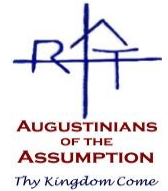




CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)
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19th – 26th March 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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Sunday 20th	Coffee Morning – One World Group Confirmation Stations rehearsal Hall and church 6pm
Monday 21st	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am Meditation Group UCR 11.15-12.30pm Passover Meal Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 22nd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Lent Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 23rd	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am Sacramental preparation LCR 4.30-6pm
Thursday 24th	Maundy Thursday Holy Week Service Sheet Set up altar of repose Hall 10.45am
Friday 25th	Good Friday Holy Week Service Sheet
	Holy Saturday Holy Week Service Sheet
Sunday 27th	Coffee Morning– Confirmation group

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23.56

Entrance antiphon: The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Intercessions: Lord, hear our prayer.....

Response: Strengthen our belief

Next week Acts 10:34.37-43, Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

H Hospital

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.

This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 6 Monday Team 4

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The Tradecraft stall will only be open after 10.30 mass this Sunday due to staff shortage. If you can help once a month with the stall, please speak to Frances Chamberlain on the stall. She would be most grateful.

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.

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

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 opening of Holy Week, the greatest week in the life of the Church. The love of Christ for us, is revealed in his taking on the fullness of who we are, the good and bad. Through His sufferings, death and glorious Resurrection, he brings us the gift of eternal life, the divine life of God Himself to live and share with others day by day into the future. Please make sure you have the special leaflet, which has been created to help us live fully these great moments day by day as they occurred. Let us celebrate, rejoice, and give thanks for such a crazy God who loves us without limit, even to giving us His own Son! Let us live His mercy and love with others who need our help!

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This Week: our School is putting on performances of "Born for this", a reliving in words and music of the events of this Holy Week. Please see the School website for details

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For the rest of the Week: please see the Special Sheet which has been created for these Celebrations. Our grateful thanks go again to all who have been involved in behind the scenes preparations for the smooth reliving of the Events of this Week.

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A huge **THANK YOU** to the Parish for their support of the **FLOWER COLLECTION** last weekend which raised £442. This should enable us to provide flowers all year round for our church as well as at Easter and Christmas. Another **THANK YOU** to the team who run the Parish Repository who have passed the profit made this year to the Parish Flower Fund.

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We want to make a start with our first project but we still need your help to do this. If you are interested in the young people in your life and in our parish we need your help with this project which will help our young people with ongoing faith development:

- To invite PHASE to support us in our efforts and finance this support
- Programme after First Communion
- Programme after Confirmation

Please sign up on the form in the porch or email Trish if you are willing to help.

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Planned Giving Envelopes for the coming year will be issued before and after Mass over the weekend of 2/3 April 2016. They will then be available again before Mass over the weekend of 9/10 April 2016, which is the first week of the new Envelope year.



Cheques for Easter Collections go to the Priests of the order. It would be appreciated if cheques for the Easter collection are made out to the Parish, and not to the Order. This will make accounting more straightforward.

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Christmas Vigil survey Thanks to all of you who completed the online survey form about the timing of the Christmas Vigil Mass. If you have not done so please complete the hard copy sheet in the pew and leave in the basket in the porch.

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Colin and Lauren-Emma Blake, have arranged a Mass for the intentions of all who supported them through Gill's illness and bereavement, on Wednesday 30th March at 10am.

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Our Lady School is looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to help in the dining room at lunchtime. If you would like further information please contact the school office on 01462 622555 or go to the school website http://www.ourladysherts.sch.uk/our_school/staff.html

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21 March

11am Mass at Stagenhoe If you need a lift please be in the church car park at 10.35am.

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1.30pm The Assumptionist Community are holding a Community Meeting.

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7.30pm : Passover Meal in the Hall for those who have signed up. You need to bring: a baked potato for each person, cooked and wrapped in foil (to keep warm), sufficient wine for 4 toasts, soft drinks/water, cutlery, plates and glasses for each person. Roast lamb is provided. You can bring salad and toppings for the potatoes as well – to share with those around you, if you wish.

Wednesday 23 March

8pm There is a Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday for all Ministers who have an active part in the dramatisation of the Washing of the Feet, we will also be looking a little at Good Friday.

Thursday 24 March

10.45am Your help is needed to set up the Altar of repose in the hall. Also could we borrow your large green pot plants to help decorate the altar. Plants to be delivered on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Please take the plants back on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.