

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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24th – 31st October 2015 Thirtieth 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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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

Sunday 25th	Coffee Morning – Bethany Club
Monday 26th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 27th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 28th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 29th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 30th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina
	Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 1st November	Coffee Morning – EDAID

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

Entrance antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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

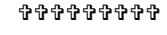
Intercessions: Lord, grant in your mercy.....

Response: That we may see!

Next week: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14, 1Jn 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-12



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 6 Monday Team 3



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.



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:

This Sunday at 10.30am we are celebrating the Baptism of Mercy Chinemerem Ebigbo and welcoming her into Membership with us. We pray for her parents, Godparents and families as they start this new journey of Faith

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Next Sunday is the celebration of All Saints, a wonderful family celebration of all our friends and relations who have gone before us in faith, rejoicing in the Kingdom and their links with us.

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Monday 2nd November is the Feast of all Souls, our day of prayer for the Holy Souls, members of our families too. The two days are a great affirmation of the wonderfully warm article of Faith on the Communion of Saints. There will be an Evening Mass at 7.30pm on that day.

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“Growing in Faith”: “If anyone missed what I said after each Mass last Sunday, I repeat it here: Please disregard any letter from the organisers, if you receive one. It was specifically against one of my principles that I had made, as conditions for my being able to undertake the programme which we did last year. My grateful thanks to you for the wonderful support you have given to the campaign, but enough is enough. My the Lord love you all and give you His Peace!” *Fr Michael aa*

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Our Lady Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Evening for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2016 on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm in the school hall. If you would like to come along please contact the school office to reserve a place on 01462 622555.

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Children's Nativity on Christmas eve. If your young child would like to be involved with their year's service at 4pm please contact Clare Del Basso at delbasso@tiscali.co.uk She can give you details of what is involved and rehearsal times.

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Help needed Monday morning from 9am to take excess jumble and fair items to the Hospice warehouse. Please turn up with your car. The more who come the fewer journeys we need to make. Thanks in anticipation.

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Help needed with the Scout hall. The old and rather rotten wood of the floor is being replaced

over half term. So far there is only one person who is down to do the work and he could really do with help. You do not need any skill, just a good back and a willingness to help. Please turn up at the scout hall from 9am Monday or any time after that.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR The planning group would like to thank the whole parish for supporting the fair in so many ways. We think the final total raised will be in excess of £5.000 which is magnificent. A notice in the porch shows how much each part of the fair raised. Two thirds of this will be used to fund parish activities and the remainder to support Diapalante's education centre in Senegal. So many people worked together to make the fair 'the social event of the year' that we couldn't possibly name them all. We do hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Meanwhile do look at the list of raffle prizes in the porch. Prizes may be collected from the office or from Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

Date for your Diary

Monday 26th October

The Architect who is preparing the plans for the renovation of the other House is coming to discuss and decide the format of how this will be done and meet with the organising Team to plan further ahead.

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.

Other Items:

A parishioner has two girl's bikes (for ages around 4-6 and 7-9). If anyone can use them please contact Phil Maguire at philipg.maguire@btinternet.com

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Garden House Hospice is holding an Arts Craft & Design Fair on Saturday 31st October (10am – 4pm) at The Settlement, Nevells Road, Letchworth. A wide variety of stalls including Toys & Children's Activities, Massage & Therapies, Paintings & Ceramics, Delicious Food & Lunches and much more. Admission £2 (Children Free)