thanks for the excellent prizes which have been donated by parishioners.

CHILDREN'S GAMES and activities will all be in the scout hut. These include Racing Pigs, Shooting Range, Toy Tombola, Bash the Rat, Popcorn, books and games and, at 1.30, Mandy Magic our popular entertainer.

The planning group are very grateful for all the support shown by the parish and hope you will all come and have a great day with us on the 17th.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION will be taken after masses this weekend to provide floats for the Michaelmas Fair.

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th October

11am: a Meeting of the Schools' Partnership at John Henry Newman School, the twice yearly meeting of the Primary Schools attached to the School as feeders.

Wednesday 14th October

2.30pm Mass at foxholes. All parishioners welcome.

Thursday 15th October

7.30pm North Herts Inter Faith Forum (**NHIF**) **AGM at Walsworth Road Baptist Church, SG4 9SP, Hitchin**, followed at 8pm by a talk on "**Buddhist and Ignatian Perspectives**

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Lister Hospital Chaplaincy requests: For various reasons the Chaplaincy are losing a few of their Sunday volunteers.... Is there anyone who could give up one Sunday morning a month to go round the wards, tell patients there is a service (or ask if they would like to see a chaplain) and then go back and collect them for the service? You'd be occupied from 9-12, once a month. Patients are SO grateful...and it might be you (or one of yours) in that bed, wondering how to cope....If you are at all interested, please contact Revd Jane Hatton 01438 285138... or jane.hatton@nhs.net

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Meeting needs at Christchurch is a project run from Christchurch which aims to re-locate good quality items that are no longer needed to families in need who would be able to use them. If anyone can help please call me on 01462 816658 or email stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com

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Garden help needed. You will have seen the appeals in the newsletter for helpers to meet up on a Saturday morning to keep the church gardens under control and they will continue but there is an

ongoing need for people to just pop in and do an hour or so whenever they feel like it. We have a garden manual, which shows the various areas of the church grounds and what needs to be done when. If you can give an hour or two even monthly then please let Helen Bailey know on 07771 552058 who will show you where the sheets and gardening equipment is kept. This is important work which makes our church grounds look lovely and also helps keep our costs down by not having to employ a gardener.

Future dates

Nov 1 One for your diary. Quiz night in the parish hall, raising funds for the Sick children's Trust who recently supported one of our 3-year-old parishioners who was very ill at Addenbrooke's and for whom we all prayed. Now our chance to say thanks you for her recovery by supporting this worthy cause. Tickets £7.50. More details to come. Let Trish know if you are able to come.

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Nov 1 'Pray and Fast for the Climate' is an initiative to mobilise Christians to fast, pray or hold a vigil on the first day of every month for a meaningful and just global climate agreement. We hope this will be agreed in December 2015 at the Paris climate summit. People may choose to fast and pray for the whole day, to fast during their lunch break or to pray with others in the evening. As part of the 'Pray and Fast for Climate Change' initiative our church will then be open for a vigil prayer time from 6pm-8pm. May the Holy Spirit guide the new political representatives to understand the reality of the problems facing the whole of God's creation, so that they will engage constructively and meaningfully at the 2015 December Paris Summit. See:

<http://www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>

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Keep the LiveSimply spirit alive in our parish by contributing to the various recycling programs set-up in our parish. All items collected and in the post on Monday 19th October will still reach Terracycle in time to be counted into the payment received in December 2015. Everyone is asked to make a special effort to bring for recycling what items they can, by next weekend



Sat 17th (day of our Michaelmas Faire) and Sunday 18th October.

We have collection facilities

- ALL BRANDS spent writing instruments items accepted
- ALL BRANDS of sweet biscuits
- ALL BRANDS of coffee plastic packaging
- Discarded Mobile Phones and Laptops

See sheet attached to newsletter for details

There are funds-raised thermometers on the LiveSimply notices board by the collection bins/boxes. By the end of October 2014 we had raised and received £533. Since November 2014, we have so far raised over £677 for this year's December pay out. So the more people bring items for recycling the more we raise in funds, and with everyone's help our

rubbish could raise £1000 this time! If you wish to extend the collection of recycling to your work places, please contact me; I will be pleased to provide suitable posters. Thank you for helping the project to "Eliminate the Idea of Waste" and I hope that we can continue to count on your the support over the next 2016 year! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Deolinda Eltringham

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Choir members needed If you are willing to sing in praise of Our Lord and you are able to read music come and join us. You need to be available at 8-9pm on a Tuesday evening for the practices and the first Sunday of the month at the 10.30 Mass. We have a particular need for male bass voices. If you think you could help the parish in this way and have some great fun at the same time please speak to Trish or Samantha Wilkins or email trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

Other items of interest

Baby items available from a parishioner such as 2/1 pram pushchair, mosses basket baby bath an possibly a few other items. Speak to Trish if this could be useful to you.

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Performing Arts Weekend Friday 16 October - Sunday 18 October Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 6ED Cost £30 (for those who don't need accommodation) Meals Included in price Age range 14-25 Gen Verde, a performing arts group will deliver workshops including dance (pop-rock, hip-hop and musical style), singing & drama, body percussion, street percussion and theatrical percussion. Mil Zomack at 07733232896 or milzomack@gmail.com

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National Justice & Peace Network is a network of people working at the grassroots for a more just and peaceful world, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. It includes diocesan J&P bodies, parish groups, religious orders, national Catholic and ecumenical agencies, families and individuals.

Come and join us and help us to support you! Membership is open to all who share our aims and values. We only ask £12 a year, but welcome any extra you can give. **Download a membership form:** http://justice-and-peace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/A5sizemembership_0011.pdf or contact the Administrator at admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk, Tel 020 7901 4864

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Lady Parishioner looking for cleaning work in the parish. Contact John Murfet on 01462 453546

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Scripture from Scratch series of talks in Central London:

Biblical Models of Discipleship

The recordings of all last year talks from "Scripture from Scratch: A Journey Through the Bible" are available on line at <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/adult-formation/bible-studies/>.

This year talks will be also voice recorded and made available on line at <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/adult-formation/bible-studies/>.

Powerpoints and handouts will be also available online.

Location: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

Time: 7-8.30pm

Please book your place on line or e-mail to livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, please call 0207 931 6078 and leave your name, contact phone number and the date(s). Suggested donation £ 4.00.

All talks are audio recorded and uploaded on the rcdow.org.uk website

Tue 20th Oct 2015, Overview of the Programme by Brian Purfield

Mon 9th Nov 2015, Biblical Theology of Vocation by Fr John Hemer

Wed 2nd Dec 2015, Mary as Model Disciple by Brian Purfield

Mon 18th Jan 2016, Isaiah and his teachings as a model of how to respond in faith to changing circumstances by Fr John Hemer

Thu 25th Feb 2016, Peter: Model of Reconciled Disciple by Brian Purfield

Mon 14, Mar 2016, How does Jesus teaching in the parables help us live our vocation? by Fr John Hemer

Tue 12th Apr 2016, Mary Magdalen: The Witnessing Disciple by Brian Purfield

Mon 9th May 2016, Paul: The Missionary Disciple, How Paul helps people live out their Christian vocation in differing circumstances? by Fr John Hemer

Sat 11th June 2016, 10.00am – 2.00pm
Retreat Day by Brian Purfield