



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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23rd – 30th January 2016 Third 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

Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning – Confirmation Group
Monday 25th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group UCR 11.15-12.30pm
Tuesday 26th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 27th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 28th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 29th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 31st	Coffee Morning – Live Simply Group

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

Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Psalm: **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

Intercessions: Father, open our lips.....

Response: To proclaim your holy Gospel!

Next week: Jer 1:4-5.17-19, Cor 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 4



Our love and sympathy go to the Family of Elizabeth Gatehouse, who died last week and whose Funeral is at Harwood Park on Tuesday. May she rest in peace to rise in glory!



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, are preaching at St Mary's and Holy Saviour Churches respectively and Martha, a leader of the Hub Church, is preaching at our 10.30am Mass. A time of welcome and exchange and this reaches its climax at the United Service at 6.30pm at St Faith's Church, Walsworth. All are welcome and encouraged to share in this important time of prayer and thanksgiving for the mission accomplished over the past year.

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Proclaim '15 next step Pope Francis has asked us to spread the Word of God to those around us. Under the banner of Proclaim '15, Cardinal Vincent has tasked us with doing this in a particular way. He is asking us to look at projects which would help reach out to people of all ages, those who are lapsed, those who don't know Our Lord at all; those who have lost their way or anyone who wants to get to know Our Lord.

We are asking you to join us to see how we could do this in our parish. There is no commitment at this stage – just an invitation to supper or lunch and a chat. You are invited to **Supper on Monday 1st February at 7pm** in the lower committee room or **Lunch on Tuesday 2nd February at 1pm** in the lower committee room. We do hope that you will join us as your input will be most valuable. If you are able to come can you let Trish or Susanna know what day so we know for numbers. Thank you.

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Fr Michael Jubilee We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Fr Michael's ordination on 5th/6th March 2016. You are invited to attend the services which will be March 5th 11am Mass followed by a catered reception in the hall. This will be 50 years to the day that Fr Michael was ordained.

Then on Sunday 6th March Fr Michael will celebrate the 10.30 Mass which will be the 50th anniversary of the first Mass that he said. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall.

We would be grateful if you could sign up on the sheets in the porch so we have an idea of numbers for both days and what food you will bring on the Sunday.

Also if you have any photos of Fr Michael from his time in the parish could you let Trish have a copy (electronic or paper) as we are compiling an album for him. If you still want to make a donation please hand envelopes with Fr M 50th on the front to Trish or to Carol Cooper in the office

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25 January

Our Lady's School is expressing its thanks and appreciation for the many years of service of Ted Hollingdale on the Governing Body and also as the inspiration behind all the eco-friendly initiatives that the School has set up, with his guidance, with a time of Celebration at 4pm. Ted is stepping down as Governor of Our Lady's School, and the Parish owes him a great debt of gratitude for all the work he has done to ensure that the fabric of the School is well maintained and further developed.

Wednesday 27 January

1.30pm: The Assumptionist Community are holding their regular meeting to foster who we are and what we do in our Mission of service to you all in the Parish.

6.30pm: Finance Committee meeting

Sunday 31 January

8pm: The Deaneries of Hertfordshire are saying farewell to Bishop John and giving a welcome to our new Area Bishop, Paul, who was ordained Bishop last Monday at the Cathedral. During his four years with us, Bishop John has endeared himself to us, with all his enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. He has done much to build up our Area, in all areas of its life and we are all very grateful to him for what he has done and the part he has played in our Parish. The Celebration will be at Welwyn Garden City. We will have the chance to speak to him, as he is coming to Fr Michael's Jubilee celebration on March 5th.

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

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please let Carol (Parish Office) know the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 3rd March 2016.