



# 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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## 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 Second Sunday of the Year (C)

**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.**



**Year of Mercy Prayer** Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and our Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Diary

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 11.15-12.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
	UCM LCR 8pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Confirmation Group

**Readings: Is 62:1-5, Cor 12:4-11, John 2:1-11**

*Entrance antiphon* All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

*Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

*Intercessions:* Hear us, Lord.....

*Response:* You are the cause of our joy!

**Next week: Neh 8:2-6.8-10, Cor 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21**

### This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team 4 Monday Team 3**



Next **gardening session** is on Saturday 7th February between 9am and 12. Everyone is welcome, no matter your ability or suspected lack of it! If you would like any further information please contact Helen Bailey on 07771 552058 or [hbailey@talktalk.net](mailto:hbailey@talktalk.net).

Thank you to everyone who supported last Sunday's Kiss Coffee morning which raised £133.00 for the charity.

CAFOD collection will take place after all masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch or from the collectors.



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:** sees the start of the Pulpit Exchanges, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which officially starts on Monday. Next Sunday Fr Michael is preaching at the 9.35am Eucharist at St Mary's Church; Fr Tom is at the 9.30am Eucharist at; we receive Martha, a Member of the Hub Church, which is a small group of people, linked to the Anglican Church, who are exploring and discovering Faith together, as it is the Children's Mass at 10.30am, she will be working with our young people on the theme of "Salt of the Earth".

Today is also Peace Sunday, the Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace, titled: *Overcome indifference and win peace*. The proceeds from the One World Group's coffee morning this weekend will go to the Catholic peace organisation Pax Christi. Information about Pax Christi's work will be found in the hall.

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**5pm Mass :** we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, a liturgical rite for those who wish to become catechumens – they will publicly express their desire to follow the way of Jesus. We will also celebrate the Rite of Welcome for those Christians who want to become Roman Catholics. Please pray for Laura Lambie, Jade Turner, Luis Gil, and Klazina Hofmann as we accept their intention and welcome them into our parish community. We also pray for Jonathan Sisk who is preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation

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The Traidcraft stall will be open on Sunday. Items from the catalogue and "Special Offers" section on the website can be ordered through the stall.

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**Next Weekend:** Sunday Evening at 6.30pm: there is the Annual Unity Service for Churches together in Hitchin, at St Faith's Church, in Walsworth. All are welcome to share in it.

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**Catholic People's Weeks - (CPW)** This Catholic Lay Organisation organises a range of events during the year 'Holidays that make a difference' for people of all ages. Some brochures are in the Link or visit [www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk](http://www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk) for more information. Greg Hewitson is our local contact. 01462 637150.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Tuesday 19 January**

**Noon:** Bethany Club Festive Lunch to celebrate the New Year and a resumption of activities.

### **Wednesday 20 January**

**Christians against Poverty (CAP) job club** is starting, running for 8 weeks, 1:30-3:30 every Wednesday. See leaflet in porch.

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**7.30pm** Meeting of the Liturgy Committee to review Christmas and New Year Celebrations and plan for the coming year

## **Future Dates**

**Jan 31** 6.30pm Taize service at St Mark's. It will include Bible readings and quiet reflection, with music from the Taize community.

## **Other Items of Interest**

**Job Club:** a training course to support people who are unemployed, to help them find work and renew their confidence. Hitchin Christian Centre, Bedford, Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30pm – 3.30pm Ring or text: John on 07768 142366 for details or to sign up if interested. Open to all.

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## **Pax Christi Daily Prayer**

Thank you, loving God  
For the gift of life  
For this wonderful world  
which we all share  
For the joy of love and friendship  
For the challenge of helping  
to build your kingdom.

## **Strengthen**

*My determination* to work  
for a world of peace and justice.  
*My conviction* that, whatever  
our nationality or race, we are  
all global citizens, one in Christ;  
*My courage* to challenge the  
powerful with the values of the Gospel  
*My commitment* to find non-violent  
ways of resolving conflict - personal,  
local, national and international  
*My Teach me efforts* to forgive injuries and to  
love those I find it hard to love.

## **Teach me**

To share the gifts you have given me  
To speak out for the victims of injustice  
who have no voice,  
To reject the violence which runs through  
much of our world today.

Holy Spirit of God  
Renew my hope for a world  
free from the cruelty and evil of war,  
so that we may all come to share  
in God's peace and justice.  
Amen.