



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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26th March – 2nd April 2016 Sunday of the Resurrection



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Thy Kingdom Come



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.



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.

Diary

Sunday 27th	Coffee Morning– Confirmation group
Monday 28th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 29th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Eucharistic Service Steps to Pentecost 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 30th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 31st	Italian Club Hall 1-4pm
Sunday 3rd	Coffee Morning – Gardening Group

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

Entrance antiphon I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm: **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad**

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord...

Response: Let your light shine upon

Next week Acts 5:12-16, Apoc 1:9-13.17-19, John 20:19-31

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 7 Monday Team 1



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Easter Monday is a Bank Holiday, with Mass at the usual time. There is just the one Mass each day this week, to allow two of the Community to be away at different times. There will be Reconciliation and Exposition on Saturday 2nd April.

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Planned Giving Envelopes for the coming year will be issued before and after Mass next weekend and the following weekend which is the first week of the new Envelope year.

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

This Weekend:

We rejoice as a Community in the New Life that Jesus is sharing with us again, through our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations: they are all facets of the same reality that the Risen Saviour has done all these wonderful things for us all, without restriction of qualification. His love knows no bounds and is ever unchanging! Let us rejoice and give thanks!

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On this Easter Day, it is important for us to express our gratitude and thanks to all of the many Ministers who have fulfilled their Ministries in so many wonderful and yet quiet ways, as well as those of which we are more aware during the actual Celebrations. Without many hours of hard work in preparation, our Celebrations would not have been as rich and empowering as they have been. We will hold all of you in our prayers and thoughts as we see and appreciate what has been done in so many special and unique ways! May God bless you all and hold you ever closer to His Heart! The Assumptionist Community would also like to add its word of thanks and appreciation for the Cards and gifts that we have received and also the Collection for today which comes to the Order. They send you all their blessings and thanks and they will hold you ever more firmly in their prayers

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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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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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Just a word about the Passover Meal: it was a truly heartwarming and most delightful celebration, with around 110 people sharing in it, a number we have not reached for several years. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the wonderful team of

people who have prepared and cleared up afterwards, as well as all those in the preparations of the tables and obtaining all the necessary ingredients. It was good to see Jane with us again and helpful indeed to have her son, Tom, who supported our singing with his guitar. It really is something not to be missed and it was good to see many families coming too, children play an important part in the ceremonial of the evening.

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Job Vacancies



Our Lady School is looking for a site manager to start at the beginning of June.

Our Lady School is looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to help in the dining room at lunchtime.

If you are interested in either vacancy and would like further information please visit the school website

http://www.ourladys.herts.sch.uk/our_school/staff.html or contact the school office on **01462 622555**

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Any Groups which meet for prayer or meditation, might like to use, a wonderful little book: called "**Lift up your Hearts.**" Price £2 from the tables in the Porch. It is also suitable for personal or family times of prayer

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Other items of interest

March 29

Phase events: Fuel Training : TUE, 29 MAR 2016 AT 19:30 - Hitchin Christian Centre, Hitchin, A free training evening for all youth and children's workers, whether they are full-time or a volunteer, everyone is welcome.

April 1

7pm Roman Catholic Mass at St. Nicholas History will be made when Father Richard Moroney, priest at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Biggleswade, comes to Saint Nicholas Church, Hinxworth. It will be the first such service to be held in St. Nicholas Church since the Reformation, and all Roman Catholics living in the villages will be most welcome. "I'm all in favour of breaking down barriers," said Father Richard who remembers Father Christopher from Hitchin who used to celebrate Mass at St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Offley in the late 1970s. Do come and celebrate this historic occasion.