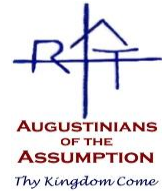




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS  
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Second Sunday of Lent 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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### Parish Safeguarding Representative

Trish Bonnett Telephone: 01462 459126 (Parish)



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.

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**If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.**



### Diary

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group UCR 11.15-12.30pm
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Lent Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Sacramental Preparation Hall 9am
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – EDAID

**Readings: Gen 15:5-12,17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36**

*Entrance antiphon:* Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

*Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help*

*Intercessions:* Lord, hear us.....

*Response: Let your light shine upon us!*

**Next week: Ex 3:1-8,13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12, Luke 13:1-9**

**This week's counting teams:**

**Sunday Team 2 Monday Team 4**



**PHASE:** The proceeds from this Sunday's One World Group coffee morning will go to support the work of Phase featured in last week's newsletter.

The Traidcraft stall will be open this weekend.

### Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

**07582 648433**

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself

**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.



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:** as part of our involvement in the Year of Mercy and living more fully the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we have invited PHASE to come and reflect on the themes of the Year, in the Homily, drawing out the implications of the care needed to support and help particularly all those people who are self-harming and have self-image issues and behavioural problems. Members of the team will be on hand to give further insights and will be able to provide ideas of how to support the campaign and the whole organisation.

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**COLLECTION** will take place after Masses this weekend. The

Government will match our donations pound for pound thus doubling our contributions. Our next collection will be in July. Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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**Next Weekend:** at 5.00pm we celebrate the First of the Scrutinies, a time of prayer with and for those who are preparing for Baptism or Reception in the Church or are celebrating Adult Confirmation. EDAID Goods for schools in Gambia may be brought in next Sunday morning when

Edaid will be hosting the coffee morning. Suitable items include pencils, crayons, pens, paper, material, wool and small gardening tools are currently required.

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Christine and Patrick Laffey would like to thank you all for your expressions of sympathy on their recent sad loss. You will be remembered in our prayers.

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The Bereavement Support Team would like to thank everyone who came to the afternoon meeting last Saturday. It takes a lot of courage and inner strength to come together to pray and share with each other our grief. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us on our journey in grief.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Monday 22 February**

**11.30am** Mass of Resurrection for Bridie Pinney

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The Assumptionist Community is meeting to continue our plans for our life and mission here in the parish, in the afternoon.

#### **Wednesday 24 February**

**7.30pm:** Liturgy Committee is meeting in the Lower Committee Room to continue preparations for Fr Michael's Jubilee and also the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

#### **Thursday 25 February**

**7:00pm:** World Youth Day Krakow 2016 Meeting at St. Hilda's, Shephall, Stevenage, SG2 9SQ in the

meeting rooms behind chapel. Access from front door near presbytery. There will be information and planning on fundraising events and how the Stevenage parishes will subsidise the price of the trip.

#### **Saturday 27 February**

**10am - 12.30pm:** Workshop for the Parents and Children on the Reconciliation Programme.

**9am - 12pm:** Next gardening session to reduce the mounting pile of garden waste that has built up over the last 2 years. We desperately need help from people taking trips to the dump with the waste material that cannot be recycled or composted. If you are able to help, please contact Helen Bailey via [hbailey@talktalk.net](mailto:hbailey@talktalk.net) or 07771 552058.

#### **Sunday 28 February**

**9.35am:** Lower Committee Room- gathering to look at how we might live out more fully the Proclaim 15 growing awareness of how all of us are called to share the Gospel with others and ways we can do this simply.

#### **Future Dates**

**Mar 2** Wednesday: we are welcoming Bishop Paul into our Deanery, as he takes over our Area of the Diocese, as his responsibility. The Station Mass will be at St Hilda's Church, Shephall, at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

**Mar 7** One World Group Lenten Meditation will be led by Susanna Hawksley. 7.30pm in the Lower Committee Room. The meditation will be followed by a Lenten supper.

#### **Other items of interest**

An appeal by Tomek and Teresa Pernak. Since year 2013 we have helped to place young Polish people with British families for a week, two or three during summer time. This year we have two candidates, boys aged 14 and 12. The main goal is to help them to learn English, therefore the best would be having them separated and placed with their peers. The boys' family is prepared to pay for their staying, so there will be a financial remuneration to the families who accommodate them. We would like to place them for 2-3 weeks in July/August. It could be a week in one family, one with another.

My (Tomek's) role is to make sure we know who the boys and families are and taking care of the guardianship formalities. To help please contact Tomek at [pernak@btinternet.com](mailto:pernak@btinternet.com)