



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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17th – 24th October 2015 Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)



Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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Diary

Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Confirmation Session 3 Hall 6-8.30pm
Monday 19th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 21st	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 24th	Jumble Sale 10-12pm Scout Hall
Sunday 25th	Coffee Morning – Bethany Club



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

Entrance antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Intercessions: Lord, heal us.....

Response: Give us your New Life!

Next week: Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6, Mark 10:46



**This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 4**

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.

A message to all of you who have so kindly got involved with GIF: IF YOU RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIOCESE ABOUT ASKING IF YOU WILL CONSIDER DOING MORE FOR IT, PLEASE LET FR MICHAEL KNOW AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. MANY THANKS.



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: at all Masses, the families and Children on the Reconciliation and Eucharist programme, will be officially welcomed onto it. Our prayer and love will support them.

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There is a Retiring Collection this weekend for the Church's Mission Overseas.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR The planning group would like to thank the whole parish for supporting the fair in so many ways. Next week we shall be able to tell you how much was raised for the parish and the education centre in Senegal. Do look at the list of raffle prizes in the porch. Prizes may be collected from the office or Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

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Music Praise: an inter-Church Festival of song and praise to God, it is being held at Christchurch and starts at 6.30pm (Sunday). Our choir is singing and it is always a delight of a concert full of praise and worship.

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The Fairtrade stall will be open on Sunday. There is also Traidcraft catalogue in the porch on the "Parish groups" board in the porch or you can check the Traidcraft website for special offers. Anything ordered through Frances Chamberlain will be delivered post free – her contact details are on the noticeboard.

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On Thursday this week: our year Six Children from Our Lady's School are leading a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am: it is so good to see the children share their faith with us in such fresh and helpful ways.

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Our new lights: we are very grateful to Oliver Russell and his Team for the speedy installation, the effect is striking and the extra light will be helpful to us all! We also have new emergency lights, in the Church and Hall. Thanks also to John, for giving so much help in carrying out the project – the first of our "Growing in Faith" Projects.

We have received the money from the Diocese and once again we are most grateful to all those of you who responded to the request contained in the GIF programme we completed last year.

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Thank you for your generous support for the KISS Coffee morning last Sunday which raised £147.00.

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The ribbon-frame adjacent our Altar of Repose has become unwieldy so it has been necessary to remove it. Going by number of ribbons added it has served its intended purpose so we will replace it but with something more manageable. Photos have been taken of the frame 'as is'. If you have

added a ribbon(s) and would like a momento, please contact Parish Office and this will be arranged. Bereavement Team

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Sunday coffee mornings 2016 Will all groups / charities who want coffee mornings in 2016 submit their requests (the number you would like and time of year/approx dates) to Carol in Parish Office, preferably by e-mail to carolcooper@rcdow.org.uk by the 9th November. Carol will draw up a rota for the year and notify all groups. If you are unable to take a coffee morning allocated please give Carol at least two weeks' notice so it can be offered to the other groups.

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Textiles Assistant - 20 hrs per week, term time only - H2.11 (£15,207 full time, £6,825.99 pro rata) required for November 2015 An opportunity has arisen at The John Henry Newman School for a Textiles Assistant to join our Design and Technology Department, providing technical assistance to teachers in the preparation and execution of their lessons.

Please contact Emma Taylor (Taylor@jhn.herts.sch.uk) for further information, a job description and an application pack. Closing date for applications is 2nd November. It is planned for interviews to take place week beginning 9th November.

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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.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th October

Mass at Stagenhoe at 11 am. Lift from car park at 10.35am

Fr Michael is interviewing at John Henry Newman and also has a Governors' Meeting there in the evening

Tuesday 20th October

Mass at Milford Lodge at 2pm.

Future Dates:

Nov 2 7.30pm: ONE WORLD GROUP AGM in the Lower Committee Room, followed by a talk from a volunteer from 'The Living Room' a local charity which offers therapy and treatment to people suffering from a range of addictions. All are welcome.